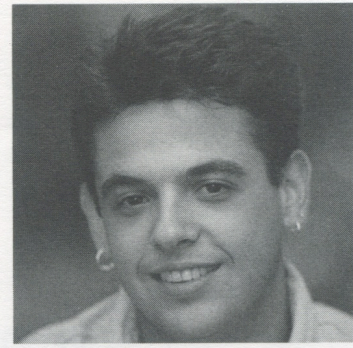


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Troix Bettencourt is one of the new, openly gay leaders to emerge in our community and is a committed spokesman for gay youth—showing us and them that you can be yourself and find acceptance. As the youngest president of the Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY) in six years, he wants to make sure that BAGLY continues to be there for others like him who may have no other place to turn for support and approval.

Bettencourt, 18, is optimistic about the future for young gays and lesbians, in large measure owing to his own good works. Citing Governor Weld's creation of the nation's first Gay and Lesbian Youth Commission as a great step forward, Bettencourt feels that gay youth and the issues they face are finally getting the attention they deserve.

Bettencourt was born on Graciosa, the Azores, and graduated from Lowell High School. He is Boston's Department of Health and Hospitals program coordinator for "Teenline" and works for the AIDS Action Committee as a consultant for the upcoming statewide teen AIDS education conference. He currently lives in Mission Hill with friends.