

PYC Arts & Tech High School students invite the community to join in their May 17 "Walk for Success"

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Students at PYC Arts and Tech High School are inviting community members to join them for the fourth annual Walk for Success, 3:15 p.m., Friday, May 17. The walk is intended to raise awareness and break down stereotypes about youth in North Minneapolis.

The event is spearheaded by the Discovery Crew, a student leadership group at PYC, Discovery. "We are all too aware of the negative images of delinquent youth wearing baggy clothes," said Discovery crew leader Walter Anderson. "The high school students of this community want to end this stereotype and show pride in the community."

The 5 mile walk begins at Plymouth Christian Youth Center, 2210 Oliver Avenue North, and ends at Peavey Plaza, at the Nicollet Mall and 11th Street in downtown Minneapolis. The public is encouraged to attend.

"We're not asking for money, just for time. The more people we can get walking with us, the higher the visibility towards breaking the stereotypes," Anderson said.

The Discovery Crew program began more than five years ago. Its purpose is to provide students with opportunities to participate in their community through service learning projects. Students participate in events like International Peace Jam and in staging the annual Black History Showcase at the Capri Theater each February.

PYC Arts and Technology High School is a program of the Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC), a non-profit human services organization that serves North Minneapolis youth and families through education, community programs, and community development. For more information visit www.pcyc-mpls.org