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Kevin S. Parker

Queen Geniuses And Senator Parker Host 5th Annual Girls Empowerment Conference

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BROOKLYN, NY (3/20/17) - On Saturday, March 18, over 100 young girls between the ages of 14-18 joined State Senator Kevin Parker and Queen Geniuses Founder and President, Regine Roy, for the 5th Annual "*It's In Your Hands*" Girls Empowerment Conference at Medgar Evers College, City University of New York (CUNY). The event catered to young girls from across the five boroughs and had a full day of programming including inspiring presentations, a panel discussion, live performances by local cultural organizations, and 5 breakout session

workshops all focusing on supporting students to take full ownership and responsibility over their future legacies

Activist and Sexuality Educator, Ericka Hart served as the keynote speaker for this year's event. Music Industry Executives, Entrepreneurs and Community Leaders also supported the event by offering personal stories about their professional journeys and sharing powerful messages for the young women to internalize throughout the day.

Queen Geniuses, Inc. is an Educational Consulting company that offers the "Reclaiming Your Throne" leadership development curriculum that engages young women in discussions around Identity, Obstacles, Goals, Love & Sex, Family and the Media. The series enhances students' critical thinking skills, soft skills development and sense of self-actualization. With the opportunity for teenage girls to figuratively sit in their throne, they get to assess how they are governing over their personal empire, their lives.

"A little bit of inspiration goes a long way. It is important to give young ladies a platform to confidently share their hopes, dreams and aspirations with each other. They are able to develop a strong and purposeful foundation for themselves when given the opportunity to share their brilliance with one another. I am thankful to Senator Kevin Parker for his continuous partnership and for making the empowerment of women and girls a priority" said Ms. Roy

"I have been a proud partner since the inception of the conference, and I truly believe in what comes out of the daylong event. Ms. Roy's dedication and confidence in our collective ability to improve the lives of others drives her every year to produce a better conference for our young girls, and I am humble to be a part of such a timely and essential event.," stated Senator Parker.

About State Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker, a lifelong Brooklyn resident, is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 residents in the Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope sections of Brooklyn. He is the Ranking Democratic Member of the Senate Committees on Energy and Telecommunications, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. He serves on the Senate Committees on Banks, Higher Education, Rules, Insurance, Finance, and Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation. Senator Parker is the Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs for the Senate Democratic Conference, Member of the Senate Policy Group, and Senate Democratic MWBE Task Force

For more information on Senator Parker, please visit www.nysenate.gov/senators/kevin-s-parker