

# VINEYARD

Island of Martha's Vineyard, seven miles off southeast coast of Massachusetts. Winter population, 15,007; in summer, 105,624. Twenty miles from city of New Bedford, 80 miles from Boston and 150 miles from New York.



# GAZETTE

Devoted to the interest of the six towns on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, viz.: Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury (Vineyard Haven), West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. These, with Gosnold, constitute Dukes County.

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## *Emma Hallbilsback, Delmont Araujo at State House*

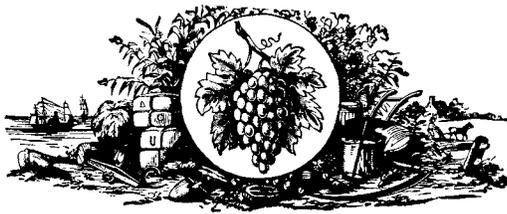
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School students Emma Hallbilsback and Delmont Araujo were sworn in on Friday by Gov. Deval Patrick to serve on the Governor's Statewide Youth Council. They will hold their positions for a two-year term.

Emma and Delmont were two of 28 new council members, two from each of the commonwealth's 14 counties, sworn in at a state house ceremony. The youth council was established in April 2008, encouraging young people to become civically engaged in their communities and to help tackle the state's biggest challenges by assuming leadership roles.

Members, ranging from ages 14 to 20, were selected by an application

review committee for their excellence in leadership and their outstanding potential to create change in their communities.

The Youth Council will hold formal bimonthly sessions, focusing on the governor's agenda in education, economic development, civic engagement and community outreach. Members advise the Governor as representatives of all Massachusetts youth. Youth council members also gather independently to share what they see in their communities and talk about how state government can partner with local communities to create solutions. The inaugural class of the youth council worked with the administration to advocate for the passage of several important policy issues, including the historic antibullying legislation of 2010.



## Two Vineyard Youth Inducted to Governor's Statewide Youth Council

Two Vineyard youth Emma HallBilsback and Delmont Araujo were selected for the Governor's Statewide Youth Council. On Friday, January 14, 2011, they were inducted by Governor Deval Patrick at the State House with 28 new members of the. Emma and Delmont were chosen to represent Duke's County.

The Council, established by executive order in April 2008, encourages young people to become civically engaged in their local communities and to help tackle the state's biggest challenges, including education reform, youth violence and bullying, by assuming leadership roles. This new class of young people is the second group of students to serve on the Youth Council and will hold their positions for a two-year term.

"The inaugural class brought great ideas to the table and challenged us to think about a number of issues in fresh ways," said Governor Patrick. "I have the highest of hopes for this next group of talented young leaders and look forward to working with them on the many challenges our Commonwealth faces."

Emma was nominated by the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. A member of the MVRHS National Honors Society, Emma is also active in sports. Her dream for the island is to become increasingly environmentally friendly and self-sustaining. She aspires to become a farm consultant, studying environmental sciences in college.

Emma's parents Maureen Hall and Brian Bilsback in West Tisbury will attend the Induction ceremonies. Representing the board of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative is Sidney Morris, Education Director of The Farm Institute. Sidney nominated Emma to serve as a youth delegate to the first MVYLI Youth Summit for Sustainable Development. Emma is the youth coordinator for MVYLI's first Job Shadow Day in partnership with the MV Chamber of Commerce.

"Emma is poised to bring about change in the world; as she aims to improve the science, politics and justice of agriculture," says Sidney. "She'll work hard to represent the voices of her fellow young people in Dukes County in addressing their priorities."

Delmont is a member of the Young Brothers to Men under the guidance of Leo Frame who with Jim Powell will attend ceremonies along with Delmont's proud parents, Derick and Rachel Araujo of Oak Bluffs and grandparents Tim and Sheila Baird of Edgartown.

Delmont is a fine young man -- humble, honest, strong morals from an upstanding family. His smile melts the world. Delmont aspires to make honor roll every quarter. He is active in all sports; in the MVRHS Leadership group he is involved in community service projects. He wants to go to college, specializing in landscape or biology and play football. His dream for the Island is to have more programs for young people. His dream for the world is for everyone to be treated equal.

The Council is comprised of 28 members - two representatives from each of the Commonwealth's 14 counties. Members were selected by an application review committee for their excellence in leadership and their outstanding potential to create change in their communities. Members range from ages 14-20. The Youth Council will hold formal sessions quarterly, focusing on the Governor's agenda in education, economic development, civic engagement, and community outreach. Members advise the Governor as representatives of all Massachusetts youth. In addition to their quarterly meetings, Youth Council members gather independently to share what they see in their communities and talk about how state government can partner with local communities to create solutions. The inaugural class of the Youth Council informed and advised the Governor on important policy issues, including the historic anti-bullying legislation of 2010.