

Freedom Writer Becomes a YouTube Sensation. We are proud to report that, Deonte Bridges, one of the students in the firm's Freedom Writers Mentoring Program in Atlanta, has been making the news circuit after his graduation speech was posted on YouTube. It has now received over 140,000 hits! Deonte is the first African American male valedictorian at Booker T. Washington High School, Martin Luther King Jr.'s alma mater, in more than a decade and has received more than \$1 million in scholarships. He has been recently featured on CNN Live , Fox & Friends, CBS, Essence.com, the AJC, and more. Deonte recently left for the University of Georgia and is excited about his freshman year. We look forward to reporting more continued success from our Freedom Writers, 99% of whom were accepted into college and most of whom will be the first in their families to attend. *Thanks to everyone who helped make this program so successful, especially each of our 58 mentors!*

See below for some of the recent coverage of Deonte:

YouTube video of his graduation speech: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0Wcr82UOsw> (based on some of the comments it apparently even aired on BBC Radio!)

AJC Article: <http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/youths-passion-for-learning-582992.html>

Atlanta Public Schools' Follow up: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IyAdMhXkt0>

Essence.com: http://www.essence.com/news/hot_topics_4/valedictorian_deonte_bridges.php