

My First Protest Event





An average morning on the lawn of the State House here on the Boston Common...

...so far.

Me





First I meet Ravi, the Administrative and Development Director of PHENOM, who starts setting up the main table...

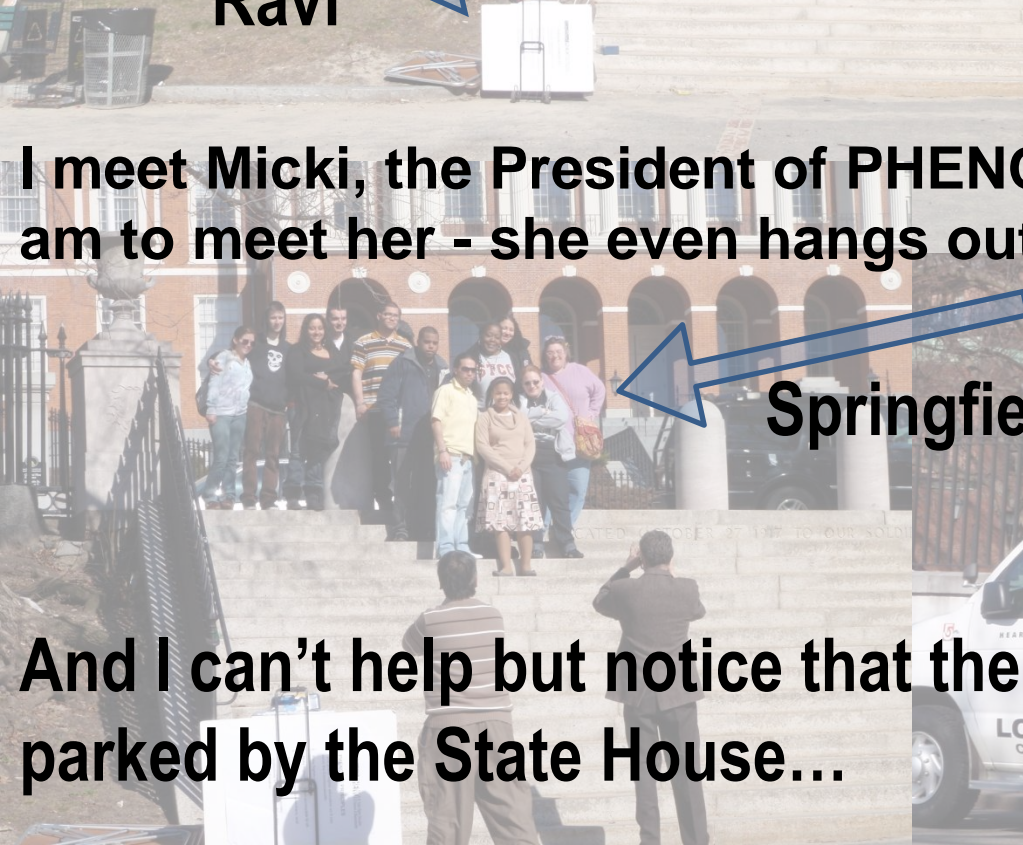
Then a bus of activists arrives from Springfield...

Ravi



Micki

I meet Micki, the President of PHENOM, - I tell her how honored I am to meet her - she even hangs out & talks with me for a little bit!



Springfield students

And I can't help but notice that there is a News Center 8 van parked by the State House...



There were pamphlets, newsletters, pins and bumper stickers...



...on Ravi's excellent main table...

...and excellent activists were pamphletting to inform the masses...



...and excellent posters and signs
were all around...





...and excellent people came out for a PHENOMenal cause.





I made Friends...



...and the PHENOM event was advocating for such an important cause and was so welcoming that these girls from Spain (left) and France (right), while on their Spring break visiting Boston, got to be involved in the rally too...



There was a group demonstration of Massachusetts' public education funding compared to other states so the shocking 46th place was clearly visible...

...there was a rally with speakers...



The bullhorn





...and then there was a "Race to the Median"...



...to demonstrate the goal of Massachusetts public higher education to someday receive funding at least as much as the national average...



...and
everyone
was a
winner...





...because the media came!!!

...and they were on our side!





Some key resources that made this event a success were the activists involved and the effective organization by PHENOM of innovative demonstrations and bullhorn fueled rallies that united people in the name of public higher education and on March 8th, 2010 was able to create a collective effervescence that proved:
“students united can never be divided.”

Most of all, it was an honor to stand
with Real life heroines for a day

