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Do The Write Thing of DC is pleased to announce the release of 15-year-old **ADRIAN BOSTIC**'s first book. Adrian is a rising sophomore at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School. He is participating in the 2020 MBSYEP and is assigned to a virtual multi-media program offered by Do The Write Thing of DC via Zoom. The program includes virtual learning sessions on work readiness; poetry writing/publishing; production of PSAs and event management. A book of original poems written by the youth, *Dear Black People & Other Poems*, is available at amazon.com. Do The Write Thing is releasing a chapbook of Adrian's poetry since he is the most prolific writer in the program. A video was produced of one of his poems, *Through Colored Eyes*, which is also the title of his chapbook. Migo Lee, a local rapper, appears in a rap video based on a second poem that Adrian penned (*Is Change Coming?*). Both videos were aired August 11th during a student-produced Virtual Town Hall on the intersecting dynamics of COVID-19, the death of George Floyd and racism. **Mayor Muriel Bowser** was a special guest. Featured panelists included **Paul Kihn**, Deputy Mayor for Education; **Ashley Emerson**, Director, Mayor's Office on African American Affairs; **Cora Masters Barry**, former First Lady of the District; **Thennie Freeman**, Associate Director, DOES Office of Youth Programs. Adrian plans to attend Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida after completing high school and will pursue a career in the digital media industry.

