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## **2009 Great Youth Debate**

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The Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC) is proud to present “The 2009 Great Youth Debate.” This will be a debate where youth from a diverse range of youth groups and schools in the Cincinnati area discuss controversial issues related to “Cultural Diversity in Neighborhoods.” The Great Youth Debate is modeled after the drama-based movie, “The Great Debaters,” starring Denzel Washington who portrays Professor Mel Tolson, who created a debate team at the historically black Wiley College. In 1935, Tolson pushed the team to a level of excellence that allowed them to become the first black college to debate against a white college. CHRC invites the public to attend a Press Conference to be held Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers (801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202) prior to the debates that will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The topics for the debates, as chosen by the participating youth, are:

- “The Brown vs. Board of Education ruling improves education for all races.”
- “Diverse racial and ethnic representation should be mandatory in City Councils.”
- “Unregistered immigrants should not have the same rights as community members.”

Participating teams include: Walnut Hills High School, Summit Country Day School, Avondale Youth Council, Western Hills University High School, Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School, and Woodward Career Technical High School. The winning teams will receive trophies and cash prizes. Funding for the event is provided by The Scripps-Howard Foundation. The event is free and open to the public.

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