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Dear Branch President, Youth & College Presidents, Youth and College Advisors and CT State Conference Executive Committee Members:

The Connecticut State Conference of NAACP Branches is excited to extend another invitation for your support to the **Second Annual Great Debate: "Bold Dreams, Big Victories"**. Within the last century, the NAACP has won many important victories that were often preceded by bold and courageous dreams for our futures. While we have accomplished much, there remains much to be done—and we are up to the challenge.

Last year, the Yale University and Howard University "Great Debate" coordinated by the CT NAACP State Conference was sold out at maximum capacity with over 3,700 people in attendance celebrating diversity and building racial harmony. We owe that success to our Branches, Youth Councils, College Chapters and members and we thank you for your support.

This year, there will be a four college debate team tournament. The debate teams that have be invited are Yale University, Harvard University, Howard University and Hampton University. These are four of the most prestigious institutions in the country reigning from the Ivy League and Historically Black College and University traditions. The VIP Reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the debates will begin at 6:00 p.m. The reception and debates will take place at Yale University, Woolsey Hall, 500 College Street, New Haven, Connecticut on Saturday, April 3, 2010. VIP tickets are \$50.00 which includes the Reception, VIP Seating, and a one-year Youth Membership. General Admission tickets are \$20.00 and include a one-year Youth Membership in the NAACP. Adults can donate their Youth Membership to a young person of their choice.

Please review the information enclosed. If you have any questions regarding the debate, please call Ms. Brenda Milner at the CT NAACP State Office Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at (860) 523-9962.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon!

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