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## **CHICAGO DEBATES KICKS-OFF SPRING PROGRAM FOR CPS STUDENTS WITH LIVE PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE**

*See Future Leaders in Action!*

**WHAT:** [Chicago Debates](#) is hosting a LIVE Public Forum Debate. The event will feature Chicago Public School students from Lindblom Math and Science Academy, Steinmetz High School and Chicago Bulls College Prep and this is the first of four tournaments. They will debate the topic: *Chicago should establish more Safety Net Hospitals to improve healthcare conditions in inner-city communities.*

With more than 36% of students being Black and 46.8% being Hispanic/Latino in the Chicago Public Schools system, it's important to cover this powerful and engaging debate event that can serve as a tool to help prepare African-American and Latino youth to be a voice for social change today and in the future.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 12 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

**Crane Medical Prep High School**

**2245 W. Jackson Blvd.**

**Chicago, IL 60612**

**VISUALS:**

See debaters in action and witness the educational & skill development component of this transformational activity.

**Available interviews:**

- Dr. Toinette Gunn, Executive Director of Chicago Debates
- Anthony Bolden, Director of Programs, Chicago Debates
- Chicago Debates' Students

## **BACKGROUND:**

For 25 years, Chicago Debates has been bridging the opportunity gap for Chicago Public School (CPS) students by providing them with an after-school program that supports their academic, career, and leadership success. Chicago Debates' mission is to advance the educational achievement, community contributions, and life success of Chicago's youth through the transformative power of academic debate. They envision a world in which Chicago youth are empowered to find their voice, succeed in college and career, and become leaders in their community. Debate may not fix all of the world's problems, but it can shape the next generation of leaders who will. Chicago Debates exist to ensure that the next generation includes some of Chicago's most marginalized youth.

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