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## NEWS RELEASE

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual “Drug Free...You and Me Conference”

**(Columbus, GA)** - Growing up and making the right choices can be a challenge for children. That is why some of the nation’s top anti-drug, education speakers are participating in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual “Drug Free...You and Me Conference” at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, located at 801 Front Street, Tuesday, March 30, 2010 – Thursday, April 1, 2010. The event will kick-off at 9:00 a.m. Sixth grade students from around the county will hear straight talk on how to avoid addiction to drugs, exposure to sexually transmitted diseases, and the importance of a good education.

The “Drug Free...You and Me” conference is designed to help children make wise choices about alcohol, other drugs, and a life of crime. Parents, teachers, counselors and other educators will encourage students to make choices they can be proud of. Approximately 1,000 students from Muscogee County and Ft. Benning participate in the conference each year.

The conference was developed after the death of a Shaw High School senior, Whitney Kees, who was killed by a drunk driver as she returned home from a high school football game. Each year, at least one high school student, who has the best Drug Free essay, receives an award in honor of Whitney.

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