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**REACH FOR THE STARS RIBBON CUTTING AND OPENING OF EXHIBIT
Main Library: Saturday, February 5, noon**

The ribbon cutting and opening of the **2005 Reach for the Stars Awards** will be held at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, on Saturday, February 5, noon. The exhibit will highlight the ten African-Americans who were chosen from a field of 100 as outstanding, well-rounded individuals thirty years of age and under who excel in their chosen fields, achieve leadership through their work and community service, are exemplary role models, and are making a positive impact on the African-American community.

Since 1989, *Applause! Magazine*, sponsors of the annual event, has celebrated excellence in the Cincinnati community by recognizing extraordinary achievers and their accomplishments. "Moved by inspiration and empowerment, these icons represent diversity in spirit, motivation, and perseverance," said founder Sallie Elliot. "Ultimately these individuals will become the pacesetters, trailblazers and pioneers who will continue to make our society an ever-changing place. They are the leaders of yesterday, today and tomorrow."

WLWT-TV5's Courtis Fuller will host the event, with local attorney Fanon Rucker also speaking. After the 10 honorees are introduced, the exhibit will be unveiled, and on display at the Main Library through February. Information: (513) 369-6959 or (513) 761-6900, or visit www.leadersforthefuture.com.

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