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Dr. Cornel West to Address Students and Striking Yale Workers **With Thousands of Yale Workers on Strike;** **Yale Students Take it to the Streets**

New Haven, CT--- At 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, hundreds of Yale undergraduates will walk out of their classrooms in support of the 4,000 striking Yale workers; including the graduate student employees who teach many of their classes. The students will then take over College Street in the heart of the Yale campus for "Classrooms in the Street." Faculty and graduate students will teach classes on economics and labor history to the students in seven open-air classes along College Street.

Dr. Cornel West, Princeton professor and author of "Race Matters," will address the students and striking Yale workers at noon.

Yale has come under increased pressure to provide New Haven with good, secure jobs. On Monday, Rev. Jesse Jackson led thousands of community supporters on a march through New Haven. SEIU President Andrew L. Stern pledged the full support of the nation's largest health care union. Stern called on Yale to "practice what you teach" and provide Yale workers with good pensions and decent wages at a noon-time rally on Tuesday. Yale has the worst history of strikes in the nation--the last 11 contract negotiations have resulted in 8 strikes.

Never before has such a seemingly disparate group of workers of single employer joined together for a common goal. Traditional service and maintenance workers, clerical workers, custodians, food service workers, skilled trades workers, clerks, secretaries and technicians at the University and its teaching hospital, along with PhD candidate educators and researchers have gone on strike together for the first time in Yale's history. Four separate unions, dozens of New Haven community groups, religious leaders and politicians have come together to support the striking Yale workers and to press Yale to provide decent jobs for New Haven.

WHO: Dr. Cornel West, striking graduate student employees, undergraduates and striking Yale workers

WHAT: **Classroom in the Streets**

WHEN: 11:00 a.m. Classrooms in the Streets
Noon Dr. Cornel West

WHERE: College Street from Elm to Grove

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