Dayton-area high school students will speak out against gun violence and its effects at the 2016 "Speak. Be Heard. Be Considered." spoken word grand slam, presented by the Dayton Human Relations Council in partnership with the Victoria Theatre Association and Dayton Public Schools.

Hosted by Metaphorically Speaking, "Speak. Be Heard. Be Considered." will bring 18 high-performing poets, writers and rhymers to the Victoria Theatre stage on April 28 at 6:00 p.m. The community is welcome to attend, and admission is free.

The performers have successfully made it through preliminary rounds and will compete for a scholarship package to Sinclair Community College.

The high school poetry slam series is designed to provide forums for expression that reflect voices of the young adult community. This event supports the Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence (CIRGV) and the Community Police Council's (CPC) efforts to speak out against gun violence and build better relationships between law enforcement and the young adult
Established in 1962 by the Dayton City Commission, the Dayton Human Relations Council works to influence and ensure a culture of fair treatment, inclusion, and equal access to opportunities for all who live, work, play, and gather in the city of Dayton. The Council provides civil rights enforcement; builds the capacity of minority-owned, woman-owned and small disadvantaged businesses; and administers community relations initiatives.

For more information, call 937-333-1413 or go to www.daytonhrc.org/speak.