Debate 2012 Collection

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On October 31, 2011, the Commission on Presidential Debates announced that Hofstra University was selected once again as a host site for a presidential debate (town-hall meeting format) to be held on October 16, 2012 at the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex.
The Debate 2012 Collection features items such as brochures, flyers, posters, banners, photos and print material that chronicle many of the Debate 2012 series events.
In addition, this collection contains debate memorabilia such as bags, decals, coffee mugs and water bottles, stationery and campaign signage, specifically designed to mark this unique moment in American presidential politics. Preparatory events held by the university in anticipation of this occasion, the debate, and post-election news were captured in both online and print media form, and are part of the collection.
The Commission on Presidential Debates announced on October 16, 2012, that Hofstra University will host the vice presidential debate. Hofstra University President Stuart Rabinowitz and Senator Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) will co-host the debate, which will be held on the university’s campus on October 11, 2012.

Hofstra University has a long history of hosting high-profile events, including the 2008 vice presidential debate, which was held in the university’s Samuelson Auditorium.

The debate is expected to attract thousands of spectators and media outlets alike. Hofstra University is a private, co-educational research university located on Long Island, New York. The university offers undergraduate and graduate programs in a variety of fields, including business, law, education, and the arts.

Hofstra University President Stuart Rabinowitz said, “It is an honor and a privilege for Hofstra University to host the vice presidential debate. I am confident that this event will be a success and will highlight the strength and diversity of our university.”

The vice presidential debate is scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m. ET and will last for approximately an hour and a half. The debate will be moderated by PBS NewsHour anchor Judy Woodruff.

Hofstra University is committed to providing a platform for the candidates to engage in a lively and substantive discussion on the issues of the day. The university is confident that this event will provide a valuable opportunity for the candidates to present their views and for the public to hear from them.

For more information on the vice presidential debate, please visit Hofstra University’s website at www.hofstra.edu.
Critical Spiritualities Lecture Series
Mormon Girl Goes to the Elections:
A Candid Exploration of Faith in American Politics

Date/Time: Thursday, September 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Joanna Brooks, San Diego University
Author, The Book of Mormon Girl: Stories From an American Faith
Location: Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus
Admission: Free

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Debate 2012
flyers and postcards
Banners around campus
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Collected ephemera and memorabilia
Debate 2012 Button
Students with signage on our campus
Romney-Ryan campaign signage
Romney-Ryan campaign signage
Students volunteering at the Media Filing Center
Day of the debate – Media Filing Center
Inside Spin Alley
Media coverage

Lawrence O’Donnell – MSNBC

Megyn Kelly – Fox News
Media coverage

MSNBC

C-SPAN
Inside the Debate Hall
Information booklet and a debate ticket
Student viewing party at the Netherlands Residence Hall cafeteria
R-Mitt Romney and D-Barack Obama face off
The Hofstra *Chronicle* titled, “One More Time” featuring coverage of the debate
Official Debate 2012 publication
Tracking the #Debates: Hempstead on Twitter

7.2 Million Tweets
9 PM to 10:39 PM EDT
Final media report
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