

Stockton to Co-Sponsor Three Public Legislative Debates in October

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Galloway, NJ – The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, in partnership with The Press of Atlantic City, is sponsoring three public debates for legislative races covering Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Ocean counties this fall.

"Candidate debates are essential to civic engagement. They give the voting public an opportunity to hear directly from both major party candidates," said Dan Douglas, executive director of the Hughes Center.

Democratic state Sen. Jim Whelan will debate his Republican challenger, Atlantic County Sheriff Frank Balles, in the first segment from Legislative District 2 (which covers part of Atlantic County.) The Oct. 2 event at Stockton's Dante Hall Theater on N. Mississippi Avenue in Atlantic City will also include a debate between incumbent Republican Asb6c914(em)7(i)6(cyc)4benn iohn i14bo Abat A C6(chr)7()4(as-19.122.57 [(i)6(n)]TJop A

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The Press. The format allows for a one-minute rebuttal from any candidate after each answer; candidates will have a one-minute closing statement as well.

Candidates from District 1, which covers Cape May County and parts of Atlantic and Cumberland counties, will debate at the Old Courthouse on Route 9 in Cape May Court House on Oct. 21.

Incumbent Democratic state Sen. Jeff Van Drew will face off against Republican Susan Adelizzi-Schmidt, while incumbent Assemblymen Nelson Albano and Bob Andrzejczak, both Democrats, will take on Republicans Sam Fiocchi, a Cumberland County freeholder, and Kristine Gabor, a Cape May County freeholder.

The final debate, with candidates from District 9 (comprised of