

# **Stockton College, The Press of Atlantic City Partner to Host Debates for Upcoming Elections**

Goal: Give Southern New Jerseyans Opportunity to Hear Candidates

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**Galloway, NJ** – Stockton College's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy and The Press of Atlantic City are partnering to host a series of debates for the upcoming elections.

The Press and the Hughes Center are inviting the major party candidates for governor, the Democratic challenger, State Sen. Barbara Buono, and incumbent Republican Gov. Chris Christie, to debate on the Galloway campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

“Stockton College is an ideal location for southern New Jersey voters to hear the candidates for governor and the plans for our region and the state at-large,” said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy ([www.stockton.edu/hughescenter](http://www.stockton.edu/hughescenter)). The Hughes Center is known for its civic engagement events such as debates and for the Stockton Polling Institute.

The Press ([www.pressofatlanticcity.com](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com)) and the Hughes Center will also invite the major party candidates from:

- Legislative District 1 Senate –

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- Legislative District 2 Senate – Democrat Jim Whelan and Republican Frank X. Balles; Assembly Democratic candidates Vincent Mazzeo and Nick Russo; Republican General Assembly District 2 incumbents John F. Amodeo and Chris Brown.
- Legislative District 9 Senate – Republican Christopher J. Connors and Democrat Anthony Mazzella; Republican Assembly candidates Brian E. Rumpf and DiAnne C. Gove; and, Democratic candidates Peter Ferwerda III and Christopher J. McManus.

Dates, times and locations will be worked out with the campaigns of the candidates.

Plans are also under way to invite the winners of the upcoming primaries for the recently vacated United States Senate seat to debate. On Tuesday, Gov. Christie announced the process for filling the Senate vacancy, which includes a Republican and Democratic primary on Aug. 13 with a special election on Oct. 16, 2013.

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