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U.S. Senate Televised Debate Set for October 26th

*Leadership Florida, Florida Press Association
To Produce "Decision 2016: Before You Vote"*

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Millions of Florida voters are expected to tune in to the only scheduled statewide-televised debate this fall in the general election race to fill the seat of U.S. Senate member Marco Rubio. [Leadership Florida](#) and the [Florida Press Association](#), the experienced and trusted partners in producing statewide-televised debates in the state's last four election cycles, announced today that the U.S. Senate debate is now set for Wednesday, October 26, from 7-8 p.m. The debate will be broadcast live from **Broward College Central Campus** in Davie, Fla. Both major political parties' respective nominees are expected to participate in the debate.

As previously announced, the producing television station partner will be **WPBF 25**, the Hearst-owned ABC affiliate based in **West Palm Beach**. Other broadcast partners announced today include: **WJXX (ABC), Jacksonville; WFTV (ABC), Orlando; WTVJ (NBC), Miami-Ft. Lauderdale; WFTS (ABC), Tampa/St. Petersburg; WBBH (NBC), Ft. Myers; WCTV (CBS), Tallahassee; WMBB (ABC), Panama City; WEAR (ABC), Pensacola; SNN-SunCoast News TV, Sarasota**. The live debate broadcast will also be simulcast on all Florida Public Radio member stations.

Phil Alongi, who spent much of his storied career as Executive Producer of Specials and Politics at NBC News, has been signed to serve as Executive Producer of the U.S. Senate debate project. He will have responsibility for coordinating all elements of the project for the producing partners – with Broward College, the candidates, the producing station and broadcast partners.

Moderating the debate will be veteran WPBF 25 News anchor and multiple Emmy Award-winner **Todd McDermott**, with a media panel still to be named.

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