Miami Dade College To Host Democratic Presidential Debate

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A presidential debate is coming to South Florida.

Positioned just six days before Florida's presidential primary early next year, the last Democratic debate will take place at Miami Dade College's Kendall campus, according to an email from Miami Dade College.

Set for 9 p.m. on March 9, the debate will be geared toward Hispanic voters, capitalizing on its location in predominantly-Hispanic Miami Dade College and in the large suburb of Kendall, where 63 percent of residents are Hispanic, according to the latest census data (http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tablesservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk).

The Democratic National Committee and debate organizers Univision and the Washington Post will host the debate in the Building 7 Gymnasium at the Kendall Campus. The debate will be the last of six Democratic candidate debates.


MDC and Univision co-hosted candidate forums with former Gov. Mitt Romney and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich during the last presidential election.

"We feel very honored and privileged at Miami Dade College to have the opportunity for our students to see history in the making," MDC President Eduardo Padron told WLRN in June.

The Republican Party also scheduled a debate geared toward Hispanic voters for Feb. 26, to be moderated by Telemundo and NBC. But, that debate was suspended (http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2015/10/gop-decision-means-no-presidential-debate-for-miami-based-telemundo.html) after the party parted ways with NBC, saying the network behaved in "bad faith" during last week's CNBC GOP debate (http://wlrn.org/post/florida-roundup-rubio-and-bush-spar-gop-debate).
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