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Included below is a press release regarding "The Great Debate," featuring Michigan Republican Party Chairman Saul Anuzis and Michigan Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Anuzis, Brewer Take Part in 'Great Debate' at Ferris

BIG RAPIDS – The College Republicans and Democratic Progressives at Ferris State University are hosting "The Great Debate" from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 24 in G. Mennen Williams Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Saul Anuzis, the Michigan Republican Party chairman will be debating Mark Brewer, the Michigan Democratic Party chairman. They will be debating issues relevant to the upcoming presidential election, such as alternative energy, tuition costs, the environment and health care, among others.

Both debaters will also give their party's stances on foundational issues, such as abortion and the government's role. After the debate, they will discuss why their parties' presidential nominees will win the election this November, and will be taking questions from the audience.

"There are so many people that do not take voting and civics seriously, and by having this event and hearing these state chairmen get together to talk about the pertinent issues of today, we hope that people will find that niche or interest that motivates them to make an informed decision this November," College Republicans Chairman Robbie Rankey said.

The event was organized by Rankey and Democratic Progressives Chairman Justin Jackson. It was co-sponsored by College Republicans, Democratic Progressives, Entertainment Unlimited, Student Government, Diversity Office, American Democracy Project and Political Engagement Project.

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