



**PRESS RELEASE: 'Politics and the Press' Panel Discussion Scheduled  
Wednesday at Ferris State**

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Here is a press release about a "Politics and the Press" panel discussion on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Ferris State University and a reminder that veteran political reporter Tim Skubick will appear at Ferris on Tuesday, Oct. 23. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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**'Politics and the Press' Panel Discussion Scheduled Wednesday at Ferris**

BIG RAPIDS – A "Politics and the Press" panel discussion with faculty experts and political reporters will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Ferris State University.

The panel discussion, at 1 p.m. in the Rankin Student Center Dome Room, is one of several events organized by the university's Political Engagement Project to spotlight the 2012 election and engage students and community members in the political process.

The event also is part of J-Factor, a free “journalism day” hosted by the university, the Ferris State *Torch* and the Big Rapids *Pioneer*, that features speakers and interactive workshops for students, and promotes the university’s Journalism and Technical Communication program.

Participants will include Chad Livengood, a state government and politics reporter for *The Detroit News*; and Kelsey Schnell, a Ferris alumnus and former *Torch* editor-in-chief who serves as public relations and marketing officer for Mackinac State Historic Parks. Schnell interned in 2008 for Vice President Joe Biden.

Also participating will be political science professor Richard Griffin and associate professor Richard Hewer, both members of Ferris’ Political Engagement Project steering committee. *Pioneer* Editor-in-Chief Dave Clark will serve as moderator.

The panel discussion is among several PEP events this week that organizers hope will attract the university and Big Rapids communities.

Award-winning political reporter Tim Skubick will share his insider’s take on the Nov. 6 presidential election and six Michigan ballot proposals at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23. The free presentation will be in College of Business, Room 111. (For more information: <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2012/october/skubick.htm>)

A debate between the College Democrats and Republicans is scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, also in COB, Room 111.

PEP’s election-season events also include a campus-wide speech contest with finalist judging at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 in IRC, Room 120; and an Election Night Viewing Party from 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Westview Dining.

Richard Scher, a political science professor at the University of Florida, will provide an analysis of the election when he appears at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 in COB, Room 111.

For a complete schedule of events or to learn more about PEP, visit <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/academicaffairs/ADP/PEP/> or <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2012/october/pep.htm>.

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