

(WASHINGTON)-- Congressman Allen West (FL-22) released this statement today congratulating Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida for being selected as the venue to host the last Presidential debate next year:

"Today all South Floridians - especially those living in Boca Raton and the surrounding communities - have reason to be especially proud, as one of our own universities - Lynn University- located in Congressional District 22 has been selected to host the final 2012 Presidential Debate.

After visiting Lynn's campus and meeting with University administrators earlier this year, I quickly realized the potential for Lynn's World Performing Arts Center to be a candidate to host the Presidential debates. I immediately took the lead in drafting a bipartisan and bicameral letter signed by every member of the Florida Congressional Delegation to the Commission on Presidential Debates in support of Lynn's application.

After months of waiting, I am pleased, although not surprised, to learn that Lynn University has been chosen, and I have no doubt that Lynn will rise to the occasion and make all of South Florida proud.

The state of Florida has historically been a major decision maker in a number of national elections throughout our nation's history and will be a critical state for both parties in the upcoming Presidential election. Securing the final Presidential Debate for the 2012 election is further reason to recognize the importance of the State of Florida in this decisive time in our nation's history.

The eyes of Americans and all people around the world will be on both Florida and Lynn University during the critical last few days of the 2012 Presidential election."

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