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The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) today selected partnerships headed by William Paterson University and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center to each sponsor a gubernatorial general election debate this fall.

The Commission also picked Montclair State University and partners to sponsor the lieutenant gubernatorial debate.

Candidates that accept public matching funds must participate in the debates. The debates must be held between September 19 and October 27, which is 11 days before the November 7 election. Final dates and times will be announced after the debate sponsors consult with the candidates.

William Paterson's partners include WCBS-TV in New York, WKYW-TV in Philadelphia, The Record and other Gannett New Jersey newspapers. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center is partnering with WABC-TV in New York, WPVI-TV in Philadelphia, Univision in New York and Philadelphia, NJ Advance Media, NJBIZ, NJ Spotlight, El Diario, Rutgers University, League of Women Voters NJ, Lead NJ, and National Association of Latino Elected Officials. Montclair State University partners include NJTV, WNET, and C-SPAN.

The three winners were chosen from among 12 applicants, a record number.

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