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OU to host Republican gubernatorial debate

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The Oakland University community will have a unique opportunity to ask questions of two candidates running for governor of the State of Michigan during a gubernatorial debate between Lieutenant Governor **Dick Posthumus** and State Senator **John J.H. Schwarz**, M.D. The debate is Saturday, July 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

The moderated debate, sponsored by the **Center for Student Activities** and the **Oakland County Republican Party**, will be conducted in a 90-minute town hall format. Each candidate will make a two-minute opening statement then answer three questions from the moderator and six from audience members. Each candidate will have three minutes to respond to the questions on a rotating basis, followed by a one-minute rebuttal. Both candidates will have five minutes for a closing statement.

Oakland University is one of just three state locations chosen for the debates, said Gary Haulmark, campaign manager for Senator Schwarz.

"When the two campaigns discussed having the debates, we wanted to do one in Oakland County because of the large number of Republican voters there and we wanted to work with the county party," Haulmark said. "Oakland University provides as fine a location as any for the debate. Any time any citizen, whether a student, faculty or staff member, can become better informed in an election, it's a good thing. It's what democracy is all about. We encourage people to come out, ask questions of the candidates, then vote for the person whose ideas are in line with yours."

A limited number of tickets are available at no charge and can be obtained beginning Wednesday, July 10, from the **CSA Service Window**, 49 Oakland Center, (248) 370-4400. The Service Window is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For more information on the debate, contact Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs, at (248) 370-2400 or franklin@oakland.edu.

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