

150 Obama v Romney debate tickets

DU now guarantees tickets to students picked in debate lottery

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From the University of Denver campus on the green in front of the Driscoll Student Center, student officials drew about 100 names of undergraduate and postgraduate students from the school on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012 who will get tickets to the presidential debate on Wednesday. From left to right are Parker Calbert, undergraduate student government vice president. Nick Bowlby, graduate student government president, Sam Estenson, undergraduate student government president. (Kathryn Scott Osler, The Denver Post)

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The University of Denver has confirmed students whose name was drawn Monday during a campus lottery will in fact get a ticket to the debate.

Monday morning it was unclear if there would be enough tickets to cover the 92 students whose names were drawn, but, DU spokeswoman Kim DeVigil said Monday afternoon that all will receive tickets to the Ritchie Center event.

"If they were not present at the event, we are sending them an e-mail that they need to RSVP," DeVigil said. "They must respond to the e-mail from the university to claim their ticket."

Tickets to the first of three presidential debates between President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney were raffled Monday morning in front of the Driscoll Student Center.

If the college gets more than 92 tickets, additional names will be picked, DeVigil said.

On Monday, hopeful students gathered, some with nervous tension, while they waited for their name to be pulled from a pot containing the names of everyone in the student body, plus those who graduated last year.

Cole Ortega, a freshman majoring in business, heard his name called as he was leaving class.

"I didn't know what was going on," Ortega said. "I usually don't win anything, but this whole experience will be really awesome."

Ortega is finally old enough to vote, so he said watching the debate live will influence his decision on election day.

Graduate student Paul Macias said he was thrilled his name was called.

"It's an historic opportunity," Macias said. "I'm excited I get to witness it."

Macias said he already knows who he is going to vote for, but still anticipates taking a lot of information away from the debate.

Undergraduate student body president Sam Estenson said there have been around 100 debate-related events on campus leading up to Wednesday, so anticipation among most students was running high.

"There are many who are hoping to get

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in," Estenson said. "Those I know who have been picked are extremely excited."

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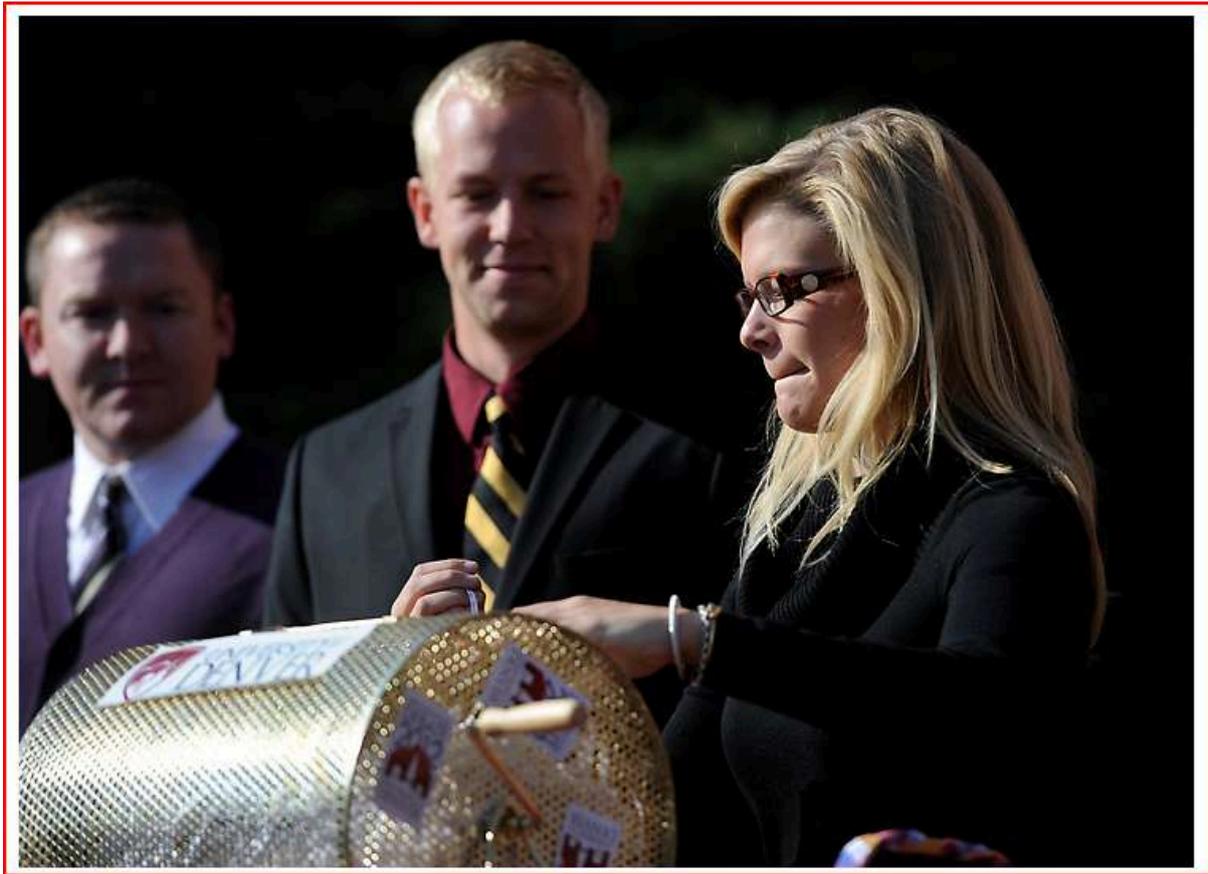
A small crowd gathers on the University of Denver campus on the green in front of the Driscoll Student Center, student officials drew about 100 names of undergraduate and postgraduate students from the school on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012 who will get tickets to the presidential debate on Wednesday. Kathryn Scott Osler, The Denver Post



PhD student Catherine Orsborn, second from right, is excited to hear that her name was one of the ones called. From the University of Denver campus on the green in front of the Driscoll Student Center, student officials drew about 100 names of undergraduate and postgraduate students from the school on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012 who will get tickets to the presidential debate on Wednesday. Kathryn Scott Osler, The Denver Post

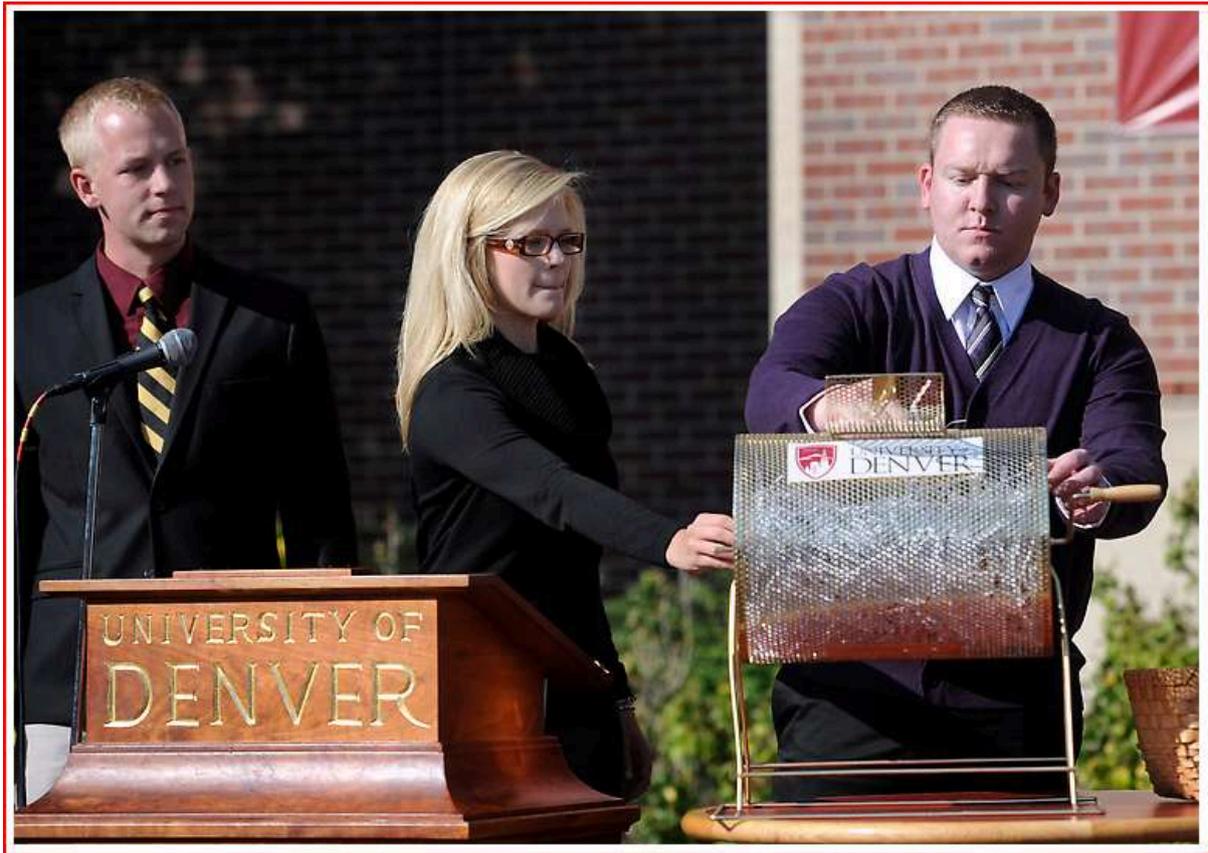


Postgraduate student Paul Macias is swarmed by TV cameras after his name is called for winning a ticket to the debate. From the University of Denver campus on the green in front of the Driscoll Student Center, student officials drew about 100 names of undergraduate and postgraduate students from the school on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012 who will get tickets to the presidential debate on Wednesday. Kathryn Scott Osler, The Denver Post



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