

# News

## Who's Who in the Democratic Presidential Debate

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October 13th marks the first of six Democratic debates scheduled for the 2016 presidential race. The debate will take place in the Wynn Las Vegas hotel and will be aired on CNN at 9pm ET. CNN and the Nevada Democratic Party will sponsor the debate, and Anderson Cooper will be the moderator. The five candidates who will be debating are former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Senator Bernie Sanders, former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley, former Senator Jim Webb, and former Rhode Island governor Lincoln Chafee.

Clinton isn't new to the presidential campaign. She is the wife of two-time president Bill Clinton and has also run for the presidency herself in 2008. Clinton served as Senator from New

York from 2001 to 2009, as well as Secretary of State from 2009 to 2013.

Senator Sanders comes from humble beginnings, starting out as a carpenter and documentary filmmaker before being elected as mayor of Burlington, Vermont, by merely ten votes in 1981. After serving as mayor from 1981 to 1989, he continued advancing his political career by being elected twice to the role of Senator of Vermont from 2007 to the present.

O'Malley served as Mayor of Baltimore from 1999 to 2007 and then as Governor of Maryland from 2007 to 2015. The Washington Post cites FBI data that, during

O'Malley's time as mayor, Baltimore saw a forty-eight percent decrease in the overall crime rate. His family is also actively involved in the political sphere: his father has been an Assistant United States Attorney since 2009, his mother has been on staff in Congress for Senator Barbara Mikulski since 1987, and his wife is a Baltimore City District Court judge.

Webb served as a combat marine in Vietnam from 1968 to 1972 and as Secretary of the Navy from 1987 to 1988. He has also won an Emmy award for his journalistic work in Beirut during the Lebanese Civil War,

and he is a film-maker and the author of ten books. Through his service in the Marines he was awarded the Navy Cross and the Silver Star Medal, as well as two Bronze Star Medals and two Purple Hearts.

Chafee is a man of many parties. He served from 1993 to 1999 as Republican mayor for Warwick, Rhode Island, and then from 1999 to 2007 he served as a Republican Rhode Island Senator. He then turned to the Independent party in 2007, and served as governor of Rhode Island from 2011 to 2015. And now, he is campaigning for president as a Democrat.

Stay tuned for more details of the 2016 presidential race.

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## Millions of Migrants on the Move

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Today there are more people displaced by war than ever before: 59.6 million people, according to United Nations records. In the Middle East, the majority of migrants are fleeing Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Eritrea. As world leaders struggle to handle the influx of these displaced peoples, the U.S. is determining the role it will play in the midst of this ongoing crisis.

Since the Arab Spring protests in 2011, the Assad regime's oppression of Syria's Sunni majority, and the rise of ISIS, almost half the Syrian population has fled into other Middle Eastern and European countries. Throughout the past four years 10.6 million Syrians have fled, and three out of four register as refugees in neighboring countries such as Turkey, Lebanon,

and Jordan; however the number of Syrians entering Europe has doubled this past year.

On September 2, however, a photograph of lifeless Syrian 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi washed up on a Turkish beach seemed to capture the plight of the refugees in one image, wresting the world's attention. Since this photo gained massive media attention, it prompted a response from world leaders: "What has drowned in the Mediterranean is not only the refugees," Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said, according to the Washington Post. "Humanity has drowned in the Mediterranean Sea."

Some countries have been more receptive than others. Germany has been the most popular and

welcoming country, and three out of five Syrian refugees have found asylum in Germany, Sweden, and Serbia. Additionally, the United Arab Emirates have allowed 100,000 Syrians in the country since 2011. A UAE government source told CNN, "We would like to see the Syrian refugees stay close to their homeland... so they can eventually return to their homeland." However, gulf states, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, and Bahrain, have refused to resettle refugees despite international pressure, according to CNN. Recently, the Obama administration agreed to bring in 100,000 worldwide refugees by 2017.

After the United States committed to the cause, Secretary of State

John Kerry was paraphrased in the New York Times as saying, "budget constraints and vetting requirements established after the September 11 terrorist attacks limited the scope of the [United States] response." According to World Magazine, Co-chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., said, "We want to give a humanitarian welcome to strangers... but we must be aware [terrorists] have a different outcome in mind, and that's killing people." For those looking for a solution, according to the Wall Street Journal, the refugee crisis will continue as long as the ISIS and Assad conflict in Syria endures.

\*Information accurate as of 10/12/15

## FBI Agent Candice DeLong to Speak at Meredith

FBI Agent Candice DeLong will visit Meredith College and speak about her experiences as an FBI special agent on Wednesday, October 24, 2015 at 7:00pm in Jones Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. It will also count as a convocation/cultural event in General Education.

DeLong will also offer a special workshop called "What Would You Do in Dangerous Situations?" for Meredith students at 3:20pm in Jones Auditorium.

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## Women Of MC

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*"I attended Meredith not knowing anyone, so I was pretty scared! During visitation day my junior year of high school, I met a girl with braids. We found out we were in the same major and it was great just speaking with her. Then we both attended summer symposium for the 2013 July session. We found out that we had classes together the next semester. So, basically, we were literally together all the time because of the same major. We have the same goals and ideas and, through time, we've become really close. We are each other's motivation to succeed through school as well as after graduation. We are living proof of the saying, 'you meet your best friend in college,' and I really think my years at Meredith wouldn't be the same without her!"*

Writer's Note: "Women of Meredith College" is a spin-off of the popular Facebook pages "Humans of New York" and "Humans of North Carolina." To stay consistent with the guidelines of these original pages, the individuals published will not be named. These postings are meant to show the Meredith community that there is more than meets the eye and it also portrays the power and beauty in diversity here at Meredith College. More "Women of Meredith College" postings may be found on The Meredith Herald Facebook page every Friday morning.

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