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**CSUN On Point News and Public Affairs Show Set to Air Feb. 26**

Northridge, CA—Feb. 21, 2012— California State University, Northridge’s “On Point,” a news and public affairs show, is back on the air with its first show since May 2011. The first show will be on the topic “Religion and the Race to the White House” and will air Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 on Channel 36.

“On Point” is produced and hosted by advanced journalism students for the CSUN community and the greater Los Angeles area. The re-vamped show aims to use television as well as online media outlets to bring knowledge about controversial issues to its audience.

The first show explores the role religion has played in presidential elections and politics, from John Kennedy’s Catholicism in 1960 to current Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney’s Mormonism in the last two elections.

“This is a way for students to be aware of issues that can affect them,” Brenden Nakamine, On Point staff member, said. “It’s another outlet to get information that may be more relatable because it’s created by their peers.”

Each episode will feature experts, often from the CSUN community, sharing their knowledge on the week’s topic and engaging in a live-on-tape discussion with the show’s moderator.

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“People have a lot of questions about the relationship between faith and politics and don’t really understand why it’s important, but hopefully this show can give clarity to the undecided,” said Maddy Pumilia, moderator for the first episode.

On Point will be taped every Tuesday beginning Feb. 14 and appear on the CSUN News website, CSUNTVNews.com, and the YouTube channel, CSUNOnPoint. It will also air on the Los Angeles education access cable station, Channel 36 on all L.A. cable networks.

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