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ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge Recognizes 2023 Award Winners for Nonpartisan Student Democratic Engagement

ALL IN honors educators, students, coaches and administrators who worked to increase student voter engagement during the 2022 midterm elections

Today, the [ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge](#) (ALL IN) hosted its fourth biennial awards ceremony to recognize colleges and universities as well as students, faculty and staff, presidents and chancellors, coaches, partner organizations, and election officials for their nonpartisan efforts to engage college students in the 2022 midterm elections.

The 2022 elections saw the second highest youth voter turnout for a midterm election in thirty years. More than 960 institutions enrolling 9.7 million students participate in the ALL IN Challenge, which supports colleges and universities in achieving excellence in nonpartisan student voter engagement.

“Despite nationwide attempts to undermine democracy through restrictive voting laws, college students made their voices heard during the 2022 midterm elections,” **said Jen Domagal-Goldman, Executive Director of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge.** “Each and every one of us has a role to play in promoting nonpartisan student democratic engagement. The individuals we are celebrating today are leading the way on their campuses and in their communities to ensure that every student has the tools and information they need to participate in our democracy and cast their ballot.”

The ALL IN Awards Celebration kicked off with a welcome from Civic Nation CEO **Kyle Lierman** and featured speakers including the New Jersey Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State **Tahesha Way**, Newhouse Director of CIRCLE at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University **Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg**, and Civic Nation Board Member and Former Director of the Domestic Policy Council **Cecilia Muñoz**.

The full list of individual champion award winners can be viewed [here](#) and below:

- **Standout Campus Administrators:** Melissa Baker-Boosamra, Grand Valley State University & Tedd Vanadilok, Santa Clara University
- **Standout Chancellor:** Karrie Dixon, Elizabeth City State University
- **Standout President:** Michael McDonough, Raritan Valley Community College

- **Standout Faculty Members:** Jamie Lennahan, Germanna Community College & Sanne Rijkhoff, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- **Standout Nonpartisan Campus Student Voting Groups:** DU Votes, Denison University & Husker Vote Coalition, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- **Standout Collegiate Athletic Coaches:** Kenny Blakeney, Howard University & Danijela Tomic, Bowling Green State University
- **Standout Local Election Officials:** Eric Fey & Rick Stream, St. Louis County Board of Elections (MO)
- **Standout Secretary of State:** Tahesha Way, New Jersey
- **Standout Local Partner:** Engage Miami
- **Standout National Partner:** VoteRiders

Following the release of data from the [National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement \(NSLVE\)](#) later this year, ALL IN will also recognize individual campuses that achieved outstanding student voter registration and turnout rates.

ABOUT ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge:

ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge (ALL IN) empowers colleges and universities to achieve excellence in nonpartisan student democratic engagement. Through an intentionally-designed program that provides structure, support, and recognition, ALL IN works to improve civic learning, political engagement, and voter participation on more than 975 campuses nationwide. ALL IN believes higher education should play a role in developing an active and informed citizenry by educating students, motivating them to engage in American democracy, and instilling the value of lifelong participation. ALL IN is an initiative of Civic Nation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. [Learn more here.](#)

ABOUT Civic Nation:

Civic Nation is a nonprofit ecosystem for high-impact organizing and education initiatives working to build a more inclusive and equitable America. Civic Nation shifts culture, systems, and policy by bringing together individuals, grassroots organizers, industry leaders and influencers to tackle some of our nation's most pressing social challenges. Seven initiatives are a part of the Civic Nation family: When We All Vote, ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, It's On Us, We The Action, and the Change Collective. [Learn more here.](#)

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