Unleash Your Civic Engagement Power: Vote, Mobilize, Protect - be ALL IN in November!

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Our nation finds itself profoundly enriched by the existence of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); institutions tirelessly dedicated to nurturing the potential for their students. Mary McLeod Bethune, the visionary founder of Bethune-Cookman University, famously declared that students "enter to learn and depart to serve." Her words resonate through the generations, echoing in the remarkable achievements of HBCU graduates who have shaped every facet of our world: from the groundbreaking films of Will Packer to the electrifying performances of Megan Thee Stallion, from the artistic brilliance of Kiesha Knight Pulliam and the late Chadwick Boseman to the political leadership of Raphael Warnock and Stacey Abrams. HBCUs have consistently produced leaders who redefine excellence and do so with considerable responsibility.

And now, that legacy of leadership, of transformative impact, rests in your hands.

You, the next generation of HBCU graduates, are poised to claim your place on this esteemed lineage, to carry the torch of service, and to shape the future with your brilliance in a democratizing manner. This November, you have an opportunity to step into that legacy. You can transform the rules of civic participation and engagement. Civic engagement isn't just about casting a vote; it's about shaping the future you want to see. The nation's policies, the very systems that impact your lives, are built by the people, for the people, and powered by your active civic involvement. Your voice, your experiences, your vision for tomorrow – all hold incredible power, and this toolkit will help you leverage that power for election day. Thus, this nonpartisan toolkit equips you for action.

Voter Education: Understand the issues.

Voter Mobilization: Unite your voice with others; Turn beliefs into action at the ballot.

Voter Protection: Shield your right to vote. Be ALL IN! Use and share this toolkit! Act on your values!



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Voter Education: Understand the Process, Know Your Rights

Knowledge is power - especially when it comes to exercising your right to vote. Make sure you're informed and empowered:

- Deadlines: Know your state's voter registration deadlines don't miss your chance!
- Research: Take the time to research candidates and their stances on issues that matter to you.
- Reliable Information: Seek out trustworthy sources for election news and voting guidelines.

Educate Yourself—Empower Your Vote!



Voting Rules

Voter Mobilization: Show Up Strong, Make Your Voice Heard

There's strength in numbers! Join the movement and make your voice resonate:

- Campus Power: Organize or participate in group voting activities like campus caravans to the polls.
- Early Voting: Beat the lines and make sure your vote is cast and counted explore early voting options.

Rally Together—Vote Together!

Translating Beliefs into Action: From Beliefs to Ballots: Turn Your Convictions **Into Change**

Your vote is your voice - use it to champion the causes you believe in:

- Issues That Matter: Whether it's education, justice, economic opportunity, or another issue close to your heart, your vote can make a difference.
- Be the Change: Don't just talk about change vote for it! Make a voting plan today!

Your Beliefs Matter—Make Them Count!

Voter Protection: Safeguard Your Right to Vote-It's Your Power

Protecting your right to vote is paramount. Be informed and empowered to ensure your voice is heard:

- Report Suppression: Become a champion for voting rights: Learn how to spot and report any actions that threaten to silence voices and undermine our democracy.
- Know Your Rights: Familiarize yourself with your rights at the polling place.
- Verify Your Vote: Take the necessary steps to confirm that your vote has been cast and counted.

Protect Your Vote—Protect Your Voice!









