

All In Democracy Challenge – Lone Star College

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We are working with our Student Government Association in the Department of Student Life. Some of our community partners include the University of Houston-Downtown, Harris County Democrats, Harris County Republicans, Kingwood Area Democrats, Montgomery County Democrats, Harris County Voter Registrar, and the Get Out The Vote Coulter Fellows.

The resources include, but are not limited to TurboVote, Campus Vote Project Palm Cards, the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement, and the Fair Elections Legal Network Voter Information Flyers. The information on the palm cards and flyers will be up-to-date for accuracy.

We do not expect any significant implementation challenges.

The coalition will meet every two weeks. We plan to have everything completed by the November 8th election.

We will evaluate our successes and challenges after the release of the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement report. Through this report, we will measure the impact of our efforts.

Below are our goals and the programs we will use to accomplish them. There is also a schedule of events. It is subject to change.

Goals:

The National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement by Tufts University reported that of the 53,201 eligible-to-vote Lone Star College students, 29,244 students registered to vote and only 19,558 actually voted in the 2012 presidential election year. We would like to see a 5% increase of those registered to vote and those who actually voted (30,706 and 20,536, respectively).

We plan to reach these numbers by using the following programs: Candidate Forums, Voter Registration Drives, Get Out The Vote, TurboVote, and a partnership with the University of Houston-Downtown's program "Walk The Vote."

Candidate Forums:

Every election year, we host a series of Candidate Forums that allows the students to meet and talk with candidates for public office. It also gets them engaged in the voting process because we have one/two people signing people up to vote during this time.

Voter Registration Days:

We encourage student organizations to register voters and have student workers go out at least once a week to sign people up to vote using a variety of methods, electronic or paper. We not only sign people up to vote on the National Voter Registration Day, but on other days as well.

Get Out The Vote:

Through the Fair Elections Legal Network, we have Get Out The Vote Fellows who learn about elections through trainings and then are required to sign people up to vote in order to meet the requirements of their fellowship.

Work Study:

We use work study students to sign people up to vote because they are required to perform some public service as a part of the work study position.

TurboVote:

By using TurboVote, we can easily sign people up to vote. We have made it readily accessible to students, faculty and staff by putting it on the homepage of their college account. We have it as an option when signing people up to vote at our voter registration drives.

“Walk the Vote” with UH-D:

Through a partnership with the University of Houston-Downtown, we work to promote the importance of voting and then walk to the nearest early voting place and vote as a group.

Center for Civic Engagement 2016-17 Schedule

CyFair Kingwood Montgomery North Harris Tomball University Park System

(Subject to Change)

September

- 7th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
- 12th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
- 14th – Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Training – 3-4pm – PAC 125 – Kingwood
- 15th – Candidate Forum – 12:30-1:20pm – SCC – Kingwood
- 19th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
- 19th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:30pm – CASA 110 – CyFair
- 20th – Candidate Forum – 2:30-3:30pm – TBD – Montgomery
- 20th – Candidate Forum – 7:00pm – SCC – Kingwood
- 21st – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
- 21st – Civic Engagement and the 2016 Elections – 2:30pm – G 102 – Montgomery
- 22nd – Candidate Forum – 2:30-3:30pm – TBD – Montgomery
- 26th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
- 26th – Debate Watch Party – TBA – G 102 – Montgomery
- 27th – National Voter Registration Day
- 27th – Candidate Forum – 12:30-1:20pm – CLA 114 – Kingwood
- 27th – Candidate Forum – 2:30-3:30pm – TBD – Montgomery
- 28th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
- 28th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:30pm – CASA 110 – CyFair
- 29th – Candidate Forum – 2:30-3:30pm – TBD – Montgomery
- 28th – Candidate Forum – 7:00pm – SCC – Kingwood
- 29th – Candidate Forum – 7:00pm – SCC – Kingwood

October

Candidate Forums

Walk 2 Vote with UH-D

- 3rd – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
- 3rd – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:30pm – CASA 110 – CyFair

4th – Candidate Forum – TBD – Tomball
4th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
4th – Candidate Forum – 2:30-3:30pm – TBD – Montgomery
6th – Candidate Forum – TBD – Tomball
6th – Candidate Forum – 2:30-3:30pm – TBD – Montgomery
10th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
11th – Candidate Forum – TBD – Tomball
11th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
11th – Candidate Forum – 12:30-1:20pm – SCC – Kingwood
11th – Candidate Forum – 2:30-3:30pm – TBD – Montgomery
12th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:30pm – CASA 110 – CyFair
13th – Candidate Forum – TBD – Tomball
17th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
17th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:30pm – CASA 110 – CyFair
18th – Candidate Forum – TBD – Tomball
18th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
19th – Debate Watch Party – TBA – G 102 – Montgomery
20th – Candidate Forum – TBD – Tomball
21st – Candidate Forum – 7:00pm – SCC – Kingwood
24th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
25th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:00pm – ACAD 126 – North Harris
26th – Candidate Forum – 12:00-1:30pm – CASA 110 – CyFair

November

8th – Election Results Watch Party – TBA – G 102 – Montgomery