

CAMPUS DEMOCRACY PLAN

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

FALL 2016

STRATEGIES TO INCREASE STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRACY

BECOMING A VOTER FRIENDLY CAMPUS

At MCC the Center for Community & Civic Engagement is dedicated to creating a campus culture that encourages responsible civic leadership and promotes student participation in the democratic process.





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Maricopa County Community College District Center for Civic Participation

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Veterans Services, Mesa Community College

The College of St. Scholastica

OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates, Greater Phoenix Chapter



Goals for the 2016-2017 academic year:

- 1. Voter registration.
- 2. Voter education.
- 3. Get Out the Vote



Constitution Day 2016 Arizona Liberty Bell

Resources

Budget for supplies from Center for Community & Civic Engagement

Volunteers



Timeline (Recommended Activities)

September, 2016

- Sept.-Nov.
 - Student Leaders will conduct *Get Out the Vote* campaign and host registration tables at College events
- Sept.
 - 16th MCC National Constitution Day Celebration event, 9 am to 1 pm
 - 21st Clock Tower Voter Registration event, 9 am to 1 pm
 - 26th Civic Action Team Planning Meeting, 8 am to 9 am
 - 27th National Voter Registration Day, 9 am to 1 pm
 - 28th Propositions Forum, 6 pm to 8:30 pm
- Sept.-Oct.
 - Post a link to the county registrar online voting application on MCC Center for Community & Civic Engagement website and student Canvas page
 - Faculty will be asked to register students in class
 - “Get Out The Vote” Marketing on campus
 - Digital reminders posted on digital boards for events
 - Distribute flyers and postcards promoting voter registration
 - Buttons, flags and pencils distributed during Constitution day

October

- Oct. 1-10 Last Week of Being Able to Register
 - Tabling at events
 - Registration booth
- 3rd Civic Action Team Planning Meeting, 8 am to 9 am
- 5th Future Leaders Town Hall, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- 8th MCC Football Game Voter Registration
- 10th Civic Action Team Planning Meeting, 8 am to 9 am
- 10th Final Voter Registration Day event, 9 am to 1 pm
- 17th Civic Action Team Planning Meeting, 8 am to 9 am



November

- Nov. 1-7
 - Students assist with voting services where needed including polling locations
- Nov. – Dec. 15
 - Plus-Delta on Civic Action events

September 2016 – November 2017

- A media and/or public relations person will be designated to document activities, photograph participants, and collect permission forms.
- Suggestions will be solicited for continuing promotional efforts.
- The Civic Action Committee will conduct a Plus-Delta debriefing to determine the most effective way to reach students in the future.
 - Data will influence the following year's voter engagement efforts.



Arizona Liberty Bell that was on Campus at our Constitute Day event!

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