

**ALL IN Democracy Challenge**  
**Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSUD)**  
**Action Plan, Fall 2016**

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**MSUD ADP Committee Mission Statement**

The American Democracy Project at MSU Denver aims to develop citizens who can demonstrate civic skills, knowledge, and motivation at local, regional, national, and global scales. The values that ground this work are self-efficacy, fairness, social justice, equity, diversity, collaboration, and personal and collective responsibility.

## **Vision**

We envision a University-wide commitment, including from both curricular and co-curricular programs, to develop students into engaged and informed citizens of our globally connected democracy. Students, staff, and faculty will develop and employ the skills of democracy, such as collaboration, coordination, dialogue, and deliberation, and MSU Denver students will engage broadly in the processes of participatory democracy. All involved in civic engagement (students, faculty, staff, and community partners) will have a shared understanding of the impact of engagement on student learning, on community partners, and on the University. Lasting, reciprocal, and mutually beneficial relationships with community partners will be valued.

## **Civic Learning Outcomes**

When students graduate from MSU Denver, they will be able to:

- Articulate a sense of responsibility and personal commitment to addressing global and local challenges.
- Demonstrate skills of influence and action, including persuasion, appropriate contacts, and understanding organizational arrangements.
- Demonstrate skills of communication and leadership, including taking responsibility for group outcomes, processes and products; speaking publically.
- Demonstrate skills of political analysis and judgment, including the ability to weigh pros and cons as well as take trade-offs into consideration.
- Demonstrate skills of teamwork and collaboration, including managing conflict and navigating diverse positions.

## **ALL IN specific goals (Fall 2016)**

1. Provide high quality election cycle programing to increase educated voting.
2. Based on the NSLVE data, in 2014 our presidential voting rate was 64%. Our goal is to increase 2 percent this election to 65%.
3. Based on the NSLVE data, in 2014 our voting registration rate was 69.4%. Our goal is to increase 2 percent this election to 71.4%.

## **Election Cycle Programing**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Sept 26	6:30pm – 9pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Debate Watch Party	Tivoli Turnhalle	CAS
Oct 4	TBA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Debate Watch Party	TBA	CAS
Oct 6	10am – 12:30pm	“Know Your Vote”	Multicultural Lounge	SGA
Oct 7	8:30am – 4:30pm	The 8th Annual Co-LEADS Student Summit Justice for the Vote: Electoral Equity in a Diverse Democracy Colorado Leadership for Equity, Advocacy, and Discovering Social Justice	Tivoli Turnhalle	LGBTQ Student Resource Center
Oct 19	11am – 3pm	“Front Porch Politics”	Tivoli Turnhalle	SGA
Oct	TBA	4 <sup>th</sup> Debate Watch Party	TBA	CAS

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Oct 19	11am- 1pm	American Democracy Project: Ballot issues education	Tivoli Senate Chambers	ADP Committee
Oct 20	12:30pm – 1:15pm	CO Secretary of State – Wayne Williams	SSB 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby	FYS
Oct 20	12:30pm – 1:30pm	To Vote or Not to Vote – Hot Topic	Multicultural Lounge	Student Activities
Nov 7	10am – 2pm	“Get out the Vote”	Tivoli Turnhalle	SGA
Nov 8	10am – 2pm	“Election Day”	Tivoli Turnhalle	SGA

### **Moving Forward**

We do not expect and significant implementation challenges to our plan. Our committee will meet 3 times a semester. We plan to have goals two and three completed by the November 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

We want to stress that goal one is a year long initiative that will not end with the election.