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#NazVotes Working Group:

Nazareth College has always offered courses and had programming to encourage political engagement, but this election year we formed a working group in order to start an intentional process to engage Nazareth's campus in voter registration, voter education and voter turnout.

This working group consisted of faculty, staff and student representatives from the following offices, departments, and organizations:

- Center for Civic Engagement
- Center for Life's Work
- Center for Public History
- Center for Spirituality
- Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue
- History and Political Science Department
- Office of Development
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Student Activities and Leadership
- Undergraduate Association

Academic Year 2012-2013

Spring 2013: In the spring of 2013, Nazareth College enrolls in the National Study on Learning, Voting, and Engagement ([NSLVE](#)).

Academic Year 2015-2016

September 22, 2015: National Voter Registration Day -- *Voter Registration*

#NazVotes committee members facilitate a campus wide event in support of National Voter Registration Day and register 121 students to vote.

October and November, 2015: Presidential Candidate Debates -- *Voter Education*

#NazVotes committee members work together to televise Democratic and Republican debates and provide food and refreshments to students who attended.

Fall semester 2015: TurboVote -- *Voter Registration*

Nazareth College begins dialogue with representatives from Democracy Works regarding TurboVote, a mobile and online application that helps students keep track of their local and national elections, as well as helping students with all aspects of the voter registration process (voter registration, updating one's registration, requesting absentee ballots, etc.).

Spring semester 2016: TurboVote -- *Voter Registration*

The Undergraduate Association at Nazareth purchases TurboVote and starts to plan for marketing and role out of TurboVote.

March 2016: 2016 College Convention -- *Voter Education*

The Center for Civic Engagement collaborated with Dominican University (DU) as part of the College Convention 2016 initiative to select two students (one sponsored by Nazareth College, the second sponsored by DU) for the roles of College Delegates.

June 1-3, 2016: 2016 College Convention -- *Voter Education*

Nazareth's College Delegates (Malik James and Angela Tona) joined other student delegates from colleges and universities across all 50 states and DC, and met on the Dominican University campus to plan strategies for strengthening campus political engagement and participated in discussions on national issues, with faculty experts serving as moderators.

Summer 2016: College Delegates -- *Voter Education*

Two Nazareth students participated in the first annual College Debate 16 at Dominican University

Academic Year 2016-2017

Fall 2016

August 25-28, 2016: New Student Orientation -- *Voter Registration*

All new first-year and transfer students received a TurboVote postcard in the mail along with their Orientation brochure. In total, 657 pieces were mailed - a copy of the postcard can be found at the end of this document.

In addition to the mailed pieces, a link to TurboVote was added to the Nazareth app (through Ellucian) so that students can access the site, sign up for the service, and register to vote from their smartphones.



September 6-8, 2016: 2016 College Convention -- *Voter Education*

Nazareth's College Delegates, Malik and Angela, traveled again to Dominican University and worked with other student delegates and participated in a 90-minute moderated Town Hall meeting, which was streamed live across the country. All of the Delegates collaborated to draft a memo to the moderators of the Presidential Debates that will outline the key issues the College Delegates want the candidates to address. Work was also done on planning election and inauguration day activities.

- Here is a link to the Town Hall video found on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/-8wGaYt08pQ>
- The short video at the beginning of the Town Hall is also on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/7QgR86vRVLU>

- The results of the Town Hall were 6 questions that the College Delegates want the moderators to ask of the presidential candidates. Those questions are on the home page of College Debate 2016: collegedebate16.org.
- Inside Higher Ed did a great story on CD16: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2016/09/13/campaign-aims-bring-college-student-voices-and-issues-presidential-debates>
- There was also a great [Telemundo story](#)

September 9, 2016: Involvement Fair -- *Voter Registration*

At the involvement fair a group of students from the Campaigns Voters and Elections class assisted the UA in trying to register people to vote. One small group manned a station for paper ballots while another traveled through the involvement fair educating students on how to register through a smartphone.

September 15, 2016: The Vanishing Voter -- *Voter Registration/ Voter Education*

The Fairport Area Branch of AAUW in collaboration with the History and Political Science Department at Nazareth College, will convene a panel to hear perspectives about the quandaries our citizens are exhibiting about voting in national, state, and local elections and how we can voice the reasons to encourage citizens to register and vote despite potential reservations about the outcome. Dr. Timothy Kneeland, Professor and Chair of History and Political Science and Director, Center for Public History at Nazareth College, will first provide pertinent comments on his perspective and opinions about voting, with a call especially to students to be involved in the voting process. Following Dr. Kneeland's comments, panel participants will include Nazareth student leader Ryan Page, president of the Undergraduate Association, Patricia Thompson, an AAUW Fairport Area Branch member, and Rachel Bailey-Jones, Director of the Core Curriculum in the Nazareth College Education Department and the College/ University liaison between AAUW and Nazareth College.

A Voter Registration table will be staffed by students at this event and enabling all those who attend to register to vote if they are not already registered. 25 new students registered.

Democrat and Chronicle paper covered the event and interviewed students at the voter registration table.

September 22, 2016: Norma S. Pimental, M.J. -- *Voter Education*

“The Human Face of Migration: Learning Mercy at the Border”

For more than a decade, Norma S. Pimental has drawn attention, nationally and globally, to the plight of the countless and distressed refugee individuals and families, Pimental has revealed the human face of migration. She has testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on the "State of Civil Rights in Immigration Detention Facilities" and addressed the members of the United Nations. ~ *Presented by the William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies.*

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September 22, 2016: “The State of the Election” talk -- *Voter Education*

The National Council of Jewish Women and the League of Women Voters come together to talk on the state of the election and the impact depending on which candidate might win.

September 26, 2016: First Presidential Debate -- *Voter Registration/ Voter Education*

There will be food present at the debate and we will engage students in dialogue before or after the candidate's debate on television.

Voter registration available for students.

September 27, 2016: National Voter Registration Day -- *Voter Registration*

Hosting a #Nazvotes rally- In an attempt to excite the young voters we will host a rally on voting and its importance to Nazareth.

September 28, 2016: Fannie Lou Hamer "Is This America?" -- *Voter Education*

A live performance by AKWAABA: The Heritage Associates. AKWAABA: the Heritage Associates, are local living history performers featuring Nazareth's very own visiting community scholar, Dr. David Anderson. Fannie Lou Hamer was a Mississippi sharecropper who rose to national prominence during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s and was considered by many to be the "spirit" of the civil rights movement. Originally asked as a response to her personal experiences of discrimination, her now famous question "Is This America?" is one that unfortunately still needs to be asked today. In these weeks before the presidential election, the recalling of Hamer's story will allow us to gain insight into current social and political realities of many African Americans continue to face today.

October 1, 2016: Saturday Morning with Jon Favreau -- *Voter Education*

Two years following his graduation from the College of Holy Cross, Jon Favreau was writing speeches for then-Senator Barack Obama. He has had a hand in crafting nearly every major speech that President Obama has delivered over the last eight years, and is one of the youngest presidential speech writers in the history of the United States. Favreau will share insights and experiences from working alongside President Obama.

Tickets are free for Nazareth students and provided by Campus Life at St. John Fisher College (SJFC). Shuttle service from Nazareth College campus to the venue at SJFC and back is sponsored by the Nazareth College Undergraduate Association.

October 4 2016: Vice Presidential and Student debate in Collies Cafe -- *Voter Education*

Watching the Vice Presidential debate and hosting a student debate. We will also have our last voter registration event on this day. Students can voice the concerns they have and the stances they take on the issues.

October 9, 2016: Presidential Debate -- *Voter Education*

Talk to the students that have seen all of the debates and talk about what they expect. Get a chance to hear what students think of the candidates and what issues are important for them in this election cycle.

October 10, 2016: "Is ISIS a Threat to International Peace and Security?" -- *Voter Education*

The discussion will be on the origins, ideology and tactics of the so-called Islamic State, in Iraq, Syria and across the globe. How serious is the threat it poses? How does it distinguish itself from Al Qaeda? What other terrorist groups associate themselves with it? The lecture will be given by Dr. Sharon Murphy, Director of the Middle Eastern Studies Minor, and Professor of Political Science. A response will be given by Dr. Harry Murray, Director of the Peace and Justice Studies Program, and Professor of Sociology.

Co-sponsored by the Middle Eastern Studies Program, the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue and the Department of History and Political Science.

Late October: Women Voting and Nazareth college discussions begin -- *Voter Education*

We will begin our series on the subject in the context of Nazareth College's history, paying special attention to the connection Nazareth's founders have to women's suffrage.

October 31, 2016: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education's Discussion on Post-election Political Turbulence: -- *Voter Education, Voter Healing*

Members of the #NazVotes working group were one group in the sixty three people from colleges and universities nationwide who called in to discuss:

- What might happen "the morning after" Election Day on campuses.
- What challenges and opportunities does the outcome of this election (either way) present?
- Will campus climates be affected by the election results? What do institutions have planned?

This discussion formed the description for the Dine & Dialogue that will occur on Nazareth's campus after the election to try and heal the campus community.

November 8, 2016: Election Day -- *Voter Turnout*

As a way to celebrate the elections and the participation of Nazareth students we will have a party on campus for anyone with an "I Voted" sticker.

The following will help create the festive atmosphere at the [on-campus polling site](#):

- Nazareth's mascot, Swoop, dressed in an Uncle Sam costume
- Students can play "Candidate Corn Hole"
- Cupcakes will be available for all
- "I Voted" Instagram pictures
- Posing with a "Susan B" cutout - encouraging female voters to leave their voting stickers on this cutout

November 8, 2016: President Elect address -- *Voter Education*

All night we are going to have the election Coverage on in common areas of all residence halls, allowing people to come and study with this on, and bring friends to see the results and the acceptance speech of the President elect.

Spring 2017

January 2017: Inauguration Trip

20 individuals will be able to sign up for a four day tour sponsored by EF Tours to Washington, D.C. for the Inauguration. The trip will include transportation to D.C., hotel, sightseeing and the inauguration itself.

Plans continue for Women's Suffrage Talks and the impact of the election

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is hosting Dine and Dialogues through the spring semester.

- These opportunities for campus-wide dialogue will touch on healing after the election, policy-based issues, and will encourage deep conversation within the Nazareth community on how such issues should be addressed.

- Dates for these dialogues include: 01/26/16, 02/23/17, 03/23/17, 04/20/17.

The following resources have been incorporated into campus-wide emails throughout the semester sent from the “civicengagement@naz” email account:

Voting Questions:

- [Democratic National Committee \(DNC\)](#)
- [Green Party](#)
- [Libertarian Party](#)
- [Republican National Committee \(RNC\)](#)

Helpful links from RockTheVote.com:

- [Register to vote!](#)
- [Are you registered?](#)
- [Voter ID requirements](#)
- [Find where to vote](#)

Resources from the [National Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Action Network](#)*

Learn:

- [AASCU's American Democracy Project \(ADP\) - Electoral Engagement Resources*](#)
- [The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law](#)
- [Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement \(CIRCLE\)*](#)
- [The Democracy Commitment - Engage the Election 2016 initiative*](#)
- [The Fair Elections Legal Network \(FELN\)](#)
- [The Institute for Democracy and Higher Education \(IDHE\) - The National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement \(NSLVE\)](#)
- [League of Women Voters - Educating and Engaging Voters](#)

Engage:

- [Campus Compact - Activities and Programs: Campus Vote Initiative*](#)
- [CollegeDebate16 - Commission on Presidential Debates Announces Social Media, Technology and Voter Education Initiatives](#)
- [Civic Nation - The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge](#)
- [icitizen](#)
- [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People \(NAACP\)- Youth & College Civic Engagement Toolkit: Stay Woke and Vote](#)
- [The National Institute for Civil Discourse - Text, Talk, Vote](#)
- [Walk 2 Vote](#)

Vote:

- [Campus Election Engagement Project \(CEEP\)](#)
- [Campus Vote Project](#)
- [Democracy Works - TurboVote](#)
- [League of Women Voters - VOTE411](#)
- [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People \(NAACP\)](#)

- [Rock the Vote](#)
- [U.S. Vote Foundation \(US Vote\)](#)

Non-Partisan Candidate Guides from the [Campus Election Engagement Project](#) (CEEP):

Campus Election Engagement Project (CEEP) created non-partisan candidate guides derived from candidate websites, public candidate stands and trusted sources like Votesmart.org, Factcheck.org, and Countable.us.

These Presidential and Supreme Court guides have also been translated into Spanish and posted on the [CEEP website](#).

Presidential Candidate Guides:

- Presidential Guide (two party) [online/mobile friendly version](#) and [printable .pdf version](#)
- Presidential Guide (four party) [online/mobile friendly version](#) and [printable .pdf version](#)
- Guía de los Candidatos (dos partidos) [online/mobile friendly version](#) and [printable .pdf version](#)
- Presidential Guide Sources [printable .pdf version](#)

Third Party Candidates and the 2016 Election:

- Third Party Candidates and the 2016 Election [online/mobile friendly version](#) and [printable .pdf version](#)

Supreme Court Guide:

This guide looks at the importance of future Court appointments in the Presidential race.

- Supreme Court Guide [online/mobile friendly version](#) and [printable .pdf](#)
- Guía de la Corte Suprema y la Elección [online/mobile friendly version](#) and [printable .pdf](#)