



ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge University of New Haven Action Plan, Fall 2016

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DEAN OF STUDENTS INITIATIVES

Voter Registration & Education Website: www.newhaven.edu/unhvotes

Purpose: Provide timely information regarding voter registration requirements and deadlines, voter education, and events on campus such as voter registration tabling. Provide contact information for students who may have questions about voting or the election.

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Bartels Lobby Tabling

Purpose: Provide voter registration materials and absentee ballot request forms. Answer students' questions about voting and the election. Encourage student involvement in the election.

Staffed by graduate student employees in the Dean of Students office.

Dates: 9/19, 9/23, 10/6, 10/11, 10/18, 10/26, 10/31, 11/8

Times: 11 AM – 1 PM

Emails to Student Body

Purpose: Notify undergraduate and graduate students of voter registration and education efforts on campus. Provide information on polling places, Election Day Registration, and how to request a Student Enrollment Verification Letter.

Dates Sent: 10/10/16 – Register to Vote at the Bartels Voter Registration Table

10/25/16 – Register to Vote at the Bartels Voter Registration Table - 10/26, 11 AM - 1 PM

11/3/16 – Get ready for Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016!

11/8/16 – Happy Election Day! Go Vote!

Sent by Rachel Russell



Student Enrollment Verification Letters

Purpose: Provide proof of residency letters to students who live on campus. Students may use these letters to prove residency at West Haven City Hall so they may register to vote in West Haven.

Provided by Dean of Students Office & Office of Residential Life

Election Day Walking Tours

Purpose: Provide a fun and engaging way for students to walk to the polling place with friends and UNH community members on Election Day. At the top of each hour, 1-2 student or staff volunteers will walk groups of students to the polling place at John Prete Senior Housing, 1187 Campbell Ave. This is the polling place for students who registered using their campus address (300 Boston Post Rd.). Students can meet at the top of each hour at the Bartels Campus Center lobby Election Day table. Volunteers will then walk over with groups of students to the polling place.

Organized by Juan Hernandez

Participating student organizations: NAACP, Black Student Union, Latin American Student Association

Date: 11/8/16

Time: 10 AM – 7 PM

The Day After

Purpose: The Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion will be open from 8am to 5pm on Wednesday, November 9th, THE DAY AFTER the election for all students, faculty and staff to process their reactions to the election results. This has been a sharply contested election, with many lines drawn in the sand. As a campus community how should we deal with differences of opinions and beliefs and move on? Faculty members will be available all day for conversations. Refreshments will be available.

Organized by Rebecca Johnson, Juan Hernandez, and Lauren Kempton

Date: 11/9/16

Time: 8 AM – 5 PM

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM EVENTS

Political Science Speaker Series Fall 2016 Calendar

- A Discussion of the 2016 Presidential Election with Dr. Joshua Sandman
 - Wednesday, September 14th, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Moulton Lounge
- Panel on the 2016 Presidential Election
 - Tuesday, September 20th, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Bartels Student Dining Room
- The Media and Elections
 - Monday, September 26th, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Bartels Student Dining Room
- Clean Elections and Financing Campaigns: Connecticut and Nationwide
 - Wednesday, October 5th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Alumni Lounge
- Presidential Debate Watch Party
 - Sunday, October 9th, 8:00 - 10:00 PM, Alumni Lounge
- Panel on the 2016 Presidential Election
 - Wednesday, October 26th, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Alumni Lounge
- 2016 Election Results Watch Party
 - Tuesday, November 8th, 7:00 - 11:00 PM, Alumni Lounge



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- Cosponsored by Political Science Organization, NAACP, Black Student Union, Latin American Student Association
- Post-Mortem Election Panel
 - Wednesday, November 16th, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Alumni Lounge
- Panel on Terrorism & National Security
 - Thursday, December 8th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Alumni Lounge

Many of these events were cosponsored by the Political Science Organization.

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE EVENTS

Name of event: Your Voice Matters

Date/time/location: 9/28/2016

Organizer (student or staff): Winchester RAs Nick and Cian

Purpose of event: To raise awareness of the upcoming election and to easily provide resources for the residents to register to vote.

Audience: Residents of Winchester Hall

Number of attendees/participants: 30

Name of event: Elevator Trivia: Election Edition

Date/time/location: 10/9/16 at 6pm and 10/20/16 at 6pm

Organizer (student or staff): Westside RAs

Purpose of event: The purpose of this event was to raise awareness about the upcoming election and the candidates to Westside Hall residents. These events were hosted the evening before the presidential debates to further spark interest.

Audience: Westside Hall residents

Number of attendees/participants: 192 and 191

Any other related info: In this program, the RAs were stationed in the elevators and as the residents entered the elevator, the RA inside would ask them trivia questions about the election and the candidates. Residents also learned how to vote and learned about the candidates of the presidential election. Several students were excited to play trivia and learn more about the candidates. Following the trivia programs, several students could be seen viewing the debates throughout the various common areas in Westside Hall.

Name of event: The Power of Your Vote

Date/time/location: October 11, 2016 7:00 pm in Celentano First Floor Lobby

Organizer (student or staff): 3 Celentano RAs (Mike Donofrio, Walter Gordillo, Ashley Martinez)

Purpose of event: This will be the first presidential election for a lot of young voters, but many do not know how to vote, who to vote for, or why they should vote. Through this program, residents can learn the power of their vote. They will learn how to register to vote online and how to fill out an absentee ballot. If students are undecided voters, they can take a quiz during the program in which they answer questions and then the quiz links them to the candidate who they share most common views with (they can also do this from the privacy of their bedrooms so no bias is present during the program). Residents will also be educated on parties other than Democrats and Republicans. Students, after registering, can



share the Facebook post that Facebook is currently advertising, "I'm registered to vote," to encourage their friends to vote. Students will also gain information on how to participate in local elections occurring back at home (such as electing Senators and other local representatives).

Audience: Celentano residents

Number of attendees/participants: 13

Name of Event: Voter Registration

Date/Time/Location: 10/26/16 and 10/27/16 between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM in Botwinik Hall

Organizer: Aemin Becker & Gabriella Paez

Purpose of Event: To provide students with the resources needed to register to vote in anticipation of the election

Audience: Residents of Botwinik Hall

Number of Attendees/Participants: 125-150

Any other related info: RAs Paez & Becker went door-to-door, handing out hard copies of voter registration forms or directing them to the online registration site

Name of event: Voter Registration

Date/time/location: 10/27/16 at 9 AM and 10/28/16 at 1 PM

Organizer (student or staff): Will Frazier

Purpose of event: To register students to vote in West Haven or their preferred location.

Audience: UNH residential students

Number of attendees/participants: 160

Any other related info: Residential students were encouraged to register to vote in West Haven if they were unable to return home to vote and if they missed the deadline for absentee ballots.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION EVENTS

NAACP hosted voter registration tables in Bartels Campus Center during the month of October and discussed the election during a general body meeting.

Political Science Organization held a voter registration drive during WestFest on September 10, 2016. WestFest is a partnership between the University of New Haven and the city of West Haven, serving both communities.