



ALL-IN

Campus Democracy Challenge 2016 Action Plan





OVERVIEW

THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS IS ENGAGING ITS STUDENT BODY TO REGISTER TO VOTE, GAIN RESOURCES ABOUT THE VARIETY OF WAYS TO VOTE, LEARN ABOUT THE ELECTION PROCESS, PARTICIPATE IN ELECTION-RELATED EVENTS, AND VOTE ON ELECTION DAY.

Collaborators



- Our All In Campus Democracy Challenge team is made up of a combination of Student Affairs, Faculty, and University Administration professionals, plus involved students and community partners.
 - Linda Baughman-Terry-Dean of Students
 - Margaret Cahill-Director of Campus Life
 - Patricia Conde-Brooks-Executive Director of Campus Inclusion and Community
 - Amy C. Finnegan, Ph.D.-Chair, Justice and Peace Studies
 - Josh Hengemuhle, Ed.D.-Assistant Dean of Students
 - Catherine Hill PhD, MSW, MPP, LISW-Associate Professor and Social Services Management Advisor
 - Mike Klein, Ed.D.-Justice and Peace Studies
 - Vern Klobassa-Director of Communication and Training for Student Affairs
 - Karen Lange, Ed.D- Vice-President for Student Affairs
 - Cindy Lorah-Director of Marketing & Recruitment, School of Social Work
 - Bobby Martin-Undergraduate Student Government
 - Kari Petryszyn-University Libraries
 - Rebecca Swiler-Director of the Child Development Center

Community Partners



- Minnesota Secretary of State Office
- National Association of Social Workers - Minnesota

Goals



- Provide students with accessible ways to register to vote.
- Provide students with resources about the variety of ways to vote including absentee voting, voting in another state, and voting while abroad.
- Provide students with resources to learn about the election process.
- Provide students with opportunities to participate in panel-facilitated discussions and lectures.
- Inform students of campus polling location so they have an accessible place to vote on Election Day.
- Provide students with transportation to polling places.

Voter Registration:



- Develop Website which provides navigation links and instructions for registration <http://www.stthomas.edu/deanofstudents/tommiesvote/>
- Set up voter registration tables at the Library and the Anderson Student Center
 - Tuesday, Sept. 27th through Thursday, Sept. 29th, the library will staff table to help voters register from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On the 27th there will be balloons and treats to celebrate National Voter Registration Day.
 - Friday, Sept. 30th, the library will staff table from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Monday, Oct. 3rd through Friday, Oct. 7th, the library has a staffed table from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 13, Students for Justice and Peace will hold voter registration drive from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the following locations: Anderson Student Center, Koch Commons, OSF Library Lobby, and Owens Science Hall.
- Residence Life Email 8/31/16 to all on-campus residents providing:
 - Voting locations.
 - Information on how to register for an absentee ballot to vote at permanent residence.
 - Reference information to the library guide website.

Voter Education



- Summer 2016-Voter information provided to **all** incoming students via a bookmark inserted in the student planners.
- On-line library guide.
- Create video: Tommie mascot, “How to Vote.”
- The neighborhood walk-thru will take place during the second week of September. A brochure will be distributed to students including information about where and how to vote.
- 9/28/2016 - Theology Night Live: Who would Jesus Vote for on November 8
- 10/5/2016 - Forming Our Consciences for the Election.
- 10/6/2016- Dr. Katherine Hill will be speaking on Voting and Social Work Empowerment practice in a Faculty Salon presentation at the School of Social Work.
- 10/13/2016 - Time to Talk: A Dialogue on the 2016 Elections.
- 10/14/2016- Room at the Table 2016: VOTE for Participatory Justice.
- Dr. Katherine Hill will be implementing a voter engagement project in SOWK 391 class (Social Work for Social Justice). Students will be required to work in groups to register and engage voters between now and Election Day.
- After the tenth day of classes, OCSS will have a list of off campus students. At that time, emails will go out to those students providing information on voting locations. Links will be provided to the Secretary of State webpage and to the UST voting webpage.

Get Out the Vote



- University Student Government sponsored #TommiesVote campaign.
- Partnership between Student Affairs, University Student Government, and the Child Development Center promoting #TommiesVote events, handing out stickers and pins on Tuesday, October 18 and Thursday, November 3.
- University Student Government digital social media campaign “Why will YOU vote?”
- Off-Campus Student Services sent two email to off-campus and commuter students with information about how to vote.
- New Student and Transfer Orientation Leaders send emails to students the week of Oct. 31 – Nov. 4 with information about the Nov. 8 elections.
- On Election Day, emails will go out to all off-campus students reminding them to vote.
- On Election Day, University Student Government will provide a bus for students whose polling location is the Groveland Recreation Center.
- On election Day, strong social media blitz to get out the vote.

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