

# WAGNER COLLEGE

## **Fall 16' ALL IN Action Plan**

As the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is working to recognize post-secondary campuses committed to improving democratic engagement, the Wagner College ALL IN Democracy team is committed to increasing civic consciousness, boosting voter turnout and broadening the scope of political discourse on campus and in our communities. We seek to complete these goals through the following means:

### **September:**

#### *Constitution Day Celebration- 9/22/16*

- In partnership with the Wagner College Center for Leadership & Community Engagement, the ALL IN Democracy team celebrated the signing of the most influential American document, the U.S. constitution. We began the day by announcing our commitment to the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge at our Constitution Day table in the Student Union. Further, we registered students via ALL IN partner Turbovote and handed out constitutions to all student registrants.
- In the evening, we were joined by filmmaker, Julie Winokur- creator of the *Bring it to the Table* project. *Bring it to The Table* is a documentary film and community engagement campaign aimed at engaging students in civic action and empowering them to take an active role in breaking down hyper-partisanship. This event was attended by 35 of our student peers, and worked to initiate campus dialogue around political discourse.

#### *National Voter Registration Day- 9/27/16*

- In partnership with the Wagner College President's Office, our ALL IN Democracy Team is encouraging our campus to register in celebration of National Voter Registration Day. Our first step in making this push, is a campus wide e-mail from our President, Dr. Richard Guarasci- This email includes our registration link [wagner.turbovote.org](http://wagner.turbovote.org)
- In the evening, our ALL IN Democracy Team will be registering voters in our campus residence halls. During our tabling sessions, we will be sharing resources that will help students to understand the context of this election.

*Presidential Debate Screening- 9/26/16*

- In support of Wagner College's Hugh L. Carey Institute for Government Reform, the All-In Democracy Team will be registering voters throughout the screening of the first Presidential Debate of this election cycle.

**October:**

*Student Government Association, Voter Registration Challenge- All month*

- In partnership with the Student Government Association, our ALL IN Democracy Team will be challenging student clubs and organizations to register as many students as possible before the New York State voter registration deadline on October 14th.
- The winning club of the voter registration challenge will receive a \$100 dollar gift certificate.

*Social Justice Dialogue(s): Why does this election matter to you?- Date TBD*

- In partnership with the Wagner College Center for Intercultural Advancement, the ALL IN Democracy team will be hosting a series of Social Justice Dialogues centered around this year's presidential election.
- The primary focus of this dialogues is to enhance to increase the depth of political discourse surrounding

*Digital Push: Increasing Wagner's Civic Media Presence- All month*

- Sharing Voter Information Websites
  - Project Vote Smart
- Social Media Campaign
  - Create a "Why Wagner Votes" social media platform
- ALL IN will be sending TurboVote links out through our campus communications department to increase access to our voter registration resource. In addition, we will place information about the project in the Wagnerian, our campus newspaper.

**November:**

*Walk 2 Vote!- 11/8/16*

- On election day The ALL IN Democracy team will be hosting *Walk 2 Vote!*- a civic engagement initiative that has grown from a local campus program to a national model for student civic organizing. The model is a guide that will walk students through the process of registration/voter turnout contests and a celebratory event which includes musical performances from campus and community

musicians. We hope to involve several types of student organizations and local civic leaders.

- Wagner will be providing shuttles to the voting location throughout the day, offering an accessible way to get to the polls.

### **Spring 16'**

Wagner College's ALL IN Democracy Team seeks to sustain political engagement beyond this year's presidential election. Through consistent dialogue and engagement with our peers, and support from faculty and administrative staff- we envision programming through the upcoming spring semester, in hopes of fostering a stronger sense of democracy on Wagner College's campus.