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Voter Registration & Voter Education

Our campus goal is to engage students through conversation and outreach. To that end we offer opportunities for voter registration in classrooms, dining halls, community gathering spaces, our Campus Center, and our Civic Engagement office. At every event we work to empower students to feel educated and confident about their choices regarding voter registration and secure in their role as welcomed participants in democracy. Many students decide to register as Pennsylvania voters while others opt to vote in their home states using absentee ballots. At all of our events, we provide information about both options.

Tabling Events

At Bryn Mawr College, tabling is a popular method of outreach involving students, staff, faculty and occasionally outside groups, setting up information tables in high-traffic areas to connect, share information, and answer questions.

Wednesday, August 29, 12 pm – 2 pm

Customs Week (New Student Orientation) Resource Fair
Voter Registration Tabling in the Campus Center

Thursday, August 30, 11 am – 12:30 pm

Customs Week (New Student Orientation) Academic Fair
Voter Registration Tabling in Great Hall

Monday, September 17, 11 am – 2 pm

Constitution Day

Voter Registration at Pembroke Arch

Tuesday, September 25, 11 am – 4 pm

National Voter Registration Day
Voter Registration Tabling in the Campus Center

Tuesday, October 2, 5:30 – 7 pm

Erdman and New Dorm Dining Halls
Voter Registration and Education Tabling

Wednesday, October 3, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Erdman Dining Hall
Voter Registration and Education Tabling

Tuesday, October 9

Voter Registration deadline in order to participate in November 2018 Election

In addition to our Voter Registration tabling events across campus, LILAC|Civic Engagement staff were invited by faculty members to present in 12 classes, providing voter registration forms, information about voting in Pennsylvania and in other states, absentee ballots, and resources the office provides on Election Day. Through class visits, LILAC|Civic Engagement reached an estimated 150 students, the majority of whom were first year students.

[Encouraging Campus Discourse](#)

A Seat at the Table? Pennsylvania Women Congressional Candidates Forum

Thursday, September 27, 7:30 pm – 9 pm, Goodhart Main Theater

Pennsylvania has no women in its Congressional delegation. This non-partisan discussion focused on gender and politics with six women Congressional candidates running in this fall's election.

The forum's moderator was Kelly Dittmar, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science, Rutgers-Camden; Scholar, Center for American Women and Politics, Rutgers-New Brunswick.

Featured panelists:

- Bibiana Boerio (D), running for PA's new 14th Congressional District
- Pearl Kim, '01 (R), running for PA's new 5th Congressional District
- Susan Boser (D), running for PA's new 15th Congressional District
- Chrissy Houlahan (D), running for PA's new 6th Congressional District
- Madeleine Dean (D), running for PA's new 4th Congressional District
- Mary Gay Scanlon (D), running for PA's new 5th Congressional District

2018 Midterm Elections: America Speaks. Who Are We Now? What Will We Choose?

Tuesday, October 30, 7:30 pm – 9 pm, Dalton 300

A panel discussion addressing the implications of the upcoming midterm elections, presented by the Center for Social Sciences New Media Project and the Department of Political Science.

Featured Panelists:

- Will Bunch, Columnist, *Philadelphia Daily News*
- Matthew Kerbel, Political Science, Villanova University
- Duncan Black, Economist, Political Blogger Atrios
- Marissa Golden, Political Science, Bryn Mawr College
- Sharon Ullman, History, Bryn Mawr College

Two Open Space Conversations—two inclusive lunchtime discussions hosted by the Dean of the Undergraduate College that invite faculty, staff, and students to engage in dialogue centered on various themes throughout the semester:

Open Space Conversation: How Do You Choose Who to Vote For?

Wednesday, October 24, 12 pm – 1 pm, New Dorm Dining Hall

Election Day is rapidly approaching! How do you decide whether to vote? Who to vote for? Do you reflect on your own personal values? Social issues? Political party affiliations? What matters to you this year? Dean Jennifer Walters hosts; all are welcome.

Open Space Conversation: Debriefing the Midterms

Wednesday, November 7, 12 pm – 1 pm, New Dorm Dining Hall

The results are in—the midterm elections are behind us. What happened? How do you feel about it? And, more importantly, what's next? Dean Jennifer Walters hosts, all are welcome.

Election Night Results Watching Party

Tuesday, November 6, 8 pm – 1 am, Campus Center Main Lounge

Join friends and fellow students to watch the results of the midterm elections roll in. Food, games, and trivia will be facilitated by the student club BMC Democrats. All are welcome.

Enabling Access

On Election Day, LILAC|Civic Engagement will provide an Election Day Shuttle between campus and the College's polling place. This van runs from 9 am – 9 pm, providing free rides to student voters. Faculty, staff and student volunteers serve as van drivers to help facilitate access to the polls.

Civic Engagement staff will be posted at the campus shuttle stop from 9 am – 8:30 pm providing non-partisan candidate guides, reminding students to bring proper identification, and sharing information on how to deal with potential challenges at the polls, including information about provisional ballots and identity challenges.

In addition, LILAC|Civic Engagement's website is frequently updated with information to support student voters:

<https://www.brynmawr.edu/lilac/student-funding-and-resources/voting-information>

Leveraging Community Partnerships and Resources

Key Partners in our Voter Engagement Efforts:

- All In Campus Democracy Challenge
- Campus Election Engagement Project
- Montgomery County, PA Voter Services Office
- National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) Data
- Pennsylvania Campus Compact
- Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND)