



**CAMPUS
DEMOCRACY
CHALLENGE**

Community College of Rhode Island 2020 Democratic Engagement Action Plan

Developed by: Laurie Sherman

Executive Summary:

CCRI's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Pi Omicron, has developed a plan that we have implemented college-wide, across all campuses. We have directed our efforts at getting information to students about voter registration, various ways to vote, when to vote, and why to vote. We have done this via social media, mainly our Facebook page, and through CCRI's marketing department. We began the process in September and will continue to work vigorously until election day, after which we will develop a new plan to continue our goal of informing students at our college about voting and encouraging them to vote. Our group works closely with CCRI's Office of Student Life. Our goals are to increase the number of CCRI students who vote and perhaps generate an interest in civics and politics.

Leadership:

Our leadership team includes the following:

Professors Laurie Sherman and Susan Apschaga, faculty advisors for CCRI's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Chapter officers (students): Chapter president: Alicia Vallette; chapter vice-presidents, Margaret Quillan, Richard McIntyre, Julia Plante, and Brittany Kenney. The folks from the Office of Student Life including Jamie McCutcheon and Dean Michael Cunningham.

Commitment:

Our campus has signed the Higher Education Presidents' Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation.

Our campus has used the following methods to communicate with students about the election:

By posting on institutional social media channels

Landscape:

Our campus demographic and voting data:

Unsure

Goals:

Our campus democratic engagement goals are:

To raise awareness and encourage students to vote in all elections.

Strategy:

Our campus has used the following strategies and organized the following events:

Virtual voter education events (e.g. film screening, debates, lectures series, etc.)

Not sure. Very few people are on campus, so I don't think anything is happening.

NSLVE:

Community College of Rhode Island has authorized NSLVE.

Evaluation:

We will evaluate our action plan in the following ways:

Because this is the first time we've been involved with this, we're establishing a baseline to use to compare future election results to and hopefully see an increase in voters.

Reporting:

We will report our campus action plan and NSLVE reports in the following ways:

Our action plan will be posted on our campus website and shared with the campus community.

Our campus NSLVE reports will be posted on our campus website and shared with the campus community.