

# All In Campus Challenge Democratic Engagement Action Plan 2022 – 2023

## **Point of Contact for Designation Process**

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#### **Overview:**

Copiah-Lincoln Community College (Co-Lin) serves a population of almost 3,000 students across three campus locations in Wesson, Natchez, and Simpson County in Mississippi. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The offerings include more than 100 academic programs of study along with 37 career & technical programs options. Students can earn credentials including Associate in Arts degrees, Associate in Science degrees, Associate in Applied Science degrees, and Certificates.

## Leadership Team:

The All-in Democracy Challenge is supportive of the College's goal of student success. The leadership team for this challenge is comprised of administrators, faculty, staff, and students including the Student Government Association (SGA) on all three campuses. The primary objectives of this team are as follows:

- to promote voter registration and voting
- to develop informed voters
- to remove barriers to voting

## Planned Voter Engagement Education and Activities:

The following activities will be implemented to ensure that students, faculty and staff have the information needed to be able to vote in both primary and general elections.

- **Constitution Day**: On September 17, 2022, the College provided information to students, faculty and staff about Constitution Day through e-mail as well as in the College's Student Bulletin.
- Voter Registration Drives: The Student Government Association will partner with the League of Women Voters to host Voter Registration Drives in an effort to get students registered to vote and promote voting.
- Voices and Votes: Democracy in America: The College's Natchez Campus will host this exhibit, which is organized by the Smithsonian Institution. It will also include educator workshops, town hall forums, panel discussions with current and former mayors, documentaries, and much more. Classroom visits to the exhibit are also planned, which are designed to give students a broader perspective on the history and importance of voting in America.
- Social Media Campaign: The College's website, social media platforms, and mass emails will be utilized to connect students to information about voting and election dates. Students will also be asked to create short PSA videos about the importance of voting, and they will be posted of the SGA/Residence Life social media platforms.
- **Party to the Polls**: Immediately leading up to national elections, SGA will provide treats such as cookies/cupcakes to promote awareness of election dates as well as voting in the election.
- Weekly Message: Throughout the academic year, various college administrators will provide information about voter registration and education initiatives in the College's Student Bulletin.
- Vote Early Day: The College will partner to participate in Vote Early Day to provide resources and information that educate students and the community of their options to vote early.
- Election Hero Day: In honor of Election Hero Day on November 7, 2022, we will highlight and recognize the important contributions of election officials, clerks, and poll workers through spotlights.
- Voter Education Discussions: Student Government Association members and other Simpson County Center students will be invited to meet with a representative from the local county Circuit Clerk office to receive information about voting and the importance of voting.

• **"Vote 411" Introduction:** Faculty and Staff will share directions to access "Vote 411" (https://www.vote411.org/). Students will be able to make a voting plan, verify voter registration, and find out what's on the ballot in their respective areas.