



Front Range Community College 2022 Democratic Engagement Action Plan

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Executive Summary:

This nonpartisan democratic engagement action plan was developed by Front Range Community College in Colorado for the 2022 election. The purpose of this action plan is to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and student voter registration, education, and turnout in the 2022 midterm election. The goals for Front Range Community College for the 2022 election are:

Publicize our campus entry into the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge
Carry out several campus-wide events promoting voter education and engagement

Leadership:

Our leadership team includes the following:

Jeff Borg - Lead Faculty, Political Science
Kate Cope - Adjunct Faculty, Political Science
Mary Branton-Housley, Student Life Coordinator
Miguel Arcadia, Student Government President
Jonah Noell, Student Government Representative
Hap Fry, Adjunct Faculty, English

We got a late start, and we are just getting our organizing off the ground. This was a preliminary ad hoc committee, but plans are to put together a more formal committee in spring semester 2023.

Commitment:

Our new president did authorize NSLVE and Front Range Community College has started a committee to further develop nonpartisan democratic engagement work on campus.

Landscape:

Front Range Community College is a public community college and joined the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge in 2022.

Our campus demographic and voting data:

Front Range Community College has 18,703 students.

Front Range Community College has not yet authorized the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) so does not yet have campus voter registration and voter turnout data.

Goals:

Our campus democratic engagement goals are:

Publicize our campus entry into the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge

Carry out several campus-wide events promoting voter education and engagement

Strategy:

Front Range Community College will implement these strategies to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and student voter participation.

On September 17, we sponsored a presentation and discussion to mark **Constitution Day: "Voting in America: Is Ranked Choice Voting a Good Idea?" The event was held from 12:30-1:30 in our Longs Peak Student Center. Ranked Choice voting was a local ballot issue in the city of Fort Collins.

On September 20, our campus observed **National Voter Registration Day. The League of Women Voters had a table in the Student Center and posters were distributed all over campus with a QR code that directed potential voters to the Colorado Secretary of State's voter registration site. The posters, in both English and Spanish, remained up through November 8.

**From October 10 to October 18, our Student Life office publicize "Civic Action Week," which consisted of the following events:

--"**Blue Book: Say What?**" This was an informational seminar how to use the Colorado Ballot Information Book. It was held Monday, October 10, from 7-9 in our Longs Peak Student Center.

--"**Intersectional Conversations on Reproductive Rights**," was a virtual discussion panel that was held on Tuesday, October 11, from 12:30 – 1:30.

--A **Gubernatorial Candidate Forum** watch party, held on Tuesday, October 11 from 5:30-6:30.

--**Voter Registration** in the Student Center with the Latinx Community Network and the local League of Women Voters on Wednesday, October 12, 10-3, and Thursday, October 13, 9:30-2.

--"**Deciding What's News**," was an on-campus, in-person panel discussion featuring three nationally-known journalists discussing the state of the news industry and how the media can help democracy function. This event was held on October 18, from 9-10:30, in our Student Center, and drew a crowd of over 100 students, faculty, and staff.

On October 26, our Student Government sponsored an outdoor table featuring information on, and a demonstration of, **ranked choice voting.

Our Graphic Arts Department sponsored a "Let's Vote**" **poster contest** in September and October. Fourteen original poster designs were submitted, and four were chosen in early October to be printed and posted around campus.

Our planning was a little rushed and scattershot this semester, but we made a good start. Our campus has a new President as of August 1, and the college has been in the process of adapting to new leadership and a reorganization plan. We have plans to pull together a formal all-college committee in the first months of 2023. At that point, we can begin drafting more formal action plans and official statements.

Evaluation:

We will evaluate our action plan in the following ways:

Front Range Community College recently authorized NSLVE and looks forward to analyzing our 2022 NSLVE report to assess out campus voting rates to make future voter registration and voter turnout goals.

Reporting:

Our campus action plan will be posted on our campus page on ALL IN's website <https://allinchallenge.org/campuses/front-range-community-college/>.

Our institution has given ALL IN permission to publish our NSLVE reports which are posted on our campus page on ALL IN's website.