



**CAMPUS  
DEMOCRACY  
CHALLENGE**

Lewis & Clark College 2020 Democratic Engagement Action Plan  
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### **Executive Summary:**

The Elections and Voter Engagement will be working in the short-term to increase voter engagement in this year's election and long-term to work with students who engage in civic engagement work, especially around issues like protest, voter advocacy, and engaging for non-citizens. We have a series of events which kicked off with national voter registration day and will end, depending on election results, the day or the week afterwards.

### **Leadership:**

Our leadership team includes the following:

- Ariel McGee, Director of Elections (Student Government)
- Arielle Valdez, Area Director (Student Life)
- Delfine Defrank, Graduate Assistant, Student Leadership & Service (Student Life)
- Dominique Gardner, Interim Director of Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement (Student Life)
- Elaine Hirsch, Associate Director of Watzek Library (Academic)
- Harold McNaron, Director of Student Leadership & Service (Student Life)
- Jessica Carron, Interim Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities (Student Life)
- Jessica Sweeney, Executive Assistant to the VP (Student Life)
- John Harvey, Interim Director of Campus Safety (Student Life)
- Leonardo Perez Lopez, Graduate Assistant, Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement (Academic)
- Michael Paz, Graduate Assistant, Student Rights & Responsibilities (Student Life)
- Mikah Bertelmann, President (Student Government)/Student Engagement Facilitator (Student Life)

### **Commitment:**

Our campus has not yet 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 email, By posting on institutional social media channels

### **Landscape:**

Our campus demographic and voting data:

We have a population of about 1500 students, with a majority white student population. We have relatively high voter registration rates but haven't as thoroughly tracked voting rates.

**Goals:**

Our campus democratic engagement goals are:

Short term: give students resources to actively participate in debates and the election via discussions, ballot information, etc.

Long term: provide a single, easily accessible place for students to get resources on voting in college as well as voter advocacy

**Strategy:**

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

In-person voter registration drives, Classroom voter registration presentations (in-person or virtual), Virtual voter education events (e.g. film screening, debates, lectures series, etc.)

We have a mixture of in-person and online events including debate watch parties, in-person voter registration drives, and mixed classroom voter registration and absentee ballot discussions.

**NSLVE:**

Lewis and Clark College has authorized NSLVE.

**Evaluation:**

We will evaluate our action plan in the following ways:

We are looking for the number of students that are registered and their rate of voter engagement through school and national survey documents where permissible by law.

**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.