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MAC Joins ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge

CLEVELAND, OH – The Mid-American Conference announced today that is has joined the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge (ALL IN), a national initiative of the 501(c)(3) Civic Nation, that recognizes colleges and universities for their commitment to nonpartisan democratic engagement efforts and increasing student voting rates. ALL IN encourages higher education institutions to help students form the habits of active and informed citizenship, make participation a core value on their campus, and cultivate generations of engaged citizens.

"For a number of years our membership has encouraged its student-athletes to be civically and socially engaged," said MAC Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher. "We talk about "Taking MACtion." In other words, being aware of issues and participating in their debate and the decision-making process. The partnership with All In is intended to assist the student-athletes in their efforts to make their voices heard."

"Nonpartisan engagement in the electoral process is a life skill all student-athletes, all students in general, should learn. At ALL IN, we're grateful to the MAC and the respective institutions of the conference for prioritizing such a skill," ALL IN Campus Challenge Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives Stephanie King said.

By joining ALL IN, the MAC institutions are making the commitment to developing and implementing an action plan to improve nonpartisan civic engagement at each campus with the assistance of a designated committee of relevant stakeholders on their

campus. Participation in ALL IN will also be considered part of the school's community service and civic engagement efforts.

ALL IN does not support or oppose candidates for public office or take a stand for or against any political party. It encourages active and informed participation in American democracy.

To learn more about the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, visit ALLINChallenge.org.

ABOUT ALL IN

Campus Democracy Challenge empowers colleges and universities to achieve excellence in nonpartisan student democratic engagement on more than 900 campuses nationwide. ALL IN works to improve civic learning, political engagement, and voter participation through an intentionally-designed program that provides structure, support, and recognition. ALL IN believes higher education should play a role in developing an active and informed citizenry by educating students, motivating them to engage in American democracy, and instilling the value of lifelong participation. ALL IN is a national, nonpartisan initiative of Civic Nation.

Mid-American Conference

The Mid-American Conference office is based in Cleveland, Ohio as the Conference office serves 12 full-time members and offer championships in 24 sports.

Founded in 1946, the Mid-American Conference is an NCAA Division I, 12-member conference that sponsors 24 championships and is one of ten members of the Football Bowl Subdivison (FBS). With total enrollment of nearly 300,000 students, the league represents institutions of higher learning in five (5) states - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, and Ohio.