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Salve Regina University 2024 Nonpartisan Democratic Engagement Action Plan

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Executive Summary

This nonpartisan democratic engagement action plan was developed by Salve Regina University in Rhode Island for the 2024 election cycle. The purpose of this action plan is to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and student voter registration, education, and turnout. The goals for Salve Regina University for the 2024 election are:

- Create a campus culture of civic engagement and responsibility by empowering students with the necessary information to fully participate in the democratic process.
- Enhance partnerships with community organizations, businesses, and government agencies to enhance civic engagement opportunities for students.
- Conduct Fall 2024 programming to enhance Salve student voter registration and turnout, including voter registration drives.

Leadership

Our ALL IN coalition is composed of:

- Katie Sonder, Associate Director of the Pell Center
- Olivia Seymour, Special Programs and Instruction Librarian, Black Student Union Advisor
- Patrick Campbell, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, Affiliate Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Relations
- Sean Dever, Salve class of 2025, Student Government Association President
- Black Student Union representative(s)
- Theresa Ladrigan-Whelpley, Vice President for Mission, Planning, & Innovation
- Jim Ludes, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Executive Director of the Pell Center
- Dyanna Moreira, Director of Student Engagement
- Gene Thompspon-Grove, League of Women Voters, RI
- Eileen Sweeney, Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, RI Department of State

Additional departments to connect with post-5/31

- Salve Democrats and Republican student groups; other identity-based student groups
- Residence life: staff and RA representative
- Athletics
- Marketing and Comms
- Compass program

Commitment

This is the first action plan that Salve Regina University has developed for ALL IN.

Salve Regina University participates in the following initiatives to support the development and implementation of our nonpartisan democratic engagement efforts on campus:

- Actively promotes and markets Mercy mission, which involves active engagement in creating a world that is harmonious, just, and merciful.
- Active relevant student clubs include: College Democrats, College Republicans, Student Government Association (SGA), Black Student Union.
- Salve has conducted voter registration drives in the past, most recently during the 2022 mid-term elections, organized and staffed by SGA.
- SGA has also facilitated election-related discussions, most recently before and after the 2020 elections.
- Various University offices, programs, and organizations bring speakers to campus that increase public understanding.
- Salve’s president has signed ALL IN’s Presidents’ Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation.

Landscape

Salve Regina University is a private 4 year institution with 2,817 students and joined the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge in 2024.

Salve draws most of its student body from New England States plus New York and New Jersey, therefore voting information from these states is most relevant. See index for state-specific information, including upcoming elections relevant to action planning, voter ID laws, vote-by-mail processes, and absentee ballots request timelines.

Undergraduate demographic data	
<p><i>Race</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic: 10.1% • Asian: 1.8% • Black or African American: 1.2% • White: 76.6% • Two or more races: 3.3% • Unknown: 3.5% • U.S. non-resident: 3.4% • Less than 1%: American Indian, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 	<p><i>Other</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First gen: 19.6% • Not first gen: 80.6% • Male: 30.4% • Female: 69.6% • 18-21 years old: 88.8% • 22-24: 10.4% • Athlete (official): 29.7%
<p><i>State</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RI: 13.9% • CT: 19.7% • MA: 32.3% • NH: 3.8% • ME: 1.3% 	<p><i>Residential vs. commuter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential undergrad: 59.8% • Commuter undergrad: 40.2%

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NY: 10.5% • NJ: 7.6% • PA: 1% 	
Academic Level	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate: 73.1% • Professional studies: 1.5% (entirely online) • Graduate and doctoral: 25.4% (entirely online) 	

Goals

Our institution's nonpartisan democratic engagement goals are:

Short-term goals:

- Have president sign the [ALL IN Higher Education Presidents' Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation](#) by April 2024 (*completed*).
- Report student voting information to NSLVE in 2024 (*completed; Salve has enrolled in NSLVE*).
- Join Braver Angels RI Alliance (*completed; Katie Sonder has joined*).
- Identify and recruit at least two more Salve undergraduate students to join coalition by the start of the Fall 2024 semester.
- Host a series of civic engagement events in Fall 2024 (more information below).
- Create a SalveVotes Instagram account to share event and voting-related information. Identify social media manager to run account.

2025 goals:

- Once we receive our first NSLVE report, likely in Fall 2025, determine baseline and create additional S.M.A.R.T.I.E. goals (Specific, Measurable, Ambitious, Realistic, Timebound, Inclusive, and Equitable) around student voter registration and voter turnout.
- Host at least one post-election event during Spring 2025 semester.
- Brainstorm initiatives to enhance a culture of civic engagement beyond voting.

Long-term goals:

- Create a campus culture of civic engagement and responsibility by empowering students with the necessary information to fully participate in the democratic process.
- Enhance partnerships with community organizations, businesses, and government agencies to enhance civic engagement opportunities for students.
- Identify ways to embed civic engagement in student experience, e.g. include voter registration information session in new student orientation.
- Increase registration and voting rates by 5% between 2024 and 2028 presidential election years through our short and long term strategies.

Strategy

Salve Regina University will implement these strategies to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and student voter participation.

- Coalition meeting in early September to finalize Action Plan after receiving feedback from All In.
- Identify how to obtain ballot drop off bins for mail in ballots and place in a central location around campus.
- Host three voter registration drives during the Fall 2024 semester.
 - Sept 17th: [National Voter Registration Day/Constitution Day](#) voter registration drive
 - Location: Miley
 - Time: 11am-1:30pm; 5pm-7pm
 - Staff/volunteers: Olivia Seymour and TBD
 - Library event link: <https://salve.libcal.com/event/12523200>
 - October 8th: Voter registration drive
 - Location: O'Hare
 - Time: 11am-2pm
 - Staff/volunteers: Olivia Seymour and TBD
 - October 29th: [Vote Early Day](#)/SRU civic engagement fair
 - The final registration drive will be part of a Civic Engagement Fair, which will highlight campus organizations focused on civic engagement. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about each club, sign up to join, and register to vote. We will also add interactive elements, like a raffle, snacks, discussion spaces, etc.
 - Location: McKillop Library
 - Time: TBD
 - Staff/volunteers: TBD
 - Clubs: TBD
- Promote voter registration events through Salve Today, SalveVotes Instagram account, and student wide emails.
- The Pell Center, in collaboration with a student group (either SGA or College Democrats and College Republicans) will host one debate watch party and at least one roundtable session on political engagement and dialogue.
- Create plan to publish action plan and event calendar on Salve.edu and/or through Salve Today.
- Coalition meeting in January 2025 to identify post-election event opportunities.

Evaluation

We will evaluate our action plan in the following ways:

- Salve Regina University has authorized the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) to receive campus voting data to help with the evaluation of our action plan and nonpartisan democratic engagement efforts.

We will receive our first report on student voter registration and voter turnout in Fall 2025.

- Compile estimated attendee numbers for voter registration drives and events.
- Evaluate effectiveness of events and areas of opportunity during January coalition meeting.

Reporting

We will report on civic engagement work in the following ways:

- Our campus action plan will be posted on our campus page on ALL IN's website <https://allinchallenge.org/campuses/salve-regina-university/>.
- Salve Regina University has given ALL IN permission to publish our past NSLVE reports, which will be found on our campus page above.
- Salve will publish action plan, events series, and NSLVE data report on salve.edu.

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State Voting Information and Timelines

RHODE ISLAND

- Tues, April 2, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, Sept. 10, 2024: State Primary
 - Aug. 11: Voter registration deadline (received by)
 - Aug. 20: Absentee ballot request deadline (received by)
 - Sept. 10: Absentee ballot return deadline (submitted by)
 - Aug. 21 – Sept. 9: early voting available
 - Emergency ballot period
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Oct. 6: Voter registration deadline (received by)
 - Oct. 15: Absentee ballot request deadline (received by)
 - Nov. 5: Absentee ballot return deadline (submitted by)
 - Oct. 16 – Nov. 4: Early voting available
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, provide one of following: last four of SSN, RI driver's license number, RI ID number

MASSACHUSETTS

- Tues, Mar. 5, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, Sept. 3, 2024: State Primary
 - Aug 24: Voter registration deadline (postmarked by; in-person request by 5pm; online by 11:59pm)
 - Aug. 26: Absentee ballot request deadline (request to receive blank ballot by mail by)
 - Sept. 3: Absentee ballot return deadline
 - Sept. 6: Absentee ballot return deadline (postmarked one or before election day and received by)
 - Aug. 23 – Sept. 1: Early voting
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Oct. 26: Voter registration deadline (postmarked by; in-person request by 5pm; online by)
 - Oct. 29: Absentee ballot request deadline (request to receive blank ballot by mail by)
 - Nov. 8: Absentee ballot return deadline (postmarked one or before election day and received by 8pm)
 - Oct. 19 – Nov. 1: Early voting
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, provide one of following: last four of SSN, MA driver's license number, MA ID number

CONNECTICUT

- Tues, Apr. 2, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, Aug. 13, 2024: State Primary
 - Aug. 5: Voter registration deadline (received by)
 - Aug. 13: Voter registration deadline (election day registration and voting by 8pm)

- Aug. 12: Absentee ballot request deadline (submitted by)
 - Absentee ballot return deadline (in person, received by)
- Aug. 13: Absentee ballot return deadline (post received by 8pm)
 - Received in dropbox by 8pm
- Mon. Jul 29 – Aug. 11: Early voting
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Oct 29: Voter registration deadline (received by)
 - Nov. 5: Voter registration deadline (election day registration and voting by 8pm)
 - Nov. 4: Absentee ballot request deadline (submitted by)
 - Absentee ballot return deadline (in person, received by)
 - Nov. 5: Absentee ballot return deadline (post received by 8pm)
 - Received in dropbox by 8pm
 - Oct. 21 – Nov. 3: Early voting
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, provide one of following: last four of SSN, CT driver's license number, CT ID number, CT learner's permit

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Tues, Jan. 23, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, Sept. 10, 2024: State Primary
 - Aug. 28: Voter registration deadline (in-person request by; submitted by)
 - Sept. 10: Voter registration deadline (election day registration and voting)
 - Sept. 9: Absentee ballot request deadline (submitted by 5pm)
 - Sept. 10: Absentee ballot return deadline (post received by 5pm)
 - Early voting N/A
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Oct. 23: Voter registration deadline (in-person, request by; submitted by – confirm date with local election office)
 - Nov. 5: Voter registration deadline (election day registration and voting)
 - Nov. 4: Absentee ballot request deadline (submitted by 5pm)
 - Nov. 5: Absentee ballot return deadline (post received by 5pm)
 - Early voting – none on record
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, acceptable IDs include: Valid New Hampshire Vehicle Registration, Valid Student ID, Certificate of Vehicle Ownership, Valid ID Issued by Another State, Birth Certificate, Valid New Hampshire non-driver's ID, Valid US Passport, Valid New Hampshire issued ID, Valid Military ID, Valid New Hampshire Driver's License except one issued to an individual that is not a United States citizen, A signed, Challenged Voter Registration Affidavit, Valid Federal issued ID

VERMONT

- Tues, Mar. 5, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, Aug. 13, 2024: State Primary
 - Aug. 13: Voter registration deadline (submitted by)
 - Aug 12: Absentee ballot request deadline (submitted by)
 - Aug. 13: Absentee ballot return deadline (in-person, received by; submitted by)
 - Jun. 29 – Aug. 12: Early voting
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Nov. 4: Voter registration deadline (submitted by 5pm)

- Nov. 5: Voter registration deadline (election day registration and voting by 7pm)
- Nov. 4: Absentee ballot request deadline (submitted by 5pm)
- Nov. 4: Absentee ballot return deadline (in the election office by 5pm; received in dropbox by)
- Nov. 5: Absentee ballot return deadline (post received by 7pm; hand delivered to ballot polling place by 7pm)
- Early voting – none on record
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, provide one of following: current or valid photo ID, last four digits of SSN, VT driver's license number, VT ID number

MAINE

- Tues, Mar. 5, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, June 11, 2024: State Primary
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Oct. 15: Voter registration deadline (post received by; online by 11:59pm)
 - Oct. 29: Voter registration deadline (at DMV and other state agencies by 11:59pm)
 - Nov. 5: Voter registration deadline (election day registration and voting; in-person request by 8pm)
 - Nov. 2: Absentee ballot request deadline (received by)
 - Nov. 5: Absentee ballot return deadline (received by 8pm)
 - Oct. 6 – Oct. 31: Early voting (in-person absentee voting)
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, provide one of following: Your Maine Driver's License Number, Your Maine ID Number, Valid US Passport, Last Four Digits of your Social Security Number, Public Assistance ID, Social Security Card, Valid Student ID from State School, Certified Copy of US Birth Certificate, Utility Bill, Bank Statement, Government Check, or Paycheck that Shows your current name and address, Valid Military ID

NEW YORK

- Tues, Apr. 2, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, Apr. 30, 2024: Congressional District 26 Special Election
- Tues, June 25, 2024: State Primary
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Oct. 21: Voter registration deadline (postmarked by)
 - Oct. 26: Voter registration deadline (in-person, received by; post received by)
 - Oct. 26: Absentee ballot request deadline (online by; postmarked by)
 - Nov. 4: Absentee ballot request deadline (in-person request by)
 - Nov. 5: Absentee ballot return deadline (in-person, received by)
 - Nov. 6: Absentee ballot return deadline (post received by; when postmark is missing)
 - Nov. 12: Absentee ballot return deadline (Postmarked On or Before Election Day and Received by)
 - Oct. 26 – Nov. 3: Early voting
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, provide one of following: last four digits of SSN, NY driver's license number, NY non-driver ID number

NEW JERSEY

- Tues, June 4, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, June 4, 2024: State Primary
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Oct. 15: Voter registration deadline (received by)
 - Oct. 29: Absentee ballot request deadline (post received by)
 - Nov. 4: Absentee ballot request deadline (in-person, received by 3pm)
 - Nov. 5: Absentee ballot return deadline (in-person, received by 8pm)
 - Nov. 11: Absentee ballot return deadline (postmarked on or before election day and received by 8pm)
 - Oct. 26 – Nov. 3: early voting
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, provide one of following: last four digits of SSN, NJ driver's license number, NJ non-driver ID number

PENNSYLVANIA

- Tues, Apr. 23, 2024: Presidential Primary
- Tues, Apr. 23, 2024: State Primary
- Tues, Nov. 5, 2024: General Election
 - Oct. 21: Voter registration deadline (received by)
 - Oct. 29: Absentee ballot request deadline (post received by 5pm)
 - Nov. 5: Absentee ballot return deadline (received by 8pm)
 - Sept. 16 – Nov. 5: early voting
- [Requirements and information](#)
 - To register to vote, provide one of following: PA driver's license number, PA non-driver ID number; if have neither, may provide last four digits of SSN.