



## **ALL IN Announces Launch of Student Vote Research Network**

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The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge (ALL IN), in collaboration with the Students Learn Students Vote (“SLSV”) Coalition, Fair Election Center’s Campus Vote Project (“CVP”), and the Scholar Strategy Network, announced today the launch of the Student Vote Research Network (“SVRN”), an inclusive, collaborative space for scholars, students, advocacy organizations and community practitioners to come together to grow college student voter engagement through research and programming.

The SVRN will combine cutting-edge research methodologies with deep institutional knowledge and rich on-the-ground experience from practitioners, producing actionable insights for policy makers, funders, and the public while addressing knowledge gaps about underrepresented student voting populations. In doing so, the newly-formed network will pioneer a strategy known as “inclusive consensus,” in which community partners and scholars co-create usable knowledge together, democratizing methods traditionally practiced exclusively by the academic community without direct input from on-the-ground partners.

“The collaborative Student Vote Research Network creates a space for researchers and practitioners from colleges and universities and nonpartisan partner organizations to learn about and advance our understanding of college student voting,” said Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, executive director of Civic Nation’s ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. “It complements existing work and will serve as a catalyst for raising the bar on an already active field of inquiry and excellence.”

The nonpartisan student voting space has already seen such collaborations produce extraordinary results, such as the [2021 Menlo College study](#) run by Dr. Melissa Michelson, who worked with the *Ask Every Student (AES)* initiative in a national study of more than 2,200 students at 14 campuses that participated in the national joint initiative that supports campus efforts to achieve full student voter registration by asking every student to participate in the democratic process. Through this collaboration, Dr. Michelson was able to produce ground-breaking scholarship that provided important confirmation of the efficacy of the *AES* program, as well as important insights on how to make the program even more effective in the

future. Scholars, students, advocacy groups, and community practitioners will now have a dedicated space to collaborate for more extraordinary work.

“The SVRN is fundamentally about bridging gaps between groups – the academic community, community organizers and advocates, students - that traditionally operate separately, but share the same goals and will each benefit enormously from working with each other,” said SLSV Coalition ACLS Leading Edge Fellow Dr. Beatrice Wayne. “We want to bring the power of research to student nonpartisan civic engagement, and the experience and perspective of organizers to the academic community.”

The SVRN will officially launch on Wednesday, April 27, when it hosts the inaugural Workshop on the State of the Student Vote, a collaborative space for dialogue among scholars, students, and advocates dedicated to growing college student voter engagement. The workshop will provide an opportunity for attendees to share existing knowledge, workshop on-going projects, and brainstorm ideas about up-and-coming research initiatives.

**The Student Vote Research Network** is a joint effort of the Students Learn Students Vote Coalition, the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, the Fair Elections Center’s Campus Vote Project, and the Scholar Strategy Network. Academic partners include Menlo College, the University of Maryland’s Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement, and the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

### **ALL IN**

The [ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge](#) (ALL IN) is a national nonpartisan initiative of Civic Nation, a 501(c)(3) organization. The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge strives to change civic culture and institutionalize democratic engagement activities and programs on college campuses, making voter participation a defining feature of campus life.

ALL IN, in collaboration with over 860 higher education institutions, seeks to make participation in local, state, and federal elections a social norm; substantially increase the number of college students who are democratically engaged on an ongoing basis, during and between elections, and not just at the polls, and; make educating for democratic engagement on college campuses an accepted and expected part of the culture and curriculum so that students graduate with the knowledge, skills, behaviors, and values needed to be an informed and active citizen.