



## Tommie's Vote 2020 Action Plan

### Overview:

The University of St. Thomas is engaging its student body to register to vote, gain resources about the variety of ways to vote, learn about the election process, participate in election-related events, and vote on Election Day.

### Collaborators:

Civic-Voter-Engagement Committee is made up of a combination of cross campus partners from the Center for the Common Good, Student Affairs, Faculty, and University Administration professionals, plus involved students and community partners.

### Goals:

- Provide students with accessible ways to register to vote.
- Provide students with resources about the variety of ways to vote including absentee voting, voting in another state, and voting while abroad.
- Provide students with resources to learn about the election process.
- Provide students with opportunities to participate in panel-facilitated discussions and lectures (in person and virtually)
- Inform students of campus polling location so they have an accessible place to vote on Election
- Work with all University Social Media accounts to engage students in voter registration/voter engagement/voting for fall 2020.

### Voter Registration:

- Update Website which provides navigation links and instructions for registration
- We will continue to set up voter registration tables at the Library and the Anderson Student Center and hold virtual registration opportunities such as #couchparty
- Participate in National Voter Registration Day (September 22, 2020) & Vote Early Day (October 24, 2020)
- Residence Life email will go out to all on-campus residents providing:
  - Voting locations
  - Information on how to register for an absentee ballot to vote at permanent residence
  - Reference information to the library guide website
- We will engage the University President to film a video encouraging all members of the St. Thomas community to register to vote by mail or in person (covid19 dependent)
- We will engage the First Year Experience and FYE 200 Changemaking Course on showing a power-point slide to remind students to register to vote



- Engage all Faculty with a Changemaking designated course to put a Registration button on their CANVAS sites.
- Continue to provide reminders for Voting Registration on TommieLink (Link to Turbo Vote).
  - Reminder to register-banner on top of website
  - Reminder to vote
- Engage the CEEP student interns to engage more students on voting/voting registration.

## Voter Education:

- On-line library guide will be highlighted as a resource for students.
- University wide articles about the importance of Voter Registration, Voter Engagement, Voting as a way of action written by members of the Civic-Voter-Engagement Committee
- During Spark Week (September 15 to September 19, 2020) a VOTING as Changemaking event will take place.
- Dr. Ande Nesmith will be implementing a voter engagement project in the SOWK 391 class (Social Policy for Social Change). Students will be required to work in groups to register and engage voters. Dr. Katharine Hill (who initially developed the classroom based model in this class) will serve as a resource to other faculty who may wish to implement voter engagement projects in their classes.
- Center for Common Good and Student Affairs will work with the Campus Election Engagement Project Fellow (CEEP) in collaborative efforts to provide educational information and increase voter engagement.
- After the tenth day of classes, Off-Campus Student Life will have a list of off campus students. At that time, emails will go out to those students providing information on voting locations. Links will be provided to the Secretary of State Webpage and to the St. Thomas voting webpage.
- Working with different student clubs to host events that are non-partisan and focused on dialogue and understanding
  - Building on our Changemaking Skills
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is designated as Changemaking Days at our institution, all students will receive a University President Email to encourage Voting on Tuesday Election Day with resources to be received Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.
- The Undergraduate Student Government will provide free bus passes to students, allowing them to go to their voting locations.
- Get Out the Vote: Will be asking Student Government to sponsor #TommiesVote campaign.
- A multidisciplinary faculty committee will continue to collaborate to support research on voter and civic engagement at St. Thomas.