

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT - RESOURCE LIST

Next Steps:

- Leadership: student organization or club, campus-wide committee or working group, paid student position, staff assignment, service-learning course
- Policy and process: plan and calendar, campus political activities, student demonstrations, voter registration at orientation or course registration, TurboVote, campus communications, connecting with local board of elections, annual events (NVRD, Constitution Day)
- Issues: voting rights, electoral reform, local issues, civil dialogue, poll workers, 2017 NC election

Resources for institutions:

CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement)

Focuses on young people in the United States, especially those who are marginalized or disadvantaged in political life. Based at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University.

<http://civicyouth.org/>

NSLVE (National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement)

NSLVE objectively examines student and institution-level data on student voting and shares these data with campuses. Participation is free, easy, and protective of student privacy. More than 1000 schools are part of the study. <http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/research/nslve/>

AASCU American Democracy Project Blog

Great source for info on events and resources related to higher education civic engagement.

<https://adpaascu.wordpress.com/>

NASPA Lead Initiative

A network of 96 member schools that emphasize the work of student affairs in fostering civic learning and democratic engagement. <https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/groups/lead-initiative>

Campus Vote Project - Voter-Friendly Campus Designation

Joint project with NASPA to recognize campuses that have deliberately institutionalized support for student voter engagement.

<http://campusvoteproject.org/administrators/voter-friendly-campus-designation/>

2017 Civic Learning & Democratic Engagement Meeting Organized by ADP, TDC, and NASPA

#CLDE17, June 7-10, 2017 in Baltimore, <http://www.aascu.org/meetings/clde17/>

Opportunities for students:

State of North Carolina Internship Program – offers students real-world experience in a wide range of state government workplaces. Eligible students must be a permanent North Carolina resident attending a college, university, law school, technical institute, or community college.

<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/2017-state-nc-internships>

Running Start Star Fellowship – Spring and fall semester fellowships are available to college-aged women via national non-partisan non-profit Running Start. Star Fellows intern for a female Member of Congress Monday - Thursday and receive training and mentorship on Friday. Star Fellows live together in

a house on Capitol Hill, free of charge, and are provided with a modest living stipend for the semester.
<http://runningstartonline.org/programs/star-fellowship>

Partnership for Public Service Fellowships – for undergraduate and graduate students as well as recent graduates to contribute to the Partnership’s mission to revitalize our federal government by transforming the way government works and inspiring a new generation to serve.

<https://ourpublicservice.org/about-us/internship-program.php>

Democracy Summer Internship – Democracy NC – a non-partisan organization that seeks to increase voter participation – hires NC college students to work as paid student organizers for nine weeks under the guidance of an experienced organizer. All rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled in NC community colleges, colleges, and universities are eligible to apply. www.democracy-nc.org

Andrew Goodman Foundation – a national foundation that places Vote Everywhere Ambassadors on campuses to strengthen democracy by leading long-term voter engagement and social justice initiatives. In NC, Elon University, East Carolina, Western Carolina, and UNC Charlotte host Ambassadors.

andrewgoodman.org/

Common Cause NC Democracy Fellow – Common Cause NC offers part-time fellowships to students at NC HBCU’s to carry out campus organizing and voter engagement.

<http://commoncausenc.org/hbcu/>

For community partners:

Nonprofit Vote

Guidance and resources on staying non-partisan, issue advocacy, and engaging non-profit clients.

<http://www.nonprofitvote.org/>

For dialogue:

Institute for Higher Education and Democracy

Collaborative Action Documents – a running list of resources for post-election action, including how to support undocumented students, legislator calling resources, etc.

<http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/wp-content/uploads/Collaborative-Action-Documents.pdf>

Facilitating Political Discussions Training Guide

<http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/wp-content/uploads/FacilitatingPoliticalDialoguesWorkshop.pdf>

National Institute for Civil Discourse

Resources, research, and programs to foster civility: <http://nicd.arizona.edu/>

Center for Civic Reflection

Especially resources around theme of citizenship and democracy:

<http://civicreflection.org/resources/library/themes-big-questions/category/citizenship-and-democracy>

National Issues Forum

Deliberative dialogue approach and discussion guides, including “Political Fix: How do we get American Politics Back on Track” <https://www.nifi.org/es/issue-guides/issue-guides>