

California State University, Northridge All In Democracy Challenge Action Plan

California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is *ALL IN* to encourage, develop, support and education about civic engagement and participation in the democratic process. This document summarizes the activities happening throughout campus during this election season.

CSUN's All In Democratic Challenge Campus Team:

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- Vicki Allen, Assistant Director, Matador Involvement Center, Student Affairs
- Jeremy Mauritzen, student, Chair of Legislative Affairs, Associated Students
- Francesca Vega, Director of Government and Community Relations, University Advancement
- Anthony Cantrell, Assistant Director, Valley Performing Arts Center

Together, we have coordinated and compiled a summary of many of the events and activities for the CSUN campus community during this election cycle. In addition to a significant campaign for voter registration and voting participation, our events and activities focus on educating and encouraging students (and others) to participate in the democratic process by analyzing the electoral issues, participating in civil discourse and debate, and a respect for different perspectives. Because of the significant number of international and "Dream" students, who are not eligible to vote, we encourage ways of participating that build self-efficacy and encourage lifelong civic engagement.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Ongoing

Through a partnership among Associated Students, Student Affairs and Community Engagement, we have purchased a university account for TurboVote. We have encouraged students to sign up by email, social media, and through the link inside the student portal and LMS. Competition for registrations are occurring among the Greek and Panhellenic houses and Student Housing. Additionally, representatives from student and community organizations are on campus daily helping to complete voter registrations. At least one academic class has been assigned a service learning project to assist in voter registration.

VOTER INFORMATION: Ongoing

Through TurboVote, as well as other recommended sites including Skimm, Rock The Vote, and iCitizen, students are encouraged to follow political issues and be informed about the local, state and national issues. At least one academic class has been assigned a service learning project to learn about the California ballot initiatives and to present two sided arguments about these issues.

RESOURCES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Clashes Over Citizenship: Webinar Series on Promoting Listening, Learning, and Engagement

- http://www.aacu.org/citizenship/events-resources?utm_medium=email&utm_source=citizenship16&utm_campaign=citizenship16

Facilitating Difficult Dialogues: An Intercultural Praxis Approach for Transformational Learning

When:

Wednesday, Sep. 28, 2016, 4 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, 4 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016, 4 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, 4 – 6 p.m.

This series of workshops, led by Professor Kathryn Sorrells (Communication Studies) focuses on how to facilitate difficult dialogues and classroom interaction regarding different perspectives, positionally privilege, and power. An intercultural praxis model, grounded in social justice, is used to address cultural differences within the context of systematic and historical relations of power.

STUDENT EVENTS & RESOURCES

DEBATE WATCH PARTIES

**Hosted by Forensics Coach, John Klephart III
@ The Oviatt Library Media Wall in the ASRS Room, Main Floor**

Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

First Presidential Debate Watch & Discussion

Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Vice Presidential Debate Watch & Discussion

Includes panel discussion with a visiting debate team from the UK about their perception on the US election and process

Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Second Presidential Debate Watch & Discussion

Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Third Presidential Debate Watch & Discussion

Contact: Isis Leninger, Creative Media Studio Coordinator. She can be reached at isis.leininger@csun.edu or (818)677-7629 (NBC)
<http://library.csun.edu/learning-commons/media-wall>

WE THE PEOPLE & BIG POLITICS

Hosted by Associated Students

Oct. 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sierra Lawn

Associated Students will be hosting its annual political fair. There will be various candidates, political organizations from around LA and the valley, and many chances to learn about the current issues. Join us for a day of politics, free food, games, art, and fun.

WIKIPEDIA: Meetup/WikiCalifornia Elections 2016

Oct. 11, 1 – 4 p.m.

Oviatt Library

Learn about editing Wikipedia entries and about the California ballot initiatives for the 2016 election. Open to all. Registration link and more information available:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/WikiCalifornia_Elections_2016

Contact: Laura Wimberly, Oviatt Library

PANEL DISCUSSION
Hosted by Center for Southern California Studies

Oct. 18
Time and Place TBD
Contact: Larry Becker

“BRING IT TO THE TABLE”
FILM SCREENING
Hosted by Community Engagement and Student Affairs

October – TBD Facilitated screening of the film “Bring it to the Table” that makes us focus on the issues and outcomes voters seek – not on the party to which they subscribe.

CALIFORNIA STATE BALLOT GRAND INITIATIVE DISCUSSION

Oct. 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ferman Presentation Room, Oviatt Library.
Contact: Laura Wimberly, Oviatt Library

VOTE OR DIE LAUGHING

Nov. 1, 8 p.m., Valley Performing Arts Center

The 2016 election trail has been harrowing and hilarious. No better time to send in the clowns of political satire — Culture Clash! The boys are back in the Valley just one week before the election. Join them to celebrate Día de los Muertos with some of the most daring artists of our time, Carpa Mexicana for the politically inclined. Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Siguenza lead the LA-based Culture Clash, now surpassing their 5000th performance, shining a light on the brown rainbow and giving voice to the voiceless.

<http://www.valleyperformingartscenter.org/calendar/details/vote-or-die-laughing>

Nov. 8: ELECTION DAY!