



# **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACTION PLAN 2018**



**Quinnipiac University  
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## Summary

Quinnipiac University (QU) strives to create individuals that are valued and contributing members of their communities. With this in mind Quinnipiac will actively encourage students getting involved in the democratic process, educating themselves on important issues and fulfilling civic responsibilities beyond political lines. The 2018 action plan encompasses efforts from August 1, 2018 through the end of the calendar year. The plan strives to reach 4 key metrics and consists of 11 action items.

## Goals

- Have 25% of students vote on Election Day (7% higher than 2014 NSLVE average)
- Have 75% of students registered to vote (13% higher than 2014 NSLVE average)
- Be physically responsible for getting 100 students to polling locations
- Be physically responsible for registering 200 students to vote

## Action Items

Initiative	Responsible Contact	Progress
Incorporate voter registration into First Year Seminar	Luke/Thomas	Thomas will email all FYS professors about voter registration
Provide transportation from Mount Carmel Campus and York Hill Campus to voting location	Luke/Campus Life	
Send out University wide emails with the simplest means to register to vote	KP/Integrated Marketing & Communications	
Table in populated areas of Mount Carmel, York Hill, and North Haven campuses to register students, faculty and staff on September 25,	Luke books rooms Luke makes sign-up sheet KP & Luke train volunteers	EMS DoYouQU submitted

October 1, October 3, and October 10		
Put a box at the campus post office for free delivery for voter registration forms	Luke	
Celebrate National Voter Registration Day (Sept 25) with a party for those who have registered or register to get in	Hannah Pancak/SPB	
Host a debate, forum or town hall with candidates	Professors McLean & Duffy	
Pass nonpartisan leaflets with candidates information, views and stances	Courtney Marchese	
Have registration tables at political and community events (Fresh Check Day, SYE BBQ, etc.)	SYE BBQ 9/6 - Done! Fresh Check Day 10/2 Fall in the Halls 10/13	
Give t-shirts to give to volunteers to help encourage registration	KP	
Place ads on campus TV screens and MyQ as well as posters around campus to remind students about registration and election day	KP & Courtney	
Incorporate voter registration into orientation	Luke & KP - done!	Tabling at orientation registration. Further incorporation next year.

Host a presentation/lunch & learn on elections issues and voting information	Courtney Marchese & Hannah	
Chartwells providing cupcakes for National Voter Registration Day	Luke – done!	
Visit New Member Education meetings in FSI groups	KP	
Outreach to student orgs	SGA/VP for Student Experience	
Socrates Café Events	Professors McLean & Duffy	
Celebrate National Constitution Day (Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> ) by handing out Constitutions and registering people to vote.	SGA	

**Committee Members (\*denotes co-chairs)**

- Katherine Pezzella – Director of Campus Life for Fraternity & Sorority Life\*
- Luke Ahearn – Student Government Association Vice President\*
- Scott McLean – Professor of Political Science
- Sean Duffy – Albert Schweitzer Institute & Political Science
- Lisa Burns – Professor of Media Studies
- Thomas Williams – First Year Seminar Course Leader
- Abbie O’Neill – DCGE
- Vince Contrucci – Director of Community Service
- Hannah Pancak – Assistant Director of Campus Life for Student Centers & Student Involvement
- Stephanie Felix – Student Programming Board
- Rouskey Carpel – QU Democrats
- Jeremy Wiss – College Republicans
- Courtney Marchese – Associate Professor, School of Communications

Rachel Russell – Associate Director of Student Conduct  
Andrew Lavoie – Residence Hall Director  
Joe Lehocky – Residence Hall Director  
Alycia Johnston – Residence Hall Director  
Josh Turner – Residence Hall Director