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MSU Denver ADP Committee Mission Statement

The American Democracy Project at MSU Denver aims to develop citizens who can demonstrate civic skills, knowledge, and motivation at local, regional, national, and global scales. The values that ground this work are self-efficacy, fairness, social justice, equity, diversity, collaboration, and personal and collective responsibility.

Vision

We envision a University-wide commitment, including from both curricular and co-curricular programs, to develop students into engaged and informed citizens of our globally connected democracy. Students, staff, and faculty will develop and employ the skills of democracy, such as collaboration, coordination, dialogue, and deliberation, and MSU Denver students will engage broadly in the processes of participatory democracy. All involved in civic engagement (students, faculty, staff, and community partners) will have a shared understanding of the impact of engagement on student learning, on community partners, and on the University. Lasting, reciprocal, and mutually beneficial relationships with community partners will be valued.

Civic Learning Outcomes

When students graduate from MSU Denver, they will be able to:

- Articulate a sense of responsibility and personal commitment to addressing global and local challenges.
- Demonstrate skills of influence and action, including persuasion, appropriate contacts, and understanding organizational arrangements.
- Demonstrate skills of communication and leadership, including taking responsibility for group outcomes, processes and products; speaking publically.
- Demonstrate skills of political analysis and judgment, including the ability to weigh pros and cons as well as take trade-offs into consideration.
- Demonstrate skills of teamwork and collaboration, including managing conflict and navigating diverse positions.
ALL IN specific goals (January 2018)

1. Provide high quality engagement programming to increase civic discourse and educated voting. We will focus on maintaining awareness of current legislative issues and upcoming elections. It is our goal to keep students interested in the issues.

2. Based on the NSLVE data, MSU Denver increased its presidential voting rate by 2.1% achieving a 65.9% rate. Our goal for 2018 is to maintain high voting rates specifically for the midterm election cycle.

3. Based on the NSLVE data, in 2016 our voting registration rate was 79.4% Our goal is to increase 1 percent this election to 80.4%.

Fall 2017 Civic Engagement Programming

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<td>Sept 14</td>
<td>2-3:15 pm</td>
<td>Supreme Injustice: Slavery in the Nation's Highest Court - Prof. Paul Finkelman.</td>
<td>Tivoli Baerresen Ballroom</td>
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<td>Sept 15</td>
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<td>Constitution Day – Focus on the 1st Amendment</td>
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<td>Sept 25</td>
<td>10:30 am</td>
<td>Dr. Christine Sierra, &quot;Takin' Care of Business in la House (and Senate): Latinas y el Poder&quot;</td>
<td>St. Cajetans</td>
<td>Richard T. Castor Professorship</td>
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<td>Sept 27</td>
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<td>Immigration panel discussion</td>
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<td>Oct 4</td>
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<td>Bring it to the Table (Julie Winokur)</td>
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<td>Religion and Violence</td>
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<td>Oct 20</td>
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<td>CO-Leads Student Summit</td>
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<td>Diane Guerrero (author visit)</td>
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<td>Nov 16</td>
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<td>Race &amp; Justice (Mayor Hancock &amp; Claudia Rankine)</td>
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<td>The Last Bill, A Senator's Story (Film screening and panel discussion)</td>
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<td>Oscar Arias (Laureate visit to Denver)</td>
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Moving Forward

We do not expect any significant implementation challenges to our plan. Our committee will meet 2 times a semester. We plan to have goal three completed by the November 2018 midterm election. We will evaluate our successes and challenges after the release of the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement report. Through this report, we will measure the impact of our efforts. We want to stress that goal one is a year long initiative that will not end with the election.