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123 Colleges and Universities Designated “Voter Friendly Campuses”

Washington, DC – 123 campuses in 31 states earned the designation as “Voter Friendly Campuses” through a program sponsored by NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and Fair Election Center’s Campus Vote Project (CVP). The program requires campuses to engage their student body and promote voter registration and voting as part of their institutional mission. The goal of the Voter Friendly Campus designation program is to bolster efforts that help students overcome barriers to participating in the political process and develop a culture of democratic engagement on campus.

The institutions that undertook the designation process represented a range of two-year, four-year, public, private, rural, and urban campuses, with a total enrollment of nearly 2 million students.

Throughout 2018, campus representatives participated in trainings to develop, implement and report results for engagement programs that encouraged their students to register and vote. Campuses were evaluated on their ability to complete a three-step process. These included writing a campus plan about how they would engage student voters in the fall of 2018, facilitating voter engagement efforts on their campus, and writing a final analysis on their efforts. The designation is valid through December 2020.

“Institutionalizing voter engagement, registration, and turnout efforts on college campuses is no easy feat for institutions of higher learning; especially in today’s political climate wherein many communities are polarized.” said NASPA President Kevin Kruger. “With the second iteration of the Voter Friendly Campus program, we’ve learned that campuses that have been most successful in fostering a campus climate inclusive of democratic participation do so by intentionally including multiple facets of the institutions’ community in fostering the skills, knowledge, and dispositions supporting students’ civic agency.”

Motivating students to register and vote establishes civic habits that last well beyond the collegiate experience. Incorporating democratic engagement into campus life creates structure and stability for students as they explore what their political beliefs are, and how they would like to engage in the democratic process.

“As a part of my undergraduate experience, my alma mater follows the motto of educating citizen leaders. This has stuck with me through my personal and professional

life and is the cornerstone for where I first developed the skills of civic participation. Our work at Campus Vote Project and the development of the Voter Friendly Campus designation with NASPA allows us to continue to foster the civic mission of higher education to prepare the next generation of citizen leaders,” said Mike Burns, National Director of Campus Vote Project, a project of Fair Elections Center.

The following colleges and universities earned the Voter Friendly Campus designation for 2019-2020:

Alfred State College	James Madison University
Alfred University	John Carroll University
Alvernia University	Kennesaw State University
Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life at the University of Texas at Austin	Kent State University
Arapahoe Community College	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Arkansas Tech University	LA Pierce College
Austin Community College District	La Salle University
Bellarmine University	Lake Michigan College
Berkeley City College	Liberty University
Binghamton University	Lincoln University of MO
Bowling Green State University	Macomb Community College
California University of Pennsylvania	McKendree University
Case Western Reserve University	Mesa Community College
Central Lakes College	Miami Dade College
Central Michigan University	Michigan State University
Centralia College	Middle Tennessee State University
Chapman University	Middlesex Community College
Chatham University	Mississippi State University
Cleveland State University	Montclair State University
Cuyahoga Community College aka Tri-C	Morgan State University
Dalton State College	Mount Saint Mary's University Los Angeles
Delta College	Mount St. Joseph University
Drexel University	New College of Florida
Durham Technical Community College	Norfolk State University
East Carolina University	Northampton Community College
East Tennessee State University	Oakland University
Elizabeth City State University	Ohio State University
Emporia State University	Piedmont Virginia Community College
Ferris State University	Queens University of Charlotte
Florida Atlantic University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Fort Hays State University	Rollins College
Frostburg State University	Saginaw Valley State University
Georgia College & State University	Saint Louis University
Grand Valley State University	Santa Monica College
High Point University	Shippensburg University
Hope College	Siena College
Indiana State University	South Mountain Community College
Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis	Southern Utah University
	Southwestern University
	Stony Brook University

SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Westchester Community College
Swarthmore College
Tennessee State University
Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Texas Lutheran University
Texas Woman's University
The College at Brockport (SUNY)
The University of the South
Towson University
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University at Albany
University of Baltimore
University of Central Florida
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of Michigan-Flint

University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Missouri – St. Louis
University of Nevada, Reno
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of Pennsylvania
University of South Carolina
University of Utah
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia State University
Virginia Wesleyan University
Washburn University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Washtenaw Community College
Wayne State University
Weber State University
Western Carolina University
Winona State University
Winthrop University
Wright State University

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