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Improving student involvement in civic life focus of national initiative

Editors please note: This list includes a college/university from your community who is a participant in the American Democracy Project.

Washington, DC--The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) has launched a national initiative, the American Democracy Project, to increase the number of undergraduate students who will be engaged in meaningful civic actions.

The Project addresses American's decreasing rate of participation in civic life: voting, advocacy, and other forms of civic engagement. Approximately 146 AASCU institutions, representing more than 1.3 million students, are involved in the project.

"We want to help campuses change institutional culture as well as academic and extracurricular activities making civic engagement more intentional," said George Mehaffy, vice president, Academic Leadership and Change, AASCU. "The Project will highlight the civic value of the college experience."

The Project activities include:

- Creating a national conversation among campuses about the theory and practice of civic engagement.
- Developing institutional commitment through the involvement of senior administrators, faculty, staff and students by addressing institutional mission and purpose; and focusing on civic engagement as a learning experience for undergraduates.
- Initiating new projects, courses and teaching strategies, and extracurricular programs.
- Measuring civic engagement of undergraduates on participating campuses, and assessing the influence of greater civic engagement.
- Disseminating successful civic engagement models to an audience of higher education institutions and policy makers.

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AASCU and *The New York Times* are partners in the Project that begins this summer with extensive programming at AASCU's Academic Affairs Summer Meeting. Chief academic officers from participating institutions will work together to develop strategies for campus engagement and change. Tom Ehrlich, senior scholar at Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, will be the principal speaker and conference leader.

Participating Institutions:

Alabama

Alabama A&M University
Auburn University at Montgomery

Alaska

University of Alaska Anchorage

Arizona

Arizona State University West
Northern Arizona University

Arkansas

Henderson State University
University of Arkansas at Monticello

California

California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento
Humboldt State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Sonoma State University

Colorado

Mesa State College
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Southern Colorado

Connecticut

Eastern Connecticut State University

District of Columbia

University of the District of Columbia

Florida

University of Central Florida
University of West Florida

Georgia

Columbus State University
Georgia College & State University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwestern State University
State University of West Georgia

Illinois

Illinois State University

Western Illinois University

Indiana

Indiana State University
Indiana University Kokomo
Indiana University, Purdue University Fort Wayne
Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis
Purdue University Calumet

Iowa

University of Northern Iowa

Kansas

Emporia State University
Fort Hays State University

Kentucky

Eastern Kentucky University
Morehead State University
Murray State University
Northern Kentucky University
Western Kentucky University

Louisiana

Southeastern Louisiana University

Maine

University of Maine at Farmington
University of Maine at Fort Kent
University of Maine at Presque Isle
University of Southern Maine

Maryland

Towson University
University of Maryland Baltimore County

Michigan

Eastern Michigan University
Oakland University
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of Michigan-Flint

Minnesota

Metropolitan State University
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Saint Cloud State University
Southwest State University
University of Minnesota-Duluth
Winona State University

Mississippi

Delta State University

Missouri

Central Missouri State University

Harris-Stowe State College

Missouri Western State College

Southwest Missouri State University

University of Missouri-Saint Louis

Nebraska

Chadron State College

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Wayne State College

New Jersey

Ramapo College of New Jersey

The College of New Jersey

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

William Paterson University of New Jersey

New Mexico

Eastern New Mexico University

Western New Mexico University

New York

City University of New York Brooklyn College

City University of New York College of Staten Island

City University of New York Medgar Evers College

State University of New York College at Brockport

State University of New York College at Buffalo

State University of New York College at Cortland

State University of New York College at Fredonia

State University of New York College at Geneseo

State University of New York College at

Plattsburgh

State University of New York College at Potsdam

North Carolina

Appalachian State University

East Carolina University

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Western Carolina University

Winston-Salem State University

Ohio

The Ohio State University Newark Campus

Oklahoma

Northeastern State University

University of Central Oklahoma

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

East Central University

Oregon

Eastern Oregon University

Pennsylvania

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh Greensburg Campus

University of Pittsburgh Johnstown Campus

Puerto Rico

University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Campus

Rhode Island

Rhode Island College

South Carolina

Coastal Carolina University

Lander University

University of South Carolina-Aiken

Winthrop University

South Dakota

Northern State University

South Dakota State University

Tennessee

Middle Tennessee State University

University of Memphis

University of Tennessee at Martin

Texas

Sam Houston State University

Southwest Texas State University

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

Texas A&M University Kingsville

University of Houston-Downtown

University of Texas-Pan American

University of Texas-Tyler

West Texas A&M University

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Lyndon State College

Virginia

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Old Dominion University

University of Virginia's College at Wise

Washington

Central Washington University

Eastern Washington University

West Virginia

Concord College

Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

University of Wisconsin-Stout

University of Wisconsin-Superior

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