The American Democracy Project

The American Democracy Project (ADP) is a multi-campus network focused on higher education's role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens for our democracy. ADP was established in 2003 through a partnership between the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and The New York Times. Membership is available to all AASCU institutions. The network currently consists of over 250 state colleges and universities and reaches 2.2 million undergraduate students nationwide.

Civic Engagement in Action

ADP’s civic engagement in action initiatives seek to find innovative strategies that expose students to substantive citizenship issues within our democracy. ADP national leadership and selected state colleges and universities collaborate to design campus-centered activities and materials for the larger ADP network’s use in promoting civic learning and engagement.

Current Initiatives:

- **Digital Polarization**: Builds student civic and information literacy in online spaces through a broad, cross-institutional effort to fact-check, annotate, and provide context for emergent news stories promulgated by social media.

- **Economic Inequality**: Involves students in considering solutions for addressing increasing economic inequality by discussing and analyzing the current economy and its trends.

- **Global Engagement**: Educates and prepares students to be globally competent citizens by developing materials focused on seven international issues.

- **Political Engagement Project**: Advances democratic and electoral engagement by providing students with both tangible and critical-thinking skills for participating in the political world.

- **Stewardship of Public Lands**: Provides faculty and educators with classroom strategies for teaching students about public land conflicts, management, and resolution through an annual seminar at Yellowstone National Park.

Programs, Resources, and Benefits

ADP provides national programming, resources, and benefits to member institutions including:

- Annual Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement (CLDE) Conferences
- eJournal of Public Affairs
- Civic and Political Webinars & Institutes
- Awards & Recognition
- Networking Opportunities
- Professional Development

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ADP Participating Colleges and Universities

ALABAMA
- Alabama A&M University*
- Athens State University
- Jacksonville State University
- Troy University

ALASKA
- University of Alaska Anchorage*
- University of Alaska Southeast

ARIZONA
- Northern Arizona University*

ARKANSAS
- Henderson State University*
- University of Central Arkansas
- University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- University of Arkansas at Monticello*

CALIFORNIA
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University Channel Islands*
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Fresno*
- California State University, Fullerton*
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Monterey Bay*
- California State University, Northridge*
- California State University, Sacramento*
- California State University, San Marcos
- California State University, Stanislaus
- Humboldt State University*
- San Francisco State University*
- San Jose State University*
- Sonoma State University*

COLORADO
- Colorado State University-Pueblo*
- Fort Lewis College
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- University of Northern Colorado

CONNECTICUT
- Central Connecticut State University
- Eastern Connecticut State University*
- Western Connecticut State University

DELAWARE
- Delaware State University

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- University of the District of Columbia*

FLORIDA
- Florida A&M University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida International University
- University of Central Florida*
- University of North Florida
- University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
- University of South Florida St. Petersburg
- University of West Florida*

GEORGIA
- Albany State University
- Armstrong State University
- Clayton State University
- Columbus State University*
- Dalton State College
- Georgia College and State University*
- Georgia Southern University*
- Georgia Southwestern State University*

KENTUCKY
- Eastern Kentucky University*
- Kentucky State University
- Morehead State University
- Murray State University*
- Northern Kentucky University
- Western Kentucky University*

LOUISIANA
- Grambling State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- McNeese State University
- Nicholls State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University*
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette

MAINE
- University of Maine at Augusta
- University of Maine at Fort Kent*
- University of Maine at Presque Isle*
- University of Southern Maine*

MARYLAND
- Coppin State University
- Frostburg State University
- Morgan State University
- Salisbury University
- Towson University*
- University of Maryland Baltimore County

MASSACHUSETTS
- Fitchburg State University
- Framingham State University
- Salem State University
- University of Massachusetts-Boston
- Westfield State University

MICHIGAN
- Central Michigan University
- Eastern Michigan University
- Ferris State University
- Northern Michigan University
- Oakland University*
- Saginaw Valley State University
- University of Michigan-Flint*

MINNESOTA
- Metropolitan State University*
- Minnesota State College, Mankato*
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead
- Southwest Minnesota State University*
- St. Cloud State University*
- University of Minnesota, Duluth*
- Winona State University*

MISSISSIPPI
- Delta State University*
- Mississippi University for Women

MISSOURI
- Harris-Stowe State University*
- Lincoln University of Missouri
- Missouri Southern State University
- Missouri State University
- Missouri Western State University*
- Southeast Missouri State University*
- University of Central Missouri

MONTANA
- Montana State University Billings
- Montana Tech of the University of Montana

NEBRASKA
- Chadron State College*
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- University of Nebraska at Omaha*
- Wayne State College*

NEVADA
- Nevada State College

NEW HAMPSHIRE
- Keene State College

NEW JERSEY
- Montclair State University*
- New Jersey City University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Rutgers University Newark
- Stockton University*
- The College of New Jersey*
- Thomas Edison State University
- William Paterson University*

NEW MEXICO
- New Mexico Highlands University
- Western New Mexico University*

NEW YORK
- Buffalo State (SUNY)
- City University of New York, College of Staten Island*
- City University of New York, Medgar Evers College*
- City University of New York, York College
- Purchase College, State University of New York
- State University of New York, Cortland*
- State University of New York, Fredonia*
- State University of New York, Geneseo*

OREGON
- Eastern Oregon University*
- Southern Oregon University
- Western Oregon University

PENNSYLVANIA
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania*
- California University of Pennsylvania
- Clarion University of Pennsylvania*
- East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania*
- Edinboro University of Pennsylvania*
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania*
- Mansfield University of Pennsylvania*
- Millersville University of Pennsylvania*
- Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
- University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown*
- West Chester University of Pennsylvania

RHODE ISLAND
- Rhode Island College*

SOUTH CAROLINA
- Coastal Carolina University*
- College of Charleston
- Francis Marion University
- Lander University*
- University of South Carolina-Aiken*

STATE UNIVERSITY
- University of New York, New Paltz
- State University of New York, Olean
- State University of New York, Oswego
- State University of New York, Plattsburgh*
- State University of New York, Potsdam*
- State University of New York College of Technology at Alfred
- The College at Brockport (SUNY)*

TENNESSEE
- Austin Peay State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Tennessee State University
- University of Memphis*
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee at Martin*

TEXAS
- Midwestern State University
- Sam Houston State University*
- Stephen F. Austin State University
- Tarleton State University
- Texas A&M International University
- Texas A&M University-Central Texas
- Texas A&M University-Commerce*
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville*
- Texas A&M University-Texarkana
- Texas State University
- Texas Woman’s University
- University of Houston-Downtown*
- University of Houston-Victoria
- University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- University of Texas-Tyler*
- West Texas A&M University*

UTAH
- Utah Valley University
- Weber State University*

VERMONT
- Johnson State College*
- Lyndon State College*

VIRGINIA
- George Mason University
- James Madison University
- Longwood University*
- Norfolk State University*
- Old Dominion University*
- University of Virginia’s College at Wise*

WASHINGTON
- Central Washington University*
- Eastern Washington University*
- University of Washington, Bothell
- University of Washington, Tacoma
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University

WEST VIRGINIA
- Bluefield State College
- Concord University*
- Glenville State College

WISCONSIN
- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire*
- University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse*
- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh*
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville*
- University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- University of Wisconsin-Stout*
- University of Wisconsin-Superior*

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