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California Community Colleges
Civic Impact Project
The California Community Colleges Civic Impact Project is a non-partisan, collaborative effort between local community colleges, the Chancellor’s Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges to increase community and civic participation among community college students.
Program Goals

• Increase student voter registration rates, voter participation rates, and civic participation rates of California Community College students to ensure all voices are heard when our communities make decisions.
• Foster civic literacy and civic engagement opportunities on campuses to help colleges train an active and informed citizenry.
• Support connections to community through service-learning
• Disseminate proven practices to increase student civic engagement through partnerships with faculty, administrative, student, and community leaders.
Guiding Principles
What is Civic Engagement?

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<th>Civic Literacy</th>
<th>Acquiring Savvy</th>
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<td>Knowledge of the Constitution and how government works on the federal, state, and local level</td>
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<th>Heart</th>
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<td>Deepening understanding through civil debate and discussion</td>
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<td>Public/Common Good</td>
<td>Empathy and care for the beneficiaries of one's civic action</td>
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<td>Fostering Community</td>
<td>Educational institutions are crucial to develop civic communities</td>
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<td>Actions</td>
<td>designed to contribute to one’s community or influence decision-making in a democracy</td>
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<td>• Public action (e.g., attending a public meeting, writing a letter to the editor, running for office)</td>
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Why here? Why now?

Colleges have a unique opportunity to engage the head, heart, and hands of students.

- Community colleges educate over 40% of the nation’s undergraduates\(^1\)
- Service-learning is correlated with increased retention and completion rates\(^2\)
Why? Voter Turnout Rates

Source: Data compiled from an average of 30 California Community Colleges participating in the *National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement*. Data collection began in 2012.
About

• The project was launched with a one-year, $775,000 grant from Next Gen Climate America, a 501c3 organization, in September 2016.
• The pilot project designed to use the 2016 election cycle as a way to build interest in civic engagement, expand existing non-partisan voter registration efforts
  – 25 colleges received $10,000 mini-grants to pilot the program
  – Colleges conducted peer-to-peer voter registration and outreach efforts through student life and student clubs
Participating Colleges

In Phase I: Civic Engagement Pilot

**Bakersfield College**, Student Government Association and Office of Student Life

**Cañada College**, Student Government

**City College of San Francisco**, Net Impact CCSF

**Coastline Community College**, Associated Student Government

**College of Marin**, Students for Social Justice

**College of the Canyons**, Center for Civic Engagement

**Crafton Hills College**, Student Government

**Cuesta College**, Student Life and Leadership/ASCC

**Cuyamaca College**, Associated Student Government & Student Affairs

**De Anza College**, Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action

**Evergreen Valley College**, EVC Service-Learning and Public Service

**Feather River College**, Political Science Department, Phi Theta Kappa, and Student Life

**Foothill College**, Student Government

**Golden West College**, Student Government, Student Interest Committee

**Long Beach City College**, Student Government

**Los Angeles Pierce College**, Foundation for Pierce College

**Modesto Junior College**, Office of Campus Life

**Orange Coast College**, Omega Psi Sigma, OCC History Club

**Rio Hondo**, Student Life and Leadership

**Saddleback College**, Student Government

**San Bernardino Valley College**, Associated Student Government

**Santa Monica College**, Student Life

**Sierra College**, Sierra Athletics

**West Los Angeles College**, West Los Angeles College Foundation

**Yuba College**, Sociology Progress Fund
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REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY.
The deadline to register in California is October 24.

Ensure all voices are heard when our communities make decisions.
Be a part of it all.

Written by Emily Gerolak [7] - October 18 at 4:17 pm - 

Use your voice to make a difference. Register today! The deadline is Oct. 24.

It only takes 3 minutes to register to vote. Visit our website to register before Oct. 24 and be a part of it all.

Register to Vote by 10/24
Understand the Process. Use Your Voice. Be a Part of It All.

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Next Steps

Student Learn Students Vote Checklist

• Designate
• Assess (NSLVE Study)
• Plan
• Action

StudentsLearnStudentsVote.org
Thank you.

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