



Civic Engagement at SUNY Broome

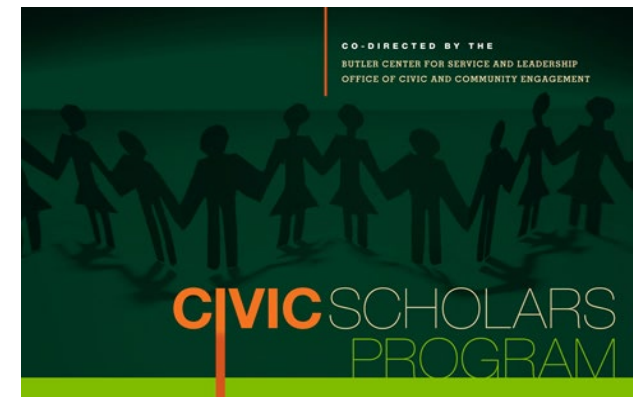
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: MARCH 17TH, 2022



Promoting Civic Engagement on campus

1. **Student Activities Day** on September 7th and September 9th, 2021 and on February 10th, 2022
2. **Constitution Day Program:** September 21st, 2021
3. **"Your Right to Vote" program:** September 28th at 11am, 6:30pm
4. **Building a Civic Engagement Website** – events, information links
5. **Civic Engagement Reading Resource Center** – new this Spring 2022!
6. Continuously work with faculty and staff campus wide to promote activities to encourage student participation
7. Develop a **Civic Scholars program** to promote civic learning among faculty for Fall 2022





Campus Compact Newman Fellows

SUNY Broome is a participant in the Campus Compact Organization: ***“It is a national coalition of colleges and universities committed to the public purposes of higher education. Campus Compact builds democracy through civic education and community development.”***

We have the opportunity to nominate a fellow each year. Currently I am mentoring Christina Thompson who is our 2021 Newman Fellow. She graduated from SUNY Broome in May of 2021.

For the 2022 Campus Compact Newman Fellows, student Jordan Ramsey applied. Jordan was notified of this award just last week!



Deliberations

Civic engagement means helping students learn how to listen and discuss difficult topics with one another.

We facilitate those discussions using NIFI (National Issues Forum Institute) Issue Guides and Advisories.

In the fall, we hosted one deliberation on Racial Justice which was developed by one of our professors. We had 45 students attend.

In the spring, we are hoping to replicate that success and are hosting two deliberations, one on Policing (NIFI) and the other Racial Justice.



Moderator Training

In order to have successful deliberations, we need Moderators!

Two trainings were/will be offered:

1. November 7th, 2021 3-5pm
2. April 11th, 2022 3-5pm

We strongly encourage students, staff, faculty all on campus to be trained to assist with facilitating the campus deliberations. This is yet another important skill, to learn to moderate a discussion.

Civic Engagement Board (CEB)

1. Serve as the Secretary to the CEB
2. Serve on the Voter Engagement Subcommittee of the CEB

The Voter Engagement Subcommittee is more active than the CEB, looking to correct that for the next year.

VEC activities:

- A. **How to Vote presentation** for the SUNY Broome EOP program August 17, 2021
- B. **County Clerk Meet and Greet** on October 7th, 2021 on campus
- C. **Binghamton Mayoral Debate** on October 21st, 2021 in conjunction with WSKG, LWVBTC
- D. Currently collaborating with BOCES, high school teachers, **promoting voter registration** activities between BU, SUNY Broome and high school students. Also hope to conduct deliberations with high school students
- E. Working with the **Broome County Board of Elections**: Schedule a program for April/May 2022

Civics 4 *Action*

As SUNY Broome's Civic Engagement Coordinator, it is my honor to participate in this organization.

Its mission is to promote civic engagement across the 14 counties of the Greater Southern Tier of NY, working with libraries and museums trying to engage citizens in community conversations.

Also Civics 4Action is developing a Future Leaders program. Corning CC, Elmira College, Syracuse University are all involved as well as librarians, and public school educators from those regions.