



Civic Engagement Activities for 2022 – 2023

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Please note I will elaborate on these activities during my presentation to the Board of Trustees on Thursday, March 16th, 2023

- 1. How to Vote Presentation in conjunction with the LWVBTC on August 3, 2022 for SUNY Broome EOP program**
- 2. Co-Sponsored Primary Debate with WSKG: August 11th, CD 19 between Josh Riley and Jamie Cheney**
- 3. Tabled at Student Activities Day to educate students about campus Civic Engagement activities September 8, 2022**
- 4. Constitution Day/National Voter Registration Day Celebration: September 20th, 2022:** Presentation on one's right to privacy and the Constitution, Voter registration drive, and distributed pocket Constitutions
- 5. Community Conversation on Society and Nature:** Using Humanities New York's program format, SUNY Broome partnered with **Civics4Action** and **sponsored a conversation about the relationship between humans and nature at the confluence of culture, civic engagement, and environmental stewardship.** September 20th from 7pm - 8pm on Zoom.
- 6. Broome County Scarecrow Contest: Smart Scarecrows Vote:** Created a scarecrow promoting voting and a poster with a QR code that took citizens to a page of information about how to register to vote, when and where to vote.
- 7. Conducted The Importance of Voting Presentations in classes across campus:** A multi-disciplinary effort to encourage students to register to vote and educate students on the value of voting – visited 9 classes, approximately 20 students registered, 14 with me, the rest took the forms and completed them. Many were registered already.

Also created an online presentation for faculty to use in their online courses, two faculty requested and integrated that presentation into their online courses.



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- 8. Midterm Election Presentation:** Educated students on the Midterm Elections, who was running for election, discussed the misinformation surrounding voting/voter fraud, conducted a voter registration drive before and after the presentation in collaboration with the League of Women Voters from Broome and Tioga Counties. 13 Students registered, 5 took registration forms, as did two faculty members to share with their classes.
- 9. Continue to enhance and expand Civic Engagement:** Met with John Suarez from SUNY Cortland to discuss/share ideas on Civic Engagement. Met with Cammie Jones, Laurie Worall from Campus Compact and Hallie Addison (Bridge USA) all in an effort to explore and expand the Civic Engagement program here at SUNY Broome.
- 10. U.S. Senate Debate Watch Party via Zoom: October 30, 2022** Students watch the two candidates debate (Senator Schumer and Joe Pinion, then after the debate we discussed what they thought) 5 students participated
- 11. Let Us Dream (LUD) Binghamton University Conference:** November 19th, 2022 Helped plan the breakout sessions including the one that I moderated, the Social session. I worked with the LUD team to plan my session and find panelists. I then developed questions for the panelists and promoted the conference at SUNY Broome and in the community.
- 12. Conducted a Mass Shooting Deliberation in December of 2022 on campus**
- 13. Tuesday, January 9th – New Student Orientation, worked a table educating students on voting and registering to vote. 4 registered, 2 took forms to be completed later**
- 14. January 20, 2023 Met with faculty members from Christ University, India via Zoom.** They also participated in the LUD conference and wanted to discuss more re: Service Learning and Civic Engagement. We agreed to meet monthly and will work together as we can. I referred them to Professor McKenna (COIL), Dr. Musa (Haiti) and Maria Basualdo (Study Abroad).
- 15. Collaborated with the LWVBTC and Rachel Murat, Teacher of the Year from ME to present a program on MLK via the Harvard Case Management Program.** Held on January 29th, 2023, this event was available to all, students, staff and faculty.
- 16. February 14th, 2023 Conducted Voter Registration with the LWVBTC on campus and educated students/staff/faculty on the ERA Amendment that they will vote on in November.**



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- 17. Student Assembly:** Plan to work more closely with Student Assembly, want to develop a contingent of students who will help with CE events. Met with SA on Friday, February 24th, was asked to conduct a Racial Justice deliberation this semester.
- 18. Newman Campus Compact Fellow:** Nominated a student for this honor for the 2023-24 academic year, hoping to hear soon if he did secure the fellowship. If he does it will be our third student in as many years. Our current Fellow, Jordan Ramsey, attended the annual Fellows' conference in October in Boston.
- 19. Gun Violence presentation:** This program scheduled for March 14, 2023 is a continuation from the Mass Shooting deliberation held in December. Our central question is, why is gun violence so prevalent in the U.S.? What can we do to stop it? Is gun violence justified when one loses an election, for example? (Pena in NM) Or should 6 year old children have access to guns? (Virginia, PA, NC)
- 20. Serve as Secretary to the Civic Engagement Board, member of two subcommittees, one on Voter Readiness/Elections and one on Civic Readiness that works with local high schools.**
- 21. Working with the Chair of CEB to recruit new board members.**