What is the Campus Election Engagement Project?



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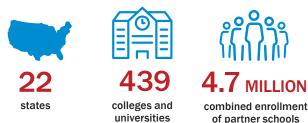
(CEEP), is a national nonpartisan project that helps administrators, faculty, staff, and student leaders at America's colleges and universities engage students in federal, state, and local elections.

We combine our powerful resources with personalized coaching, guiding schools on how to use our resources and navigate students through ever-changing barriers to voting. Working with us, schools help their students to register, volunteer in campaigns, educate themselves on candidates and issues, navigate voting laws, and turn out at the polls.

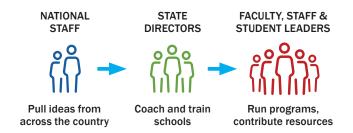
Because individuals who vote when they're young tend to continue, and because we help schools deepen their electoral engagement each cycle, we generate both immediate and long-term impact.

We work with stakeholders throughout our partner campuses to engage students in democracy.

2018 REACH AT A GLANCE



THE CEEP MULTIPLIER EFFECT



What makes our approach effective?

Student voting doesn't just happen. It takes cultivation.

We've developed <u>seven key areas</u> of electoral engagement to create a road map for increasing your level of success, areas that complement each other as you effectively engage your campus.

You don't have to do everything on this list to make a major difference, but it's crucial to address all seven areas — choosing approaches that fit your campus best.

The earlier you start the better, particularly for approaches that take significant institutional planning.

 Build a team. No one can engage an entire campus, so create a core group to coordinate engagement efforts, divide up the work and ensure key stakeholders communicate.

- 2. Register students to vote. It's the first step to student electoral participation. Set campus-wide goals and plan ways to implement them.
- Educate students on issues and candidates. Offer clear information on where candidates stand, so students can make informed choices.
- 4. Help students to volunteer with partisan or nonpartisan campaigns of their choice. Early civic involvement patterns tend to stick, so this makes future participation more likely.
- 5. <u>Build election excitement and visibility</u> leading up to Election Day, using every appropriate channel.
- Get out the vote. Make sure students know where to vote, when to vote and what to bring. Combine faceto-face and online technologies to engage all eligible students.
- 7. Measure your impact. Document your work as you go so you can see what works and what doesn't, monitor your progress and build a foundation for the future.

CEEP Resources

Addressing both structural barriers to student voting and student cynicism, we're happy to coach you through these and other resources to help your students participate. In addition to the approaches mapped out in our master <u>Seven Key Ways</u> resource, we help you:

- Register student voters at <u>first-year orientation</u> and when registering for classes.
- Navigate students through <u>daunting new voter laws</u>.
- Distribute our nonpartisan candidate guides, which students say give a perfect antidote to a political context where "they're all the same" and "everyone's lying and spinning." Students say they let them "see where candidates actually stand."
- Help your <u>campus newspaper</u> become a key election hub.
- Build campus engagement coalitions like Ohio State's OSU Votes.
- Have students register underrepresented off-campus communities, like <u>the voter registration partnership</u> between Virginia Commonwealth University and a public housing project.
- Create courses that give <u>academic credit for electoral</u> <u>engagement and reflection</u>.
- Engage athletic departments, as when Central Michigan's football players all registered and held up their cards at halftime while the Jumbotron linked to the campus election website.
- Celebrate voting through events like <u>DebateWatch</u> parties and <u>Parades to The Polls</u>.
- Where resources are available, support student Election Engagement Fellows, who help promote your nonpartisan engagement efforts while gaining valuable skills and experience.
- Build a culture of electoral engagement cycle-by-cycle.

"CEEP has been Miami Dade College's most important partner in our nonpartisan voter engagement efforts. We love CEEP and want to continue to expand our partnership with them in the coming years."

 Josh Young, Civic Engagement Coordinator of Miami Dade's 160,000 student system

"Your resources are perfectly timed, arriving exactly when needed."

 Civic Engagement Coordinator, Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, NC

"You gave us the opportunity to involve students around the issues that mattered to them, not which side of the aisle they stood on."

 University of Wisconsin-Madison student government member

"Our CEEP Staffer was amazing. We were so grateful that he pulled local campuses together to talk about common strategies, challenges, and resources."

 Leah Sweetman, Assistant Director, Center for Service and Community Engagement, Saint Louis University

We look forward to partnering

Participating in the Campus Election Engagement Project is free of charge for colleges and universities. Our staff would love to help you engage your campus and may also have support for student Fellows. See campuselect.org for more information or email us at info@campuselect.org to connect with one of our outreach staffers. They'll work with you to assess your campus state of election engagement, and help you implement nonpartisan practices to promote maximum student electoral participation. We look forward to engaging your students in democracy.