



ALL IN CAMPUS DEMOCRACY CHALLENGE

ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge: Civically Engaging College Students

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is a national initiative supporting colleges and universities working to improve civic learning, political engagement and voter participation. Across the country, 507 campuses -- including 12 in Tennessee -- are helping students form the habits of active and informed citizenship and institutionalizing democratic engagement activities and programs.

The Challenge supports any accredited, degree-granting post-secondary institution with coaching and resources to develop democratic engagement action plans to increase civic learning, political engagement and student voting.

Participating Tennessee Campuses

- Columbia State Community College
- Dyersburg State Community College
- East Tennessee State University
- Maryville College
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Pellissippi State Community College
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Tennessee State University
- The University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Vanderbilt University



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Opportunity

If you have a campus in your community that is not currently signed up, connecting them to this opportunity is a great way to deepen civic engagement in your community.

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge nationally recognizes campuses every two years with seals and awards for multiple achievements. Recognitions include awards for most improved student voting rate; most engaged campus; and best action plan, and seals for campuses with varying ranges of percentage increases in student voter participation.

There is no cost to participate in the ALL IN Challenge. Connecting your campuses to the Challenge can help them and your community gain national recognition for excelling in civic participation.

Mayors: Take Action

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge team works with campuses to sign up and develop plans. As mayor, your role can be as simple as facilitating the connection between your local campuses and the Challenge team, or you can participate more fully and work closely with your campuses to support their efforts. Potential actions:

- Share this opportunity with your area campuses and encourage them to participate.
- Work with students and faculty to help develop a campus civic engagement plan and participate in its implementation.
- If you have multiple campuses in your community, issue a challenge to all of them to participate and plan to recognize/reward the ones with the largest increase in voter participation.
- Issue a challenge to other mayors with campuses in their communities. Encourage your area campuses to "beat" those in another mayor's community and recognize/reward their actions and achievements.

If you are interested in more information, Think Tennessee can connect you with the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge team to discuss further and identify next steps.



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Empowering colleges and universities to achieve excellence in student democratic engagement

WHAT IS THE ALL IN CHALLENGE?

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is a national, nonpartisan initiative that supports and recognizes colleges and universities working to improve civic learning, political engagement, and voter participation. The Challenge encourages institutions to help students form the habits of active and informed citizenship, as well as institutionalize democratic engagement activities and programs - making them a defining feature of campus life.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Your campus completes the steps below.

1

Join
and make a
commitment

2

Convene
a campus-wide
working group.

3

Develop
and implement
an action plan.

4

Share
NSLVE report
with the Challenge.

5

Earn
a recognition seal
and win awards.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Your campus will be joining hundreds of colleges and universities committed to making democratic participation a core value. Together, you are cultivating generations of engaged citizens who are essential to a healthy democracy.

JOIN TODAY!

Any accredited, degree-granting, post-secondary institution may join and there is no cost to participate.

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