



# The College of *St. Scholastica*

## **Voter Engagement Plan**

[css.edu/vote](https://css.edu/vote)

The College of St. Scholastica has a long history of providing students with voter registration information and transportation to the polls on election day. We encourage our students to be civically engaged and to vote. The Student Government Association is actively involved in providing students with voter registration and voting information.

**Planning:** Student Government Association President Maddy Ploof, Dean of Students Megan Perry-Spears and Voting Coordinator Rick Revoir met to identify the below goals and activities.

### **Goals**

- Encourage students to be civically engaged in their community
- Make it easy for students to register to vote
- Educate students on candidates and issues
- Make it easy for students to vote
- Encourage students to vote!

### **Resources to Accomplish Goals**

#### **Webpage**

We provide a webpage [css.edu/vote](https://css.edu/vote) for students with voter information including:

Resources from state and local election officials on voter registration and voting requirements including voter registration deadlines; residency requirements; acceptable methods of proving residency for same-day registration, as applicable; and absentee voting options.

Deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot, as well as additional options for early and in-person voting, and voting on election day.

Resources to help students who are registered in another state to apply for absentee ballots in that state, and may include resources from state and local election officials from that state.

Responsibility for the web page is the voting coordinator and the Marketing web team at St. Scholastica.

## **Emails**

A series of emails are sent to students by the Dean of Students with voter registration information, voting information and candidate information.

- An email is sent on National Voter Registration Day around September 16th.
- An email is sent on October 16th with updated voter registration information.
- An email is sent the day before election encouraging students to make a plan, where, when, how, who you will be voting for.

## **Communications**

Additional Communications are sent to RA's, Saints Life student website, and to the Dignitas first-year experience Director to provide voter registration and voting information.

## **In the Classroom**

Dignitas first-year faculty receive a copy of an article on Constitution Day to use how they see fit in early fall semester. One professor talks about

information literacy through the lens of social media and how identity shapes our political lives. Professors give reminders leading up to voting day. On voting day some faculty wear their red “I Voted” sticker and talk all day about students' plans to get to their polling place.

### **Forum**

An ask a professor forum was held on October 8th and over 140 people attended. Students had an opportunity to ask questions to four professors about the election and voting. Three Student Government members and the League of Women Voters were available throughout the event to register students and answer questions.

### **Tabling**

Student Government Association partnered with the League of Women Voters on three days to conduct voter registration drives and to provide voting information. Students were able to immediately register. Residential Student Names Sent to County

A Student Residential Address list was sent to the county on September 21st and an updated list was sent to the county 20 days before the election. This process makes it easier for students to register to vote on election day with their student ID. Responsibility of the Dean of Students and Voting Coordinator.

### **Transportation**

On election day the Dean of Students provides a van to transport students to the polls.

### **Data for St. Scholastica**

2022 Voting Rate: 47.7% compared to 30.6% for all institutions

2022 Registration Rate: 84%

Source: NSLVE

**Any questions please contact**

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**Guiding Legislation**

2023 Session Law, [Chapter 62](#), Article 4, Section 24

(2) consult with the campus student association to develop a voter engagement plan that identifies goals and activities, resources to accomplish the identified goals and activities, and individual or key departments responsible for executing the identified goals and activities.