Project Topic:

Voting Rights and Accessibility

Project Overview:

Unfortunately, it is extremely common for students to not be registered to vote or even vote on Election Day. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is no exception. We would like to register as many students as possible and remind students to vote to increase political participation.

Events/Initiatives:

1) **First Friday Event**—We hosted a registration drive in Knoxville’s downtown at a festival called First Friday. We set up a booth and registered people to vote, informed people of their precinct and reminded people to vote.

2) **Constitution Day**—We will set up a booth on a busy part of campus and register people to vote while also having students sign a large copy of the Constitution. We will also give out information on precinct locations and absentee voting.

3) **National Voter Registration Day**—We will work with the League of Women Voters of Knoxville to register people to vote and give them information about precinct locations and absentee voting.

4) **Baker Café: To Vote, or not to Vote**—We will lead a discussion with members of UT’s campus and the public on issues such as Voter IDs laws and political participation.

5) **Debate**—We will conduct a debate between College Republicans and College Democrats on Amendment 1 and 2 as well as other national topics.

(Major) Measurable Goals:

1) We would like to have 30 people registered for the First Friday event. We will determine this number by counting the forms the following day.

2) We would like to have a total of 250 students registered on Constitution Day. We will determine this number by counting the forms the following day.

3) We would like to have a total of 250 students registers on National Voter Registration Day. We will determine this number by counting the forms the following day.

4) We would like to have a total of 20 people attend the Baker Café. We will determine the number of attendees by having them fill out a Google form to be added to the Baker Center Listserv.
5) We would like to have 50 people attend the Debate. We will determine the number of attendees by having them fill out a Google form to be added to the Baker Center Listserv.

How will you collaborate with consortium schools?

We have been in contact with the Ambassadors from the University of Louisville, and they agreed to participate in a voter registration drive competition with us. The competition will begin September 17 at 8am EST and will continue until 9pm EST. There will be a count of the number of registrants at the halfway mark at 1pm via email. Then there will be a count of the number of registrants the following day at 9am EST.