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THE HIGH SCHOOL CIVIC PROJECT
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The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County (LWVSFC) in partnership with two charter high schools, The Masters Program and Monte del Sol, is sponsoring the High School Civic Project. The two charter schools are pilot sites for the Project that is designed in the hopes of expanding to other high schools in Santa Fe County.

The following includes the Project's purpose, focus areas, and the progress to date.

Purpose: Increasing high school students' involvement in federal, state and local civic activities.

In support of the Project's purpose, the following focus areas have been identified:

1. Encourage students and teachers to become voter registrars and register students to vote.
2. Support Santa Fe high school students in identifying, planning and implementing civic events for their school.
3. Provide teachers with tools to enhance the teaching of history; for example using a case study method based on the book *Democracy: A Case Study* by Professor David Moss.

Based on the above focus areas, the following lists the Project's progress to date:

1. Identified two high schools [The Masters Program (TMP) and Monte del Sol (Monte)] pilot sites
2. Identified teachers of history and English at each of the pilot schools to spearhead the Project. TMP's Hillary Thompson and Robert Sobel and Monte's Esther Kovari are the Champion teachers. They will lead the Project at their respective schools.
3. Recruited eight students (this will be on-going) to join the Project as Voter Registrar Agents (VRAs) and civic event planners.
4. Certified as VRAs two students at TMP and 6 students at Monte by the County Clerk.
5. Provided in-depth VR training for the students at TMP and Monte.
6. Invited students to participate in LWVSFC tabling at SF Farmers Market.
7. Began discussion with students on identifying topics for civic events to host at their school for students attending Santa Fe high schools.
8. Nominated two teachers (Esther Kovari at Monte and Robert Sobel at TMP) to attend the Harvard Case Study Workshop in Cambridge, Massachusetts in August 2019. The workshop will be taught by Professor David Moss the author of the book: *Democracy: A Case Study*. The purpose of the workshop is to introduce the teachers to the Case Study Method. The teachers agree to teach 4 cases from David Moss's *History of American Democracy* curriculum in their classes and to lead public discussions for their community.

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