



THE HIGH SCHOOL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County (LWVSFC) promotes civic education and engagement for students by offering the League's community connections, time and resources to teachers and students. To support this endeavor, in 2019, the League created the High School Civic Engagement Project (HSCEP). The Project's goal is to foster student's active participation in our democracy. Partnerships have been established with nine Santa Fe high schools and the Project continues to add additional schools.

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

1. Recruit high school students to register other students to vote.
2. Identify and support student involvement in civic events and election initiatives.
3. Provide teachers civics education professional development opportunities.

To date (5/2021) the following has been accomplished:

1. Partnered with nine Santa Fe High Schools: Santa Fe High School, Capital High School, Santa Fe Prep, Monte del Sol Charter School, The Masters Program (TMP), Academy for Technology and the Classics, New Mexico School for the Arts, Pojoaque High School, and Tierra Encantada Charter School.
2. Recruited a teacher(s) of history at each of the nine high schools to spearhead the Project.
3. Recruited 19 students to become Voter Registrar Agents (VRAs). As of 5/2021, the nineteen students registered 584 high school students to vote.
4. Obtained VRA certification of the 19 students by the County Clerk.
5. Provided in-depth VRA training for the student VRAs at their respective schools.
6. Invited VRAs to join LWVSFC (membership fee waived).
7. Provided teachers links to resources that promote civic and community engagement for students.
8. Supported four history teachers to attend the David Moss Case Method workshop at Harvard. The workshop introduces participants to Moss's *History of American Democracy-A Case Study Approach* curriculum. The four teachers completed the workshop and are or plan on implementing the curriculum.
10. Mentored Delia Moon, a student at TMP, in conjunction with *Inspired Santa Fe*, a program that provides mentors for students attending Santa Fe high schools. For her project, Delia conducted a survey entitled: *TMP Student Civic Engagement Survey and LWVSFC High School Recommendations. Results, findings, and recommendations from the Fall 2019 survey on community and civic engagement among MASTERS Program juniors and seniors*. Final report completed April 2020.

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