

Student Voting Plan for Harford Community College

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OUTLINE

Enclosed in this Student Voting Plan are the voter empowerment activities of Harford Community College in compliance with the HB156 Student and Military Voter Empowerment Act (Chapter 656/SB 283 (Chapter 657) for public higher education institutions. The contents of this report include the following components:

1. Designation of a student voting coordinator
2. Description of how Harford Community College's offices, faculty, and student organizations have continued to disseminate information about voting registration, civic education, and voting opportunities in 2021.
3. Dissemination of information about voter registration and voting opportunities for the 2021-2022 calendar year.
4. Provision of voter registration materials at central locations and high-traffic areas on campus
5. Location of the student voter registration link and Student Voting Plan on our website/student portal

Disclaimer: The student voting plan is NOT intended to tell students how or who they should vote for.

1.Designation of Student Voting Coordinator

Harford Community College designated Dr. Griselda Flores, Director of Student Life, as the Student Voting Coordinator.

2. Description of how Harford Community College's offices, faculty, and student organization have continued to disseminate information about voting registration, civic education, and voting opportunities in 2021.

A description of key College efforts made by Harford Community College within the last year is provided below, followed by a list of specific outreach efforts hosted by different departments.

- In September 2021, college employees were notified via the College's President weekly email about the newly appointed Student Voting coordinator. The following message was sent:

HB 156

According to House Bill 156, all public institutions of higher education are required to designate a staff member as the student voting coordinator. For Harford Community College, the designated student voting coordinator is Dr. Griselda Flores.

The student voting coordinator is required to develop and implement a student voting plan to increase student voter registration and voting in collaboration with certain persons at the institution.

Please send all voting related information or events to Dr. Flores (grflores@harford.edu) so she may include them in the voting plan. HCC is required to make the student voting plan available to the public and provide the plan to the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Board.

- Through the Vice President of Student Success' biweekly communicate to students the following message was shared throughout the month of September 2021:

Voting Registration:

Change is a process but one way to contribute to change is by registering to vote and cast your ballot. Register to Vote [here!](#)

- You can also go on OwlNet's home page, scroll down, on the left side you'll see "Register to Vote," click on the tab to find out all the information you need about Voting in Maryland.
- If you want to register in person or have questions, the **Board of Elections** will be **present at the Wellness Fair on September 28, 2021 from 10am – 12pm, in the Quad.**

For **Early Voting** or learn about Harford County Board of Election, click [here](#). Remember your VOTE matters.

- The Office of Student Life (Student Life) held numerous events throughout the year to engage students in voting and civic education by partnering with the campus Library. On **Constitution Day** (September 14 & 15, 2021), the Library invited Harford County Board of Elections to come on both days. Several students registered to vote on the spot while many others checked their application status. The *Constitution Day LibGuide* was updated to include appropriate links and PowerPoints - https://harford.libguides.com/government_information
Details about the event and its resources were also shared in the Library's Quarterly newsletter. In collaboration, the Dean of Behavioral Social Science (BSS) wore a costume as one of the Founding Fathers and helped to distribute Constitutions to students by visiting classrooms. **On National Voter Registration Day** (September 28, 2021), Student Life hosted the Harford County Board of Elections and a community organization, Together We Will, to conduct in-person outreach. A total of 12 students registered to vote that day, two registered to serve as judges, and several others took voter registration applications with them. The Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences held a panel discussion on September 15, 2021 titled "The Constitution, Voting Rights, and Federalism."

3. Dissemination of information about voter registration and voting opportunities for the 2021-2022 calendar year.

For the Spring 2022 semester, Harford Community College plans to advertise and disseminate information about voter registration and voting opportunities through the following ways:

- Disseminate and advertise voter registration FAQs and voting opportunities through Student Life's weekly email to students, through the Vice-President of Student Success biweekly student communicate, through the Harford Events app, and through campus flyers.

- Through specific events and program – New Student orientation (January), Student Advocacy Day (February), monthly civic engagement volunteer opportunities (February – April), Springapalooza (April) and Alternative Summer Break (May-June). Students will receive a flyer with the following information:
 - QR code that takes them directly to Harford County Board of Elections website where they can find more detailed information concerning Early Voting (i.e., dates & time, locations), Election Day Voting, and Vote by Mail.
 - Information concerning transportation options and subsidize bus fares for Harford Community College students.
- Student organizations will be encouraged, supported and publically acknowledged whenever they engage in activities to increase voter registration and voting by students.
- **On Student Advocacy Day**, students will learn about the importance of voting and advocacy, and they will have the opportunity to discuss issues of importance to them with state-wide elected officials. Students from all 16 Maryland community colleges will be present on February 15, 2022.
- **Fall 2022 –**
 - Students will be given voter information at New Student Orientation session (August 2022)
 - **On Constitution Day** (September 15 and 16), Student Life will partner with the campus Library to invite Harford County Board of Elections to speak with students about the voting process, register new voters, and share other relevant information.
 - Student Life will collaborate with academic divisions to share resources with students and host possible campus-wide panels.
 - Student will receive biweekly voter information from the Vice President of Student Success throughout the month of September and October.
 - Student Life will share voter information with all registered student organizations (RSOs) and encourage RSOs to engage in campus activities pertaining to voter registration and dissemination of voter information.
 - Voting resources, information, and links will be made available on the Harford Events App and through campus flyers that will be placed in all campus buildings.
 - **On National Voter Registration Day** (September 20), Student Life will invite the Harford County Board of Elections, Together We Will, and the League of Women Voters to conduct in-person outreach on campus.

4. Provision of voter registration materials at central locations and high-traffic areas on campus

Harford Community College students can find voter registration material located in the Student Life Office, Disability Services, and at the campus Library.

5. Location of the student voter registration link and Student Voting Plan on our website/student portal

The Student Voter Registration Link can be found on Owl.net.Harford.edu on the home tab. The link takes students directly to Maryland's State Board of Election https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/students.html

The screenshot displays a portion of the Harford Community College website. On the left, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Chat now: click here to start', 'Text: 443-227-5757', and 'Email: helpdesk@harford.edu'. Below this is an 'Employees' section and a 'Directory for Student Services' section with links for 'Student Services', 'Admissions', 'Advising, Career, and Transfer Services', and 'Cashiers Office'. The main content area features a 'Spring 2022 Transfer Fair' announcement for Tuesday, February 22, 2022, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Student Center. The announcement includes a photo of two students looking at a brochure and a list of topics: Admission Requirements, Campus Life, Scholarship Opportunities, Degree Programs, and More. To the right, there is a 'Voter Registration' banner with a graphic that says 'REGISTER TO VOTE!' and a link for 'Voter Registration Information for College Students'. Below the banner is a 'Weather' widget for Harford CC, showing a current temperature of 32°F and a forecast for the following week.

- The Student Voting Plan can be found on Harford Community College [webpage](#) and on Owl.net.Harford.edu, below the Voting link.