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Frederick Community College Student Voting Plan

Maryland Article-Election Law §3-204

Designation of Student Voting Coordinator

FCC designated Kristi Mills, Assistant Director, Center for Student Engagement as the Student Voting Coordinator. Ms. Mills has 30 years of experience working at Frederick Community College with 26 years in Student Affairs. Contact: KMills@frederick.edu (301-846-2488)

Statewide Elections

State Elections Primary

Next primary election: June 28, 2022

State Gubernatorial Election Primary

June 28, 2022

State General Elections

Next general election: November 8, 2022

Web access to voter registration information

Online, FCC maintains a prominent voter registration link year-round on the home page of the student portal, [myFCC](#). Voter registration links are also included on two additional landing pages on the FCC website.

Page	URL
MyFCC Student Portal	https://myfcc.frederick.edu/portal.aspx
Helpful Services	https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/student-engagement/helpful-services.aspx
Events and Activities	https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/student-engagement/events-and-activities.aspx
Student Right to Know	https://www.frederick.edu/current-students/required-communications/student-right-to-know-grievance.aspx

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General information on Elections in Maryland

[Maryland State Board of Elections](#)

General information on voter registration in Maryland

[Voter Registration Introduction \(maryland.gov\)](#)

Voter registration specific to students in Maryland

[Students enrolled in a Maryland institution of higher education](#)

Voter registration on-line or by mail in Maryland

[Voter Registration Application \(maryland.gov\)](#)

Information on voting in Maryland

[Voting in Maryland](#)

Out of State Voting

West Virginia- [Elections Division \(wv.gov\)](#)

Virginia- [Virginia Department of Elections](#)

Pennsylvania- [Voting & Elections \(pa.gov\)](#)

Student Voter Engagement Activities for 2021

The College efforts toward civic learning and democratic engagement for 2021 included virtual and face-to-face campus observation of the six civic holidays: Constitution Day, National Voter Registration Day, National Voter Education Week, Vote Early Day, Election Hero Day, and Election Day. In addition to civic holidays, the Center for Student Engagement included voter registration, election deadlines, and candidate promotion at all of our campus-wide events throughout each semester.

After the Inauguration of President Biden, we hosted a virtual workshop to review and discuss the first 100 days in office. This workshop was a collaboration with the Center for Student Engagement and faculty from our Social Sciences department.

For the eight municipalities that held elections our goal was to register voters, promote the elections, inform and educate voters on candidates, promote early voting, and increase voter turnout at each election. Deadlines, election reminders, and candidate information were made available throughout the year. During the spring semester, information was predominately virtual but included links to the Frederick County Board of Elections website as well as the municipality's website. When we returned to campus, we scheduled tabling events to promote the remaining municipal elections. This included voter registration information, as well as fliers with election deadlines and QR codes linking to election websites. To make voting easier for our students, a ballot drop box was made available on our campus outside our Student Center.

Due to COVID-19, our spring 2021 semester was primarily virtual. Staff returned to campus full time for the fall 2021, but our student population was still 60% virtual. To ensure consistent communication to all students, promotion of all deadlines, events, and activities were both virtual

and face-to-face. Our Voter Friendly Campus designee also attended Voter Friendly Campus webinars and virtual meetings.

2021 Events and Activities

January – August – While operating virtually during the spring and summer 2021 semesters, voter registration reminders were included in weekly newsletters that were emailed to all credit and non-credit students as well as employees. The reminders included links to the Maryland Board of Education website with highlights of the online services and information voters could find within.

Five municipal elections were promoted virtually during this time. Voter registration deadlines, candidate information, election deadlines and reminders, as well as voting locations and options were included in weekly newsletters emailed to students, faculty, and staff.

August During our New Student and Parent Convocation, a voter information and registration table was staffed by student volunteers and members of a non-partisan community voter advocacy group to provide resources and guidance for new voters.

A ballot drop box was located on campus in front of the Student Center through the November 2 Frederick City general election.

August – December – During the fall 2021 semester, the campus was open but 60% of students were still virtual. Information and events were promoted both on campus as well as virtually. Campus events were carried out in a ‘grab and go’ fashion to not encourage congregation of large crowds. Our voter registration efforts from the spring semester continued, with the addition of tabling in the Student Center. Tabling information was left out for evening students to access. Most students completed voter registration applications online, but if a paper form was completed by a Frederick County resident, the Center for Student Engagement took the completed forms to the Frederick County Board of Elections Office the next day. Forms completed on deadline dates were taken to the Board of Elections that day.

Three more municipal elections were promoted virtually and in person during this time. Voter registration deadlines, candidate information, election deadlines and reminders, as well as voting locations and options were included in weekly newsletters emailed to students, faculty, and staff. Tabling events were scheduled one to two weeks before each deadline and election to promote. Fliers were distributed with election and candidate information, as well as QR codes linking to appropriate election websites.

September 13-17 – Constitution Day Observance – A staffed information table was available in the Student Center with pocket copies of US Constitution, voter registration information, upcoming municipal election deadline information, fliers with QR codes linking to the Maryland Board of Elections website, and patriotic rubber

ducks and American flags. Fliers and information highlighted the Frederick City primary election, as it was the scheduled during this week. Information table was accessible all week by both day and evening students. Constitution Day was included on the College's webpage calendar on September 17 with explanation of day and links to various Constitution websites.

September 28 – National Voter Registration Day – A staffed information table was available in the Student Center voter registration information, upcoming municipal election deadline information, fliers with QR codes linking to the Maryland Board of Elections website, and patriotic rubber ducks and American flags. Information table was accessible to both day and evening students. National Voter Registration Day was included on the College's webpage calendar on September 28 with explanation of day and links to the Maryland Board of Elections websites.

October 4 – 8 – National Voter Education Week – A staffed information table was available in the Student Center the whole week with fliers outlining action plans for the week, voter registration information, upcoming municipal election deadline information, fliers with QR codes linking to the Maryland Board of Elections website. Fliers and information highlighted the Frederick City general election. Information table was accessible all week by both day and evening students. Each day of National Voter Education Week was included on the College's webpage calendar with explanation of week, that day's action plan, and a link to the national website.

October 23 – Vote Early Day Reminder – Since National Vote Early Day was a Saturday, an information table was available in the Student Center on Monday and Tuesday of this week with information on voting early dates, times and locations; Election Hero Day; as well as Election Day information. Fliers included QR codes linking to election website, early voting websites, and the Maryland Board of Elections website. The table was accessible to both day and evening students. Vote Early Day was listed on the College's webpage calendar with links to the Maryland Board of Elections.

November 1 – November 2 -- Election Hero Day and Election Day – A staffed information table was available in the Student Center with fliers explaining Election Hero Day and suggestions on ways to thank those we celebrate. Election Day fliers were available with election locations and times, QR codes linking to Maryland Board of Elections, and instructions on how to find their voting location. Information was accessible by both day and evening students. Both days were included on the College's webpage calendar with explanation of day and links to the Maryland Board of Elections websites.

Student Voting Plan for 2022

Frederick Community College is a designated Voter Friendly Campus by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) for 2021-2022. The Center for Student Engagement will continue to promote campus-wide civic learning and democratic

engagement through promotion of voter registration, informed voters and increased voter turnout. This includes on-campus observance of the six civic holidays, voter registration drives, candidate information drives, election information drives, democratic engagement workshops, and Maryland Board of Election deadline reminders. Our office collaborates with campus faculty as well as community organizations such as the League of Women Voters. The 2022 Maryland Gubernatorial elections will be a focus of this year’s efforts with the goal of increasing the number of educated, informed voters who are active in the election process. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all outreach efforts will be made both face-to-face and virtually.

Voter registration advertisements will run consistently on electronic signs in two locations of the Student Center. All events and deadlines will be included on the student portal calendar, which is visible when students log into their student accounts. In addition, all events and deadlines will be included in a weekly newsletter that is emailed to all students and employees. Voter registration information also will be consistently available in the Center for Student Engagement, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

We plan to increase our co-curricular collaborations with faculty and community partners to offer both in-person and virtual discussions, tied to academic disciplines, on civic engagement, the democratic process, and the power of the vote. We will incentivize participation with free food and supporting events to target broader audiences.

When we are back to full in-person programming, we hope to rekindle our student directed bi-partisan political club, which would offer workshops, programming, field trips, and experiential learning exercises to increase voter awareness and activism.

January	<p>Submit 2023-2024 State of Interest for NASPA designation as Voter Friendly Campus</p> <p>Voter registration tabling included with Student Engagement events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning of January term classes • Beginning of spring semester classes
February	<p>Student Advocacy Day (virtual event with elected officials)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students learn the importance of voting and advocacy while also having the opportunity to discuss issues with elected officials <p>Voter registration tabling included with Student Engagement events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Student Social • Monroe Center Welcome Back Celebration
March	<p>Voter registration tabling included with Student Engagement events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
April	<p>Voter registration tabling included with Student Engagement events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellness Week events • Earth Day Celebration
May –June	<p>Tabling to promote voter registration deadlines, early voting, and Gubernatorial primary election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 7 – Deadline to register to vote in Gubernatorial primary, as well as change name, address or party affiliation • June 16-June 23 – Early voting for Gubernatorial primary election • June 21 – Deadline to request mail-in ballot by mail for fax

- June 24 – deadline to request mail-in ballot by email
 - June 28 – Gubernatorial primary election
- July Voter registration tabling to promote reopening of voter registration on July 11
- August Voter registration tabling included with Student Engagement events
- New Student & Parent Convocation
 - Beginning of fall semester classes
- September 17 Constitution Day – voter registration tabling with distribution of free U.S. Constitutions; possible workshop with faculty
- September 27 National Voter Registration Day – voter registration tabling with election and voter resources
- October Tabling to promote voter registration deadlines, early voting, and Gubernatorial general election
- October 3-7 - National Voter Education Week – Each day of the week is dedicated to one action to prepare voters for the upcoming election day: VoteReady – register or check your status; MailReady – request your mail-in ballot; VotePlanReady – make a plan to vote; BallotReady – know what is on your ballot; VoteReady – level up your voting engagement
 - October 18 - Deadline to register to vote in general election as well as change name, address or party affiliation
 - October 22 - Vote Early Day – tabling to ensure students know their options and resources to vote early
 - October 27-November 3 - Early voting for Gubernatorial general election
- November 1-8 Tabling to promote election deadlines, candidate information, and election resources
- November 1 - Deadline to request mail-in ballot by mail or fax
 - November 4 - Deadline to request mail-in ballot by email
 - November 7 - Election Hero Day
 - November 8 - Election Day – Recognition of importance and work of election administration teams, poll workers, etc.
- November 21- Tabling to promote reopening of voter registration