

ANNUAL REPORT

Young people nationwide turned out for the November midterm election in record numbers. **You've helped make that possible!** Through joining forces with Democracy Maine and the League of Women Voters of Maine, Maine Students Vote has been able to more than double the number of campuses and high schools that we support.

Our goal this year was to increase our support of community colleges and rural campuses. We were able to fulfill this by working with **17 colleges and universities** across Maine. Through providing resources, collaborating on student-led initiatives, offering workshops, and hiring Election Engagement Fellows our work on these campuses was tailored to their specific needs.



In 2022, we worked with 17 Maine colleges and universities.

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Across the state, we also trained and supported **21 student leaders** who worked to engage their peers in the midterms. These students were the backbone of our work. Their events and work **registered more than 600 students** in two months.



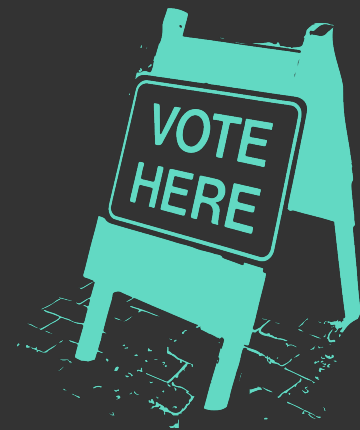
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Being a part of this team has made me happier than I could ever express in words. The sort of happiness that comes from teaching others about your favorite thing or finally meeting people that are excited by the same things you are. **I will carry these experiences with me for the rest of my life.** I am a more confident, well-spoken, motivated, hard-working person because of this organization and the people in it.” — MSV Fellow 2022



EMPOWERING STUDENTS

At the end of September, our team hosted the first in-person **Maine Youth Voting Summit**. This event brought together more than 15 different civic organizations that ran workshops, shared their resources, and networked with over **75 attendees** from 7 colleges and 5 different high schools. These participants also had a chance to hear from 6 different elected officials from Governor to Town Selectman that represented a spectrum of political parties. Elected officials were encouraged to share the story of how they got started in the field of public service.

We’re working to empower young people with the knowledge that they can make a difference. From Caribou to Saco, we’ve supported high schools statewide, focusing on diverse Maine voices and communities. This year we hosted registration tables, presented in classrooms, provided election engagement resources, and employed **12 high school interns**.

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I can not vote. I am 17. And I am an immigrant, this system is not meant to work for me. I can not vote but maybe I can help other people who feel powerless make a difference.”
— High School Intern 2022



MSV fellow presents at the first in-person Maine Youth Voting Summit.

TEACHER SUPPORT

Through developing a monthly newsletter for high school educators, called the Maine Civic Digest, we have built a network of **173 educators** that span **120 schools**. Through this newsletter, we have piloted new resources, like our First Time Voter Kits, and uplifted the work of educators across the state.



Left: The Jan. 2023 edition of the Maine Civic Digest newsletter.

Right: Materials that were packed into the First Time Voter Kits.



The Baxter Academy Civil Rights Team hosted 3 different voter registration drives at the school and were able to help over a dozen students (and a few staff) register to vote or provide voter information. The First Time Voter Kits were great, and such a valuable resource to help educate our community on how to exercise their rights. Thank you!"
— Baxter Academy Teacher



I have the privilege every day of hearing young people articulate their viewpoints. They deserve to be heard outside the classroom and voter registration will make that happen. I am extremely pleased to have Maine Students Vote here to help them get registered!"
— Deering High School Teacher

WHERE ARE WE HEADING IN 2023?

We are building an even stronger support network for high schools' civic education through both legislation and local events. Our team is also working to make election day a campus holiday across Maine. Opening up the ability for young people to volunteer, vote, organize around election day, and so much more.

Thank you for your support in 2022!



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