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News from CIVITAS

December 2020

✓ Ballot Results:

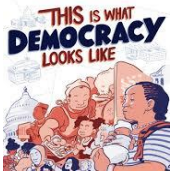
Banner year for voter turnout in national election; Low student participation in determining my ballot. Only 56 of the 175 CIV students completed the Google Form to determine how my ballot would be marked. Thanks to all who participated.

President/VP:	Biden/Harris - 49	Trump/Pence - 6	Jorgensen/Cohen - 1
US Congress District 7	Ami Bera - 48	Buzz Patterson - 8	
State Assembly District 8:	Ken Cooley - 47	Cathy Cook - 9	
Board of Supervisors District 3:	Gregg Fishman - 36	Rich Desmond - 20	
SJUSD Board:	Paula Villescaz - 40	Pam Costa - 36	Saul Hernandez - 25
	Andrew Blan - 16	Garrett Brewer - 1	Melinda Avey - 15
			Riah Skrinknik - 9

Propositions:

14 - Yes - 40	17 - Yes - 49	20 - No - 32	23 - No - 29
15 - Yes - 46	18 - Yes - 39	21 - No - 30	24 - Yes - 32
16 - Yes - 31	19 - No - 34	22 - No - 31	25 - Yes - 38

✓ Shout Out to CIV Jr. Naomi Piper-Pell & the Rio Young Progressives Club:



Hours of phone banking for a candidate in Michigan paid off.
Show me what democracy looks like!
Rio Young Progressives Club is what Democracy looks like!

✓ Shout Out to CIV Jr. Julia Florentino and CIV Sophomore Luciana -Lulu Voss:

The seniors assembling care packages for hospice patients and medical care providers say thanks for supporting their senior project. Because of your generosity, you have earned not only our gratitude, but also CSL hours.

Civic engagement encompasses a broad range of activities related to democracy, from donating to charity to running for political office. - Center for High Impact Philanthropy – University of Pennsylvania



✓ Attention Parents:

● **Remote Evaluators for Senior Project Presentations Needed:** Because of COVID-19, seniors can't present their projects in person to a panel of evaluators. Instead, they will film their presentations, upload presentations to YouTube, and share their presentation links with me by May 10, 2021. By May 12, 2021, remote evaluators will receive an email that includes links to the presentations they have been assigned to evaluate, directions on scoring presentations, and grading rubrics. Presentation videos are between 10 and 20 minutes long, and remote evaluators will have one week to watch, evaluate, and return their scoring documents to me. If you are not a parent of a current CIVITAS senior and want to volunteer, please complete the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/h1CVZcKve4GjCQ8f7> at your earliest convenience.

✓ Attention Seniors:

The NorCal World Trade Center has partnered with Global Ties in seeking individuals (ages 18-29) to serve as Youth Ambassadors at the U.S. Pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai (taking place from Oct. 2021-April 2022). Want to learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime experience, go to the events section at <https://www.norcalwtc.org/> to register for the Wed., Dec. 2 informational session. For questions, contact Kim Todd at 916-397-0500 or ktodd@norcalwtc.org

✓ Attention Juniors:

- 2 early start internship opportunities available with American River Parkway Foundation
- Internship Opportunity with Rio and Beyond

If you are interested in these internship opportunities, text Seibel at 916-705-8252 to discuss details and next steps.

✓ CIVITAS Website: <https://riocivitas01.wixsite.com/civitas>

The website is still under construction; however, you can find documents, senior project samples, updated totals of CSL hours, and so much more. Please check it out and make use of it.

✓ Categorized CSL Opportunities: link to log hours is on the CIV website. Please follow the directions for logging hours.

1. CIVITAS Senior Projects

● **Request from Ryan Cervinka** - For my Senior Project, I am doing "Outreach and Recruitment" to the class of 2025. The first round of (virtual) interviews will be held on December 11th, 2020 after school. This means that I need volunteers to be interviewers. You will receive Community Service-Learning Hours for however long the event lasts. (It is usually about two hours long.) Since this year's interviews are online, I am holding a pre-meeting on Wednesday, December 9th. You will receive CSL hours for this as well. If you are available to be an interviewer, please fill out this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/rSxtJczFbG4DT8WWA>. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at ryancervinka@gmail.com. Thanks for being willing to help leverage people-power to grow and sustain our CIVITAS program and help our community! Thank you for your help.

● **Request from Morgan Anapolsky** - I had the opportunity to intern for a nonprofit called Single Mom Strong last summer. SMS has created a community of over 400 single mothers in the Sacramento area. The holiday season is extremely stressful, especially for mothers who are working tirelessly to make ends meet. For my senior project, I am going to be fundraising to provide a memorable holiday for these mothers and their families through the annual Holiday Adopt-A-Family program. Families receive toys, meals, and basic necessities. Please contact me if you would like to donate, any amount is greatly appreciated! My email is morgie.anapolsky@gmail.com and phone number is (916) 596-5341. Thank you!

2. Political

● **Join Student Senate** - The Student Senate will serve as a way for student voices to be heard & to provide insight into student government events, programs, & more. We will focus on providing ways to hear your thoughts through monthly zoom calls led by members of student government & ASB Advisor Mrs. Nava. We are so excited to expand our reach to the Rio Community & hope to provide a safe space to hear genuine concern, feedback, & ideas to help grow our campus culture. Interested? Complete Google Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSew_H6cB4stfDSkUHNbiLs9xo-HGNNKEcVn7I9cj9Ygv9gXww/viewform?usp=sf_link

● **Join the Sacramento Youth Lobby Corps** - This program, headed by 4 CIV students: Senior Beth K-S, Juniors Darya P & Annika D, and Sophomore Sarina N, starts in December with a crash-course into how the California legislature works and how to lobby. After listening to numerous guest speakers who work in politics, students are given the chance to advocate for bills that they are passionate about in the California legislature. Sign up form and meeting dates are on the links below. For questions, please email: pahlavand5856@student.sanjuan.edu or daryapahlavan@gmail.com

Link to website: <https://sites.google.com/view/sylc> Link to Google Form Signup: <https://sites.google.com/view/sylc/signup>

● **Phonebank for the Georgia Senate Races**

GA Senate Race #1: Sen. David Perdue (Incumbent- Rep): <https://perduesenate.com/get-involved/volunteer/>
John Ossoff (Dem): <https://www.mobilize.us/election/event/363595/>

GA Senate Race #2: Sen. Kelly Loeffler (Incumbent- Rep): <https://www.mobilize.us/election/event/363595/>
Reverend Raphael Warnock (Dem): https://secure.warnockforgeorgia.com/page/s/website_vol

● **Take Action on a Sierra Club Issues**

No Marine CAFOS - Industrial-scale fish farming—the marine version of concentrated animal feeding operations, or CAFOs—is devastating wild populations of native fish species, as well as marine mammals. Non-native and genetically modified farmed fish inevitably escape their enclosures, fouling the waters and passing diseases and parasites onto native fish stocks. A new bill, S. 4723, would allow marine CAFOs to release a mix of antibiotics, noxious chemicals, fish pathogens, and untreated fecal waste. Appetizing, huh? [Urge your senators to vote no on industrial fish farms.](#)

Dump the Pumps - The Army Corps of Engineers has announced an unprecedented move to resurrect the destructive Yazoo Backwater Pumps in Mississippi's South Delta, which would drain and destroy more than 200,000 acres of wetlands. These Mississippi wetlands are some of our nation's richest habitat, supporting over 450 species of birds, fish and wildlife. [Tell the Army Corps to reject the Yazoo Pumps.](#)

3. Civic Engagement

● **Board of Education meetings** - public session expected to start at approximately 6:30 p.m. At this time, meetings are scheduled to be held online via the Zoom platform and streamed to YouTube. Links to join or view the meeting will be posted approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting at www.sanjuan.edu/boardmeeting. Future Board of Education Meetings: 12/15, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25, 6/8, & 6/22

● **National Constitution Center Live Scholar Exchanges** (live interactive classes on the Constitution) - Part lecture and part lively conversation, Scholar Exchanges give students the opportunity to learn about constitutional issues, while interacting with a constitutional expert, historian, or federal judge. Sessions are open to the public so that students, teachers, and parents can join in a constitutional discussion with our scholars, including President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen and Chief Learning Officer Kerry Sautner. Each session begins with a current constitutional event that engages students of all ages in a relevant discussion. The scholars also answer student questions.

First Amendment: Assembly and Petition - in this session, students will engage in a conversation on the First Amendment's assembly and petition clause, and how these freedoms are defined in an age of new technology. **Register for High School and College Session** Feb. 15 and 17 at 2 p.m. ET (right click on register to copy and paste the link info)

● **Constitutional Rights Foundation**

[Public Policy: A Crash Course in Real Time](#) - CRF Sr. Program Director (and high school teacher) Sarah Badawi will facilitate a lesson from the Civic Action Project focused on public policies in play and analyzing public policy.

[The Census in U.S. History](#) - CRF Senior Editor & Curriculum Specialist Damon Huss presents an overview of the crucial census process, its constitutional origins, and the confidentiality of census information.

● **The Bill of Rights at the Schoolhouse Gate** - Throughout their schooling, students are taught about the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution...including when they're at school. Join the National Archives and iCivics on Dec. 15 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET for a free online discussion about the application of the Bill of Rights in schools.

REGISTER

4. Websites to Check out for Online Service Hours

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| ✓ https://sites.google.com/view/sacsunrise/home?authuser=0 | ✓ https://www.sunrisemovement.org/volunteer |
| ✓ https://350sacramento.org/volunteer/ | ✓ https://www.bestbuddies.org/california/volunteer |
| ✓ https://www.redcross.org/local/california/gold-country/volunteer.html | ✓ https://transcription.si.edu/ |
| ✓ https://www.zooniverse.org/get-involved | ✓ https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en |
| ✓ https://blogs.ancestry.com/worldarchivesproject/?page_id=1023 | ✓ https://children-rising.org/volunteer/ |
| ✓ https://www.pgdp.net/c/accounts/addproofer.php | ✓ https://translatorswithoutborders.org/volunteer/ |

5. In Person/Local Non-Profits

- **Join or form a Meal Train** & help Wind Youth Services provide lunches for homeless youth in Sac.
Use Sign Up Genius link to prepare part of a meal: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/4090E49A8AF22A2F58-lunch>
Use Meal Train link sign up to prepare a whole meal: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9g6m15>

- **Volunteer** (socially distanced, safely) to disinfect toys & surfaces in the center at Single Mom Strong or **Donate** requested items like paper towels, hand soap, disinfectant, printer paper and ink.

6. Clubs to check out with potential CSL opportunities

Key Club, Interact, SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise Club, Rio Young Progressives, and Kicks for Keeps.

✓ Requests from Seibel

- **Recruitment:** Continue pitching the program and encouraging students to apply.
 - **Internships:** If you or someone you know in a government, political, non-profit, or **private sector** agency/organization want to serve as a mentor & can provide students with meaningful tasks & experiences that challenge & expose them to the reality of work in a specific field, please complete the Intern Request Form on the CIV website.
- Internships in high demand with low supply:**

+ STEM - engineering, research and development, computer/programming, etc.

+ Lobbying – women's issues, environment, & protection of civil liberties

+ Healthcare

+ Media, Communications, & Journalism

- **CSL Opportunities:** Please share opportunities with me to include in upcoming News from CIVITAS emails.

√ Important Upcoming Events:

- 1st Mandatory Jr. Lunch Meeting (Internship Interest Survey, Signed Student & Parent Contract, & updated resume due (Documents on CIV website. Share items with me on Google Docs)

Jan 15, 2021 12:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://sanjuan.zoom.us/j/81902011875?pwd=OXpKdGtqWExlQWU2NG00dXBnMDc3dz09>

Meeting ID: 819 0201 1875

Passcode: 358674

- December 11th – Round 1 of Incoming Freshmen Interviews
- 2021 United States Senate Youth Program - deadline to apply (<https://ussenateyouth.org/>) is **Friday, December 18, 2020.**