

St. Paul Students Work to Mobilize and Educate Peers

St. Paul MN (October 30, 2020) - Throughout this fall a dedicated group of St. Paul high school and college students have worked on voter outreach in their schools and communities. Partnered with the League of Women Voters St. Paul (LWVSP), these 14 students from 8 different schools created and disseminated a variety of projects related to voter registration, youth engagement, and early voting.

Starting in September, the LWVSP Youth Vote Team has provided these "Student Leaders" with training, resources, and stipends to help them get other young people involved in the 2020 election. Some of these students have worked with LWVSP before while others are new to the program. Collaborating with LWVSP Project Coordinators, Teacher Leaders, and sometimes each other, these students have drafted projects based on what they think their peers need to know about this election. For some this meant creating videos that explain how to register, while for others this meant social media campaigns about the importance of voting.

Of course, like so many other things, the LWVSP Youth Vote Team and Student Leaders' work has looked very different this year due to COVID-19. While in past years students have been able to hold registration drives or talk in classes, this year they had to focus on education and engagement through a screen. The Student Leaders rose to the challenge though, and have created 10 unique digital projects to educate other students.

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