Democratic Engagement Team

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The Democratic Engagement team works to make more informed, civically involved, and active agents of change in the community and on campus.

The whole year, our group tries to get as many students as possible to register to vote. We held an event and booth where we had students register to vote and then take a picture showing off registering to vote on WSU campus. It got students politically mobilized and encouraged some students who weren’t registered to do so. Do to our team’s valiant effort, our campus is now a Voter Friendly campus.

Deliberative Democracy Day is an effort to bring students and the community together to solve some of the more pressing issues of our day. We held a panel of community members and staff members. We invited several organizations that held suicide in the LGBTQ+ community in high regards. The community and several students turned out to listen to this pressing issue.

Before our Deliberative Democracy Day, we held an event called Damnedest of the Damned. Our team invited a presenter from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. This speaker, Jake Newsome, talked about the persecution of the gays and lesbians during that time. This event had numerous community members, faculty and staff members, and students who attended.

Rock the Vote was a collaborative event with the Walker Institute of Politics and Public Policy. It was an outdoor concert held on 25th street that encouraged the community and students to attend, enjoy a free concert, and register to vote.

This event was originally created to inform the attendees about how to properly write to their representatives. Now it has been requested to be presented to several groups and made into an informational website. Our team is considering creating this a series of events to inform people of several ways to have a political voice.