Emory Designated a “Voter Friendly Campus”

As of March 9, 2021, Emory University is one of over 231 campuses nationwide to be honored with the title “Voter Friendly Campus.”

The Voter Friendly Campus initiative, led by nonpartisan organizations Campus Vote Project and NASPA, held participating institutions accountable for planning and implementing practices that encourage their students to register and vote in 2020 elections and beyond.

Emory was evaluated based on the Emory Votes Initiative’s plan for registering, educating, and turning out student voters in 2020, the ways we facilitated voter engagement, and a final analysis of our efforts—all carried out amid the upheaval of a pandemic. On its way to this seal of approval, Emory promoted information and voting through TurboVote, incorporated civic engagement and voting in its first-year PACE orientation class, and held a university-wide National Voter Registration Day webinar, to name a few highlights.

“We are thrilled to receive this recognition,” said Alex Bolton, assistant professor of political science and member of the Emory Votes Initiative steering committee. “It’s a strong affirmation of Emory’s commitment to civic engagement and democratic values in all aspects of its mission. We’re excited to join this nationwide network of universities promoting civic participation and to build on all the voter engagement work in our community over this past election cycle.”

The Voter Friendly Campus designation is valid through December 2022. Its mission is to bolster efforts that help students overcome barriers to participating in the political process. Institutions designated Voter Friendly Campuses are located in 37 states and the District of Columbia, representing a wide range of two-year, four-year, public, private, rural, and urban campuses. The program ultimately serves millions of students.

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