



Mark Your Calendars!

With generous support from The Endeavor Foundation, the CLDE Coalition and the University of Virginia's Karsh Institute of Democracy announce

College Civic Learning for an Engaged Democracy

Five Planning and Action Forums for Educators and Policy Leaders

Registration for the first two forums will open on November 7, 2022.

Both forums will be virtual and free to registered attendees. Each will be held over two half-days. Visit events.compact.org/CLDE to register. These forums are hosted by Campus Compact, a lead partner in the CLDE Coalition.

FORUM #1

**College Civic Learning for an Engaged Democracy:
New Urgency, New Vision, New Educator–Policy Leader Alliances**

December 13 and 14, 2022

2:00–5:30 p.m. Eastern time on each day

FORUM #2

**Bridging the Divides, Including All Students:
Diversity, Equity, and High-Impact Civic Learning Pathways**

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WHY COLLEGE CIVIC LEARNING?

Across the country, community colleges, colleges, and universities already offer many courses and programs directly related to **civic learning for an engaged democracy**. In addition, there are exciting new models for exploring democracy's aspirations, challenges, and future; practicing dialogues across difference; and involving all students in civic inquiry projects. But there are deep disparities in the types of programs offered across both higher education sectors and fields of study. Most important, most college students do not participate in this type of learning.

Now it is time to explore ways that educators and policy leaders can expand civic learning in higher education so that all college students participate. As a result, graduates will have civic problem-solving skills they can apply in their professions; in their communities; and to efforts to ensure a fair, lasting democracy. Learn more about **civic learning for an engaged democracy** at collegeciviclearning.org.

ABOUT THE FIRST TWO FORUMS

The December and February forums will help educators and policy leaders explore:

- **A Civic and Democracy-Focused Learning Framework** that college educators, systems, and consortia can tailor for students, programs, and community partnerships.
- **Campus Examples** in which civic learning includes all students and in particular gives voice to students from historically underserved communities.
- **Policy Initiatives** that can help scale **civic learning for an engaged democracy**, including candid discussions about enabling vs. imposing.
- **New Research** that details both the strong benefits of civic learning for students and the deep disparities among students who participate.
- **Crosswalks** between K–12 and postsecondary civic learning redesigns.
- **Creative Strategies** for connecting **civic learning for an engaged democracy** with other top student success and policy priorities, such as completion, equity, free academic inquiry and civil discourse, high-impact educational practices, and project-based learning.
- **Practical Advice** from leaders in diverse settings about how their institutions moved from making civic learning available as an option to achieving the full participation of all students.

Forum attendees will receive planning tools to assess their current civic learning strengths, challenges, and opportunities and to choose priorities for planning and action.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The forums are designed for higher education institutions, policy organizations, and state systems and consortia. **Consider enrolling as a civic learning team.** Bring partners from initiatives related to your college's top priorities, including diversity, equity, and inclusion; completion and student success; career planning; civil discourse; centers for racial justice; and high-impact learning. Include students, employers, community partners, K–12 educators, philanthropy, and others who can help.

Not ready to form a civic learning team yet? Mark the dates and plan to join both forums. When you come to the forums, you will discover new allies, new inspiration, and practical help with achievable next steps.

FULL FORUM SCHEDULE

College Civic Learning for an Engaged Democracy Five Planning and Action Forums for Educators and Policy Leaders December 2022–October 2023

FORUM #1 and FORUM #2 Reaching Wider: The Online Forums

The first two forums will help educators and policy leaders place the college civic learning movement in a larger national and global context, explore ways to link civic learning with equity and student success plans, and use new research about the benefits of civic learning for students and the deep disparities among students who participate. Participants will receive planning tools to assess their current civic learning strengths, challenges, and opportunities and to choose priorities for planning and action.

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FORUM #3 and FORUM #4 A Deeper Dive: The Summer Forums for Campus Teams and Policy Organizations

The two summer 2023 forums will provide opportunities for civic learning leadership teams to work intensively – with colleagues and experienced mentors – on strategies, issues, and action plans for scaling student participation in **civic learning for an engaged democracy**. Participants will develop creative strategies for enlisting allies, setting equity and quality goals, building leadership support, and significantly expanding college civic learning for an engaged democracy.

FORUM #3
**Making College Civic Learning Inclusive and High
Impact**
July 2023

This five-day forum will be offered through the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) annual Institute on Engaged and Integrative Learning. Each team will bring its own draft action to the forum. Teams will work with faculty and experts to strengthen their plan, solve practical problems, and secure needed support.

Participation will be by application to AAC&U. Application process to be announced. Teams from institutions, systems, and consortia are encouraged to apply.

FORUM #4
**Making Equity-Committed Civic Learning a Policy
Priority: Creating New Crosswalks with Student
Success and K–12 Reforms**
August 7–10, 2023

This three-day forum will be offered in concert with the State Higher Education Executive Officers Summer Policy Institute. Leadership teams will consult with policy organizations that have already implemented initiatives to expand college-level civic learning, examine K–12 civic and history learning reforms, and develop detailed action plans applicable to their own agencies and institutional members.

Application process to be announced. Applicants are encouraged to include policy leaders, campus leaders, and faculty on their teams.

FORUM #5

The Educator–Policy Leader Summit

The fifth and final forum in this series will be held in concert with the University of Virginia's Democracy Biennial, a major gathering of scholars, thought leaders, and journalists hosted by the University of Virginia's Karsh Institute of Democracy.

FORUM #5

Committed, Creative, Catalytic: Renewing, Energizing, and Aligning Civic Learning from School Through College

October 2023

*Drawing from a year of creative civic learning planning, action, and success, this forum will showcase **civic learning for an engaged democracy** successes and chart next steps for expanding the movement and aligning with K–12 reforms.*

Application process to be announced.

ABOUT THE SPONSORS

The **Civic Learning and Democracy Engagement Coalition** (CLDE Coalition) includes education and policy organizations committed to making civic learning for an engaged democracy a priority across higher education and in public policy. The coalition is led by the American Association of Colleges and Universities, Campus Compact, College Promise, Complete College America, and State Higher Education Executive Officers. The coalition is working in partnership with more than 70 higher education and student success organizations, including several state systems, and all seven institutional accreditors.

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The **University of Virginia's Karsh Institute of Democracy** is committed to addressing the urgent challenges facing democracy today and creating a future where democracy's aspirations and its reality are unified. Uniquely situated in one of the nation's most esteemed public institutions, the Karsh Institute is a catalyst of action and impact that builds upon UVA's expertise in the study of democracy, public policy and leadership, and its history as a public institution founded to prepare citizen-leaders to serve a fledgling democracy.

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