

Dear Friends of YPPP (Eagleton's Youth Political Participation Program):

After a busy few months, Election Day has passed and YPPP's RU Voting™ program is pausing for us to catch our breath. In large numbers and with great enthusiasm, students have been talking about politics, listening to the candidates debate, and registering to vote.

In the last few months, RU Voting™

- trained Rutgers students to register fellow students to vote.
- conducted campus-wide voter registration drives and registered over 400 students to vote in the November election.
- hosted two wildly successful "Popcorn and Politics" debate watches, filling the entire first floor of the Eagleton Institute of Politics each time.
- participated in a conference hosted by Harvard University's Institute of Politics on effective ways to mobilize students to participate in elections.
- partnered with the Rutgers University Debate Union for a "Pizza and Politics" debate on replacing the current primary system with a national primary.



Voter Registration Training



Debate Watch



Student Registration Drive



The semester's not over yet. Students in the Darien Civic Engagement Project are immersed in "RU Talking to Me?" - a research effort that tracks candidate and media attention to young adults and the issues that matter to them. Aresty Research Assistants working on the "Young Elected Leaders Project" are

analyzing data on young officeholders and taking steps to launch a qualitative research project on the ways in which young elected officials lead.

The campus is buzzing with politics and so is the Youth Political Participation Program. Follow our work the rest of the semester and as we head closer to 2016 by liking our [Facebook page](#). Also, I encourage you to read an oped I wrote entitled "[Millennials and 2016 Elections -- An Opportunity Not to Be Wasted](#)" - a call to all of us to foster interest and political engagement among young adults. That's what we'll be doing here! Thank you for your support.

Yours truly,



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p.s. The Eagleton Institute of Politics is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Be sure to [read this announcement](#) from Ruth B. Mandel to find out who is celebrating with us!

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