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On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6 and 7, Dominican University of California hosted a convening of approximately 150 college students from across the United States as part of College Debate 2016. The students identified the issues that matter most to millennial voters and create questions to be presented to the presidential candidates during the fall debates.

College Debate 2016 is a first-of-its-kind national initiative created by Dominican to provide college students from throughout the United States a platform to discuss and debate the complex issues facing our country. Dominican is a Voter Education Partner for the Commission on Presidential Debates.

The University worked with more than a dozen national higher education partners representing more than 1,000 members nationwide to invite students to participate in the initiative.

In June, the students attended a two-day planning and training session on the Dominican campus in order to organize issue-focused events and outreach on their respective home campuses. The programming focused on promoting civil discourse, understanding responsible digital citizenry, and avoiding stereotypes and assumptions while focusing on the issues rather than party politics.

On September 6, the students arrived on campus and discussed their outreach and developed their platform. On September 7, the students finalized their platform and, during a Town Hall meeting in Angelico Concert Hall live streamed by ABC News Digital, developed questions they want the presidential candidates to address. These questions will be presented to the moderators of the 2016 presidential debates.

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