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Dominican's national push to engage college students in the presidential election is featured in the American Political Science Association’s online journal Political Science Now.

Co-authors Gigi Gokcek, associate professor of political science at Dominican, and Hanna Rodriguez-Farrar, the University’s senior advisor for Strategy & Planning, discuss the waning youth vote as a driver behind Dominican’s plans for College Debate 2016.

“When young people believe their voices are heard, they become engaged citizens, who participate in the political process and actually turnout out to vote on Election Day,” note the authors.

This September, Dominican is hosting the first ever College Debate 2016, a forum to engage young Americans in the electoral process so that they will be inspired to vote. The Commission on Presidential Debates – the nonpartisan organization that produces debates for the presidential and vice presidential candidates – designated Dominican as a Voter Education Partner. Dominican, located in the San Francisco Bay Area, will host about 140 college students from across the country to serve as delegates, representing their respective institutions and the state where their schools are located.

Click here to read the PSNow article.

For more information about College Debate 2016, please visit Collegedebate16.org.

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