EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE RECEIVES SILVER SEAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT VOTER ENGAGEMENT

San Jose, California – November 19, 2019 — At the 2019 ALL IN Challenge Awards Ceremony, held to recognize colleges and universities committed to increasing college student voting rates, Evergreen Valley College received a silver seal for achieving a student rate between 30 and 39 percent. A full list of seal awardees can be viewed here.

“We are extremely proud to receive this national recognition for our efforts,” said Byron D. Clift Breland, chancellor of the San José - Evergreen Community College District. “With Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice as our guiding values, our faculty, staff, administrators, and students are committed to working together to reduce apathy, increase engagement, and graduate civic-minded students prepared to solve the country, and the world’s, most pressing challenges.”

Student participation in elections has increased from the 2014 midterm election to the recent 2018 midterm election. According to the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement, an initiative of Tufts University’s Institute for Democracy & Higher Education, voter turnout at the more than 1,000 institutions participating in the study increased by 21 points from 19 percent to 40 percent. Thanks in large part to the efforts of its Service-Learning and Public Service program and its Get Out the Vote campaign, Evergreen Valley College’s data revealed a voting rate between 30-39 percent in the 2018 midterm election.

“We are excited to honor Evergreen Valley College with an ALL IN Challenge silver seal in recognition of their intentional efforts to increase democratic engagement and full voter participation,” said Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, executive director of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. “More institutions like Evergreen Valley College are changing culture on campus by institutionalizing nonpartisan democratic engagement efforts that are resulting in the incredible student voter turnout rates that we’ve seen across the country.”

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is a nonpartisan, national initiative recognizing and supporting campuses as they work to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and full student voter participation. The Challenge encourages higher education institutions to help
students form the habits of active and informed citizenship, and make democratic participation a core value on their campus.

More than 560 campuses, enrolling more than 6.2 million students, have joined the Challenge since its launch in summer 2016.

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