We want to hear what YOU have to say about why voting matters—especially now, in 2020. Submit an Essay or Video on one of the two questions below.

1. We hear it over and over these days: “This is the most consequential election of our lifetimes.” Write an essay in which you take a stand on this claim, telling us whether you think it is true or not—and WHY. What is at stake in this election? Is it different from elections past—or as you imagine they might be in the future? How so?

2. In the 2018 “mid-term” election, the voting rate among eligible student voters on the EVC campus was around 33%. Write an essay—or make a video—in which you try to persuade your classmates and colleagues to vote. Why should they? Or why should they not? And HOW can they vote in the current pandemic conditions?

Extra challenge opportunity: Take a creative approach and write a satirical piece, arguing the opposite of what you really believe.

Essays must be 250-500 words. Videos must be 1-2 minutes long.

Email Essay to: EVCServiceLearning@evc.edu. Be sure to include your Name, Student ID, and Phone Number, so that we can contact you if you are a winner!

Upload Video to http://bit.ly/EVCVotesContest. In the Name field, please provide Your Name followed by your Student ID, so that we can contact you if you are a winner!

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Submission Deadline

Best Essay
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OCTOBER 19
10 pm

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