Florida Civic Advance Announces its 2019 Civic Excellence Awards for Voter Education and Civic Service

Tallahassee, Fla. -- The Florida Civic Advance (FCA), a collaborative initiative involving an emerging network of local, regional and statewide organizations committed to strengthening civic life, is proud to recognize an innovative partnership with Eckard College and the Florida Public Interest Research Group, awarded with a Civic Excellence Award in the category of “Voter Education and Civic Service” for “The New Voters Turnout Project.”

The New Voters Turnout Project was designed to engage the next generation of Florida voters by prioritizing student registration and emphasizing voter education. A partnership involving administration, faculty, and volunteer members of Student Government succeeded in registering over 600 students to vote in 2018, increasing voter turnout at our polling location 352% from the 2014 midterm election.

We want to provide a platform to those local civic projects increasing citizen involvement, share their successes and, ultimately, work to replicate them in local communities throughout the state,”said FCA Coordinating Council Chair and AARP Florida State Director Jeff Johnson. “In its inaugural year, this award program recognizes outstanding civic programs, projects or initiatives that successfully promote innovation, excellence and civic awareness in Florida’s local communities. The program has an additional two award categories: Citizen Engagement with Local Government and Intergenerational Civic Engagement.

In addition to the winning projects, the FCA also announced a list of projects receiving honorable mention in this category:

- Craig Latimer and Gerri Kramer, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Hillsborough High School Voter Registration and Art Contest,
- Brian Corley and Tami Bentley, Pasco County Supervisor of Elections, “Bring it to the Table“ Student-based voter education and media.
- Jennifer Edwards and Trish Robertson, Collier County Supervisor of Elections, High School Voter Registration Challenge, Comprehensive Future Voters Campaign
- Vicki Davis and Ike Crumpler, Martin County Supervisor of Elections, Improving Voter Turnout through Student Poll Workers in Hispanic Communities,
- Nathalie Domond & Andrea Mercado, New Florida Majority Education Fund, Integrated Returning Citizens Voter Engagement Project,

The winning project and those receiving honorable mention will be showcased at the FCA Summit, December 12-13, 2019 at St. Petersbourg College, Seminole, For more information and registration, visit https://consensus.fsu.edu/Civic-Advance/index.html