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PVCC hosts Virginia Democracy Summit

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PVCC is continuing to encourage student involvement in government and politics by partnering with the Campus Vote Project to bring the 2020 Virginia Democracy Summit to the campus's Main Building on Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Students from all over Virginia will be participating in the event. Last year, the summit was hosted at James Madison University with over 70 students in attendance.

Connie Jorgensen, assistant professor of political science, said that PVCC is "lucky to host it" this year. Jorgensen expressed how important this summit is going to be especially with the primaries coming up on March 3. This summit is meant to facilitate "young people's participation" and gives students the "tools to get involved and network with students around the state," said Jorgensen.

The intended focus of this summit is students between the ages of 18 to 24 as they historically have a "turn out far lower" than other age groups, said Jorgensen. However, she followed up by saying that the 18 to 24 age group has gone up in recent years and has "picked up in ways we haven't seen in a long time." Despite the focus on this younger demographic, students of all age groups are welcome to register and attend.

The 2020 summit will start with breakfast and sign-in at 8 a.m.. Opening remarks from PVCC's President Frank Friedman and Professor Jorgensen will follow at 9 a.m.. Then Using NSLVE Data at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Census Panel at 9:45 a.m.. At which time, the group will be split up and attendees will have to choose a panel to attend during each time slot. on

PVCC's Voting registration table. Photography by Cody Clark

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