

## **IGNITE partners with Dominican for College Debate 2016**

IGNITE, a nonpartisan organization focused on building political ambition in high school and college-aged women, joined Dominican University of California's College Debate 2016.

As a Voter Education Partner for the [Commission on Presidential Debates](#), Dominican is leading a national initiative to use technology and social media to engage college students in the presidential election.

[IGNITE](#) is building a national movement to dramatically increase the pool of women who are prepared and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. The organization provides civic education, exposure to women in political leadership, hands-on training and work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other's aspirations for civic and political leadership.

IGNITE, which serves thousands of young women in California, Texas and Colorado, is expanding nationally. IGNITE is reaching out to its network of students to encourage student participation in [College Debate 2016](#).

Delegate training was held in June when delegates from around the country gathered at the Dominican campus to learn how to organize issue-focused events and outreach.

Delegates returned in September for focused discussion on national issues. The culminating event was a [Town Hall meeting](#), which was streamed live by ABC News Live across the country. The Town Hall on September 7 resulted in a memo to the moderators of the 2016 Presidential Debates containing [questions](#) for the candidates.

IGNITE joined a growing list of College Debate 16 higher education and technology partners, including the Association of American Colleges & Universities; Bringing Theory to Practice; Project Pericles; Campus Compact; Imagining America; The Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation; The American Democracy Project; NASPA; the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement; The Washington Center; Voispot; Illinois State University School of Communication's new Social Media Analytics and Command Center (SMACC); Generation Citizen; and The Andrew Goodman Foundation.

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