

Dominican launches "Year of Democracy and Equity"

Students are spending this academic year immersed in a thought-provoking and collaborative lineup of courses and activities focused on a central theme of "Democracy and Equity." Programming both in and out of the classroom is engaging students in some of the most critical issues facing the U.S.

Faculty in all schools and departments have redesigned the curriculum in 50 courses in order to incorporate the University-wide [Democracy and Equity](#) theme into the coursework. A series of extra-curricular events will unite the campus community and the greater Marin County community in discussions on topics ranging from youth justice, political participation, and homelessness. Many of the fall events will relate to Dominican's national voter engagement initiative, [College Debate 2016](#).

"The questions of democracy and equity are central to Dominican's educational model, faculty expertise, and institutional identity," said Laura Stivers, dean of the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. "The 2016 presidential election cycle will make this topic, in all its facets, particularly urgent and relevant. Democracy cannot flourish without equity, and equity promises to be a key issue in 2016."

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Dominican's 2016/2017 academic year began August 22. Below is a list of activities planned for fall 2016. Times and locations will be posted on the University's [events page](#).

- Sept. 6-7. [College Debate 2016](#) events and Town Hall
- Sept. 21. Romeo is Bleeding film screening and Q&A with filmmakers
- Sept. 26. Presidential debate viewing party
- Sept. 27. National Voter Registration Day events
- Sept.-Oct. Gallery Exhibit on Justice and Equity
- Oct. 6. U.S. Politics 101 Lunch Workshop
- Oct. 9. Presidential debate viewing party
- Oct. 12. Screening of Bring it to the Table followed by discussion
- Oct. 19. Presidential debate viewing party
- Oct. 25. Why Should Women Vote? Lunch presentation
- Nov. 3. "What's Next Marin?" Lunch conversation on housing and transportation
- Nov. 8. Presidential election viewing party
- Nov. 14-18. Hunger and Homelessness Week events

For more information, please visit the Democracy and Equity [web page](#).

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