



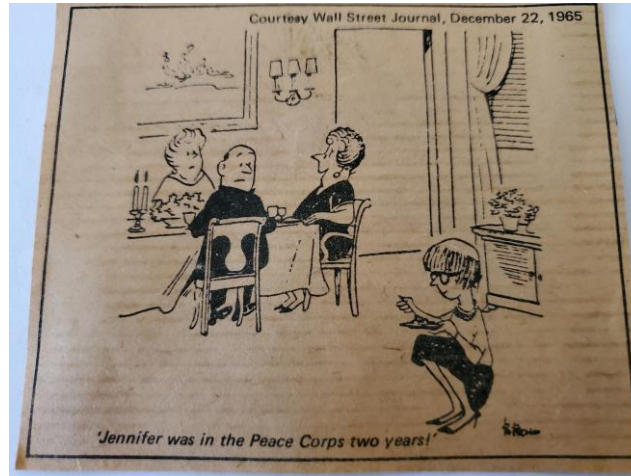
LWV Palo Alto High School Civic Engagement Club

LWV CA Convention Caucus – June 7, 2021



Short Story...

- 60 years of Peace Corps
- My Peace Corps experience
- The 3 Goals
- Empathy



The Goals of the Peace Corps



- 1) Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
- 2) Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
- 3) Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

Agenda

- Objective
- LWV Partner model
- SSCE, Projects, and next steps
- E Pluribus Unum



Objective Today

- **Inspire** LWV engagement and investment in K12 Civic Education
- **Promote** “Educating for American Democracy” Roadmap as a compliment to C3 framework (College, Career, and Civic Life)
- **Ignite Action** across LWV to save our democracy



Debora Ann Turner, MD, JD:
20th President of LWVUS Board of Trustees

LWV Partner Model - Backstory

- CA Department of Education creates State Seal of Civic Engagement (“SSCE”)
- LWVPA Board approves partnership with the high schools through assignment of League Mentor to support student-led club activities
- High school students invited to join Civic Engagement Club to learn about and work toward SSCE
- Club Projects engage students and the community in thoughtful reflection
- Next steps: gain PA School Board approval for SSCE addition to district goals

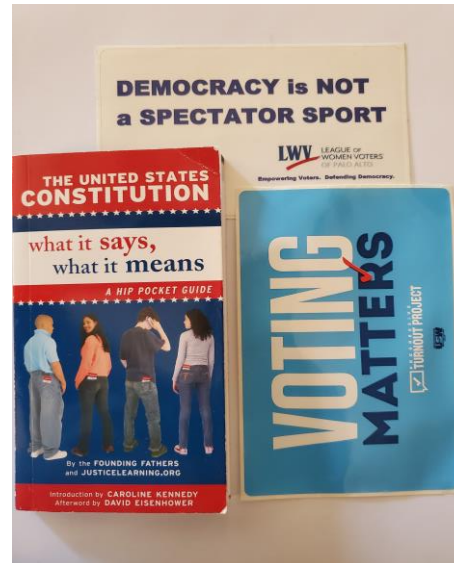
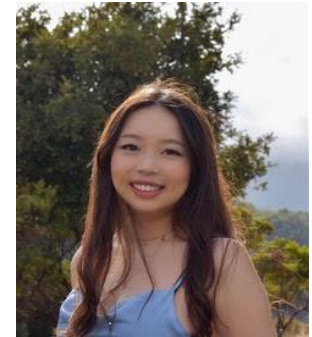
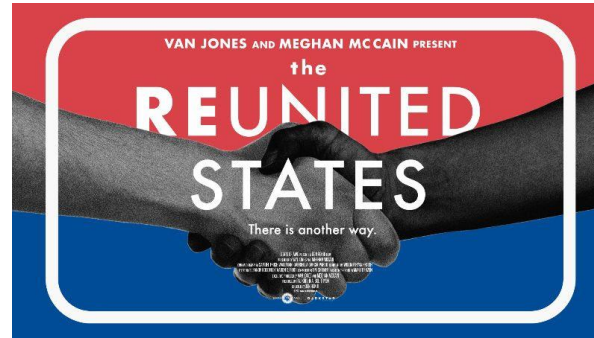
CA State Seal of Civic Engagement (“SSCE”)

Summary for how to earn the SSCE – the “What” and “How”

- **Academics:** be engaged in academic work in a productive way
- **Democracy:** demonstrate competent understanding of constitutions, governance, tribal government structures; role of citizens in a democracy; democratic principles & processes
- **Project(s):** participate in civic engagement projects that address real world problems (Project Management skills!)
- **Retrospect:** demonstrate civic knowledge/skills through self-reflection
- **Civic-mindedness:** commit to positively impact the classroom, schools, community, and society
- **Be both** a good student AND an engaged & impactful citizen
- **Study, exercise and shape** how democracy is practiced at all levels in our society; the “iCivics” learning modules can help here (note this is now part of a national CE effort called “EAD”)
- **Brainstorm ideas** for projects to adopt or participate in (can be projects from LWV as well)
- **Lessons Learned** is a key component of PMI Project Management Body of Knowledge
- **Character traits:** be a Change Agent to make the world a better place!

Projects - 2021

- **Feb:** Community Panel Discussion: “The Reunited States”
- **Apr:** News article: “LWV High School Civics Engagement Club”
- **May:** Civic Engagement Showcase
- **Jun:** LWV CA Convention Caucus



PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SHOWCASE

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT CIVIC 101

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021
7:30 PM - 8 PM
ZOOM ID: 954 4005 3799

Sponsored by PAUSD Work Experience Teacher in collaboration with member Zemi Wagstaff of the League of Women Voters and hosted by the student Civic Engagement committee of Sabrina Chen, Antonio Mou, and Riley Yuang

For every \$50 spent on STEM programs, only \$0.05 is spent on civics education

“The Reunited States” Community Panel Discussion



Local News Spring article highlights

“How many of us realize we have no ordained right to exist, that every generation has had to fight for freedom in this, what George Washington in his first inaugural called an experiment”.

- General Jim Mattis, retired US Marine Corps four-star general, 26th U.S. Secretary of Defense

- First 3 Wednesdays in 2021: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20
- LWV 101st anniversary in February 2021
- Launch of the High School Club
- Desire to create Civic Engagement awareness in Students and Community



Sabrina Chan, Paly High Senior,
CE Club Member and Panelist

Learn more to advocate and get engaged!

- State Seal of Civic Engagement “Padlet”: <https://padlet.com/jelemen/dkrhx2h7dbs656f4>
- Educating for American Democracy: <https://www.educatingforamericandemocracy.org/the-roadmap/>
- State Seal of Civic Engagement: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ca/hs/hssstateaseal.asp>
- “Reunited States” documentary: Free on Amazon Prime since June 4; reunitedstates.tv
- “Powerful Civics Education: it’s everyone’s responsibility”:
[https://www.facebook.com/events/219999352916617/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A\[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D\]%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/219999352916617/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D]%7D)
- iCivics (largest Civics Education platform in US): [icivics.org](https://www.icivics.org)
- Santa Clara County Office of Education:
<https://communications325.wixsite.com/santaclarademocracy>

Q&A



E Pluribus Unum – One from Many

