

Monthly Newsletter

N4CSGA Inspiring Progress

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Welcome back to the N4CSGA Monthly Newsletter!

This month, we will be focusing on advocacy and civic engagement and how it applies to you as a student leader. As part of the strategic plan of the N4CSGA, we plan to enhance the vision of the organization through community outreach by empowering the schools we represent through resources we can provide. When reading this newsletter, make sure to reflect on how you can use advocacy and civic engagement at your local school, as the voice you have is your tool for enacting change.

When looking at advocacy in student leadership, it can include anything from surveying your student body to reporting issues to your administration. Because advocacy is so powerful, it is important for it to be used strategically and properly. The information you will find in this newsletter will help you learn how others have effectively use advocacy, and how you may be able to use it.

Civic engagement can be very similar to advocacy in many aspects, especially in regards to using it strategically. One of the goals of the N4CSGA is to change legislation that is currently impacting students and their position on the local Board of Trustees. When doing this, it is important to note that research, surveying, and cohesiveness is incredibly important.

We hope that the information you find in this month's article help you learn more about how to better use your voice at your school and help you enhance your current skills as a student leader.

Much love,

Bannock Scott

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Why Civic Engagement Matters:

Did you know that nearly half of all undergraduate students in the U.S. attend community colleges? That's millions of voices that can shape policies, decisions, and the future of our communities. Civic engagement isn't just about voting, it's about taking action, speaking up, and making a difference where you live, learn, and lead.

Your voice matters—and getting involved is easier than you might think. Take a few minutes this week to register to vote, attend a local meeting, or volunteer with a community project. Encourage your friends and classmates to join you, and don't be afraid to speak up about the issues that matter most. Every small action adds up, creating ripple effects that strengthen your campus, your community, and your future. Step into your role as a leader today, show up, get involved, and make your voice heard!

[**READ OUR FULL BLOG POST ON WHY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MATTERS**](#)

National Voter Registration Day – September 16

- Register to vote or update your registration before the deadline.
- Encourage classmates and friends to register as well.

Constitution Day – September 17

- Attend a campus event, join a discussion, or host your own activity to learn more about the Constitution and how you can make a difference in your community.

Volunteer & Service Opportunities

- Join local food drives, clean-up initiatives, or mentoring programs.
- Sign up for short-term projects to make a quick impact, and invest in long term change!

Join Student Leadership or Advocacy Groups

- Get involved with clubs, committees, or student government on campus.
- Advocate for initiatives that improve campus life or address community issues.

Get Involved with N4CSGA!

The N4CSGA gives students the chance to turn their voices into action! By attending division meetings, statewide conferences, and the Community College Legislative Assembly (CCLA), you can connect with student leaders across North Carolina, learn how decisions are made, and advocate for issues that matter to you and your campus.



Announcements & Opportunities

Mark Your Calendars!

Division Meetings are your chance to connect with student leaders across your region, share ideas, and learn about N4CSGA initiatives. Join us on September 20th for a day of productivity and collaboration!

We have open positions!

Eastern Division Representative, Western Division Representative, and Advisor roles are open for this year.

This is the final call for applications!

Applications are due September 19th before Division Meetings start!

Have Kids (or Planning to)? We Want to Hear From You!

Help shape the future of student childcare support in North Carolina. The N4CSGA, in partnership with the NCCCS Office, is gathering feedback from community college students who have children, or hope to in the future, to find out:

- What childcare resources you need most,
- How childcare costs affect your finances, and
- How lack of childcare impacts your ability to succeed in school.

By completing this short form, you might also be invited to a virtual focus group (via Teams) on Wednesday, October 8 at 5 PM. A few students from each region (Eastern, Central, Western) will be chosen to participate, and will be notified by September 24th at noon. Sign up today and help make a difference!

We want your input!

Wilmington students or residents, share your favorite restaurants, coffee shops, or hangout spots to help make conference downtime fun and engaging. Let's showcase the best local spots for delegates to explore!

Hotel Rooms are Filling Up Quickly!

Registration for Conference is due October 3rd, and some hotel rooms must be booked by September 16th, so don't wait! Rooms are going quickly, and we want to make sure everyone has a spot. Be sure to reserve your room before the deadline to guarantee your stay and avoid missing out.

Call for Proposals!

The N4CSGA invites workshop proposals for our upcoming statewide conferences. We are seeking presenters who can share engaging, practical, and inspiring sessions. Workshops may focus on topics such as leadership development, financial literacy, mental health and wellness, advocacy, campus engagement, career readiness, or other areas that empower students to succeed academically, personally, and professionally.

How Can We Improve Financial Literacy at NC Community Colleges?

The N4CSGA has launched an anonymous survey to better understand financial literacy efforts across North Carolina's community colleges. By sharing your experiences and feedback, you'll help us identify what's working, where improvements are needed, and how we can advocate for stronger financial resources and programs for students statewide.

Check out the latest blog posts on our website!

Public Information Officer Stephanie Pano explores *Why Civic Engagement Matters*, and Treasurer Hayley Ale-Beltran shares insights on *Sturdy Finances for a Sturdy Future*.

Want to share your own perspective?

Students can submit blog posts by contacting us on our socials, emailing us, or using the submission form on our website!

Important Division Meeting Reminders

1. Campus Conversations – Come Prepared

Students will participate in an open discussion about what's happening on their campuses. Encourage them to prepare thoughts on:

- Current challenges they are facing
- Initiatives or programs that have been successful
- Achievements or good news they'd like to share

2. Lunch & Learn Breakouts – Role-based discussions over lunch:

Presidents & Vice Presidents

Secretaries & Treasurers

Public Information Officers & Parliamentarians

Advisors

*Students without one of these positions may join the group where they can learn and contribute most

3. Presidents and Senate Chair Surveys:

Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey. The survey is designed to gather insights about the SGA President's role and perspective at your local institution.

ALL Presidents & Senate Chairs should submit this, even if they will not be in attendance!

The information collected will help N4CSGA make more informed decisions to better support student governments across North Carolina. Your input is valuable, thank you for helping us strengthen student leadership statewide!



Important Dates

National Voter Registration Day: September 16th

Constitution Day: September 17th

Executive Board Applications Due: September 19th

Fall 2025 Division Meetings: September 20th

Childcare Focus Group Sign-Up Due: September 23rd

Call for Proposals Due: September 26th

Fall 2025 Conference Registration Due: October 3rd

Fall 2025 Conference: October 17th -19th



Quick Links

[N4CSGA Executive Board Application](#)

[SGA President Board of Trustees Survey](#)

[N4CSGA Call for Proposals Form](#)

[N4CSGA/ NCCCS Childcare Focus Group Sign-Up](#)

[N4CSGA Financial Literacy Survey](#)

[N4CSGA Fall Conference Registration](#)

["Sturdy Finances for a Sturdy Future" by Hayley Ale-Beltran](#)

["Why Civic Engagement Matters" by Stephanie Pano](#)



Resources of the Month:

National Voter Registration Day:

A national holiday celebrating democracy! Explore resources to register to vote, plan a voter drive at your college, and help your peers get ready for Election Day.

You Can Vote NC:

A nonpartisan NC group that offers voter education, training, and resources for college students.

iCivics:

Learn how government works through interactive games, lessons, and activities that make civic education fun and practical. Perfect for brushing up on your civic knowledge outside of the classroom!

DoSomething:

Join one of the largest youth-led organizations tackling issues from mental health to environmental action. Participate in campaigns, build community impact, and take real steps toward change.

NC Voter Registration (NCSBE):

Register to vote, update your address, check your status, and find local election information directly from the NC State Board of Elections.

NC Campus Engagement:

A statewide coalition that helps students build civic leadership skills and participate in service and advocacy.

NC General Assembly:

Learn about current legislation, track bills, and find your representatives to engage with state policy directly.

As always, reach out with any questions, ideas, or stories you'd like to share. We love hearing from you and look forward to highlighting the amazing work happening across our campuses!

Thank you for reading!

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