American Democracy Project Newsletter
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As the semester rolls along, the American Democracy Project has hit the ground running! Below, find a comprehensive list of important events for voter registration, student volunteer opportunities, and updates on the projects of the American Democracy Project.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NYPIRG General Interest Meeting October 4th 7:30 Fireplace Lounge: the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) will be holding their General Interest Meeting. This student directed organization is the perfect chance for students to become more involved on campus. Encourage students to protect student’s rights and to engage in student power on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:30 in the Fireplace Lounge. Weekly chapter meetings are every Thursday at 6:00 in the NYPIRG office (Corey Union 215). E-mail Cortland@nypirg.org or call x4815 for more information.

Voter Registration Blitz October 5th and 6th: This is the chance for students to be a part of the most direct civic action there is! Students will be registering other students to vote during this two day Blitz. NYPIRG, the American Democracy Project, and Student Government Association will be going into the Residence Halls, tabling, and generally
hitting the campus throughout these two days. See reverse side for more information.

Voting Machine Demonstration October 20th: At 7:00 pm in the Cortland County Courthouse, the Board of Elections will be displaying the voting machines that are being considered for certification by New York State for the 2007 elections. This is a perfect opportunity for students and community members to give input as to what voting machine will be used. This is also a chance for students to become more connected with local and state politics. Democracy Matters and NYPIRG are taking a SUNY Cortland bus to the Courthouse in order to transport as many students as possible.

Alumni Judges to Visit Cortland October 31st: Eight judges will be visiting Cortland to talk about the importance of being civically involved and to teach students more about the legal system. The program entitled “From Cortland to the Judiciary—Perspectives on Public Service and Judicial Careers from Cortland Alumni Judges” will engage students in a discussion about our legal system. Join this discussion in the Exhibition Lounge of Corey Union at 4:25.

Amy Goodman on Nov. 2nd: Award-winning journalist, Amy Goodman, is visiting SUNY Cortland! Goodman is a news anchor for the radio show Democracy Now! This radio show is a national, daily, independent news program airing on over 350 stations in North America. Goodman’s reporting has included extensive analysis of the War on Terror and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, grassroots activism, domestic policy, and has featured commentary from peace activists, artists, academics and independent analysts. Be sure to attend this much anticipated event on the evening of Wed., November 2nd in Brown Auditorium.

GET YOUR STUDENTS INVOLVED - WEEKLY MEETINGS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

- Student Government Association: Mondays @ 7:00 Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.
- P.O.W.E.R. (Planet of Women for Equality and Respect): Tuesdays @ 7:00 Corey Union 301
- Democracy Matters: Wednesdays @ 7:00 Corey Union 204 [www.democracymatters.org](http://www.democracymatters.org)
- NYPIRG: Thursdays @ 6:00 NYPIRG office (215 Corey Union) [www.nypirg.org](http://www.nypirg.org)
- Amnesty International: Mondays at 6 p.m. in the Brooks Museum (Comish D312)