

Every Voice Counts

Goal:

Students compete for cash prizes to see who can best research and present a solution for an issue in society. (See list of example topics below.)

Date: Wednesday, March 23rd

Time: 1:00 - 3:30pm

Place: Babbio Atrium

Sign up deadline: Monday, March 7th

Participants must:

- be a student or group of students from Stevens
- represent a Stevens' group, club, organization, or team
- There can only be one participant (individual or group) representing a Stevens' organization.

Sign Up Instructions:

- 1) Choose a topic you would like to research. (See below for example topics.)
- 2) Choose a team. (Or you can enter as an individual.)
- 3) Choose a Stevens organization to represent.
- 4) Submit the answers to questions 1 & 2 to Victoria O'Connor at:

voconnor@stevens.edu

- 5) Research topic. Prepare display and 5 minute presentation.
- 6) Attend Event on Wednesday, March 23rd at 1:00pm.

Example Topics:

- Religious Rights (ex: Blue laws in Bergen County)
- Immigration (ex: Dream Act)
- Women's Equality in the work place (is there too much or a lack of policy?)
- State and Local Budget issues
 - Should the government cut pay/benefits of government workers?
 - Should the government cut funding for college students?
- NJ School budgeting:
 - Is it fair to redistribute tax dollars from a wealthier area of the state to a less fortunate area of the state?
 - Should the school systems cut teachers or cut the teacher's raises in order to meet the school budgets? (Involved with Teacher's Union)
- Cutting school art and music programs
- Cutting funding for school athletics programs
- Police Layoffs

- Infrastructure issues
 - NJ/NY Gateway project – who should pay for the building of the new tunnel between NJ and NY? (Federal Grants? AmTrac? Both states?)
 - Who should be responsible for the deterioration of the Hoboken Piers? Is the city responsible for the failure of businesses that are affected by the collapse of the piers? (Do the businesses have the right to sue?)
 - Should the train station be allowed to expand? If so, how?
 - Fund for a Better Water Front (interest group) – should this group have the power to decide what can and cannot be built on the Hoboken waterfront?
- What are the zoning laws in Hoboken/NYC? Can they be improved upon?