

Political and Social Activism

Political and social activism is aimed at creating positive social change.

Listed below are the behaviors on the Bapasola (2018) Activism Scale:

- Acting to benefit the common good or protect the environment.
- Actively involved with an organization that addresses a social or environmental problem.
- Actively involved with an organization that address the concerns of a specific community.
- Communicating with campus or community leaders about a pressing concern.
- Taking action in the community to try to address a social or environmental problem.
- Working with others to make the campus or community a better place.
- Acting to raise awareness about a campus, community, or global problem.
- Taking part in a protest, rally, march, or demonstration.
- Working with others to address social inequality.

Elizabeth Bapasola, 2018

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- This website serves as a guide as to how one may get involved in activism on-and-off campus at The College of New Jersey.
- The College of New Jersey encourages students to take action regarding issues or areas that they hold concern in – activism provides a way to do this in a constructive and helpful manner.
- The resources provided on the website serve as a guide on how one can start to be an activist on and off campus. Included on the website are groups both in and out of the TCNJ community that serve as activists regarding important issues. Attached is also a Guide to Freedom of Expression at TCNJ and how one can constructively advocate for change.

Emergency Contacts

TCNJ Campus Police

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Activism

IS IMPORTANT!

Get Involved!

TCNJ Activism

Fostering Leaders for
Positive Social Change

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National Activism

Listed below is a sampling of national and statewide activist organizations:

- AmeriCorps
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- UNICEF
- Planned Parenthood
- New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
- New Jersey Citizen Action
- GLSEN

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world” – Anne Frank

Positive Outcomes OF Political and Social Activism

- Campus activists are individuals who are developing to understand the "injustices of the world, the tentativeness of authority, and striving to individualize their moral judgement" (Hunter, 1988).
- Student activism is associated with student involvement, encouraging the development of a number of important skills including critical thinking, interpersonal skills, public speaking, increased contact with faculty members, administrators, and state representatives.
- Students best learn when they are passionate about what they are learning and engaged in constructing their knowledge rather than only receiving it.
- Learning increases as the student becomes more invested in their subject. Passion regarding their subject means the quality of involvement will be greater.

Freedom OF Expression

Getting involved is important and allowing one to express his, her, or their opinion on a certain issue matters. TCNJ encourages those to get involved should they wish to do so! One can get involved by addressing matters that are important to them; inviting a speaker, holding a panel, or utilizing a public area for an event are just some of the ways an individual may get involved!

- Students and student organizations are free to examine and to discuss all questions of interest to them, and to express opinions publicly and privately.
- Students may utilize public use areas for purposes of constitutionally protected free speech, peaceable assembly, or expression without obtaining formal permission from the College. The policy webpage is at the following link:
<https://involvement.tcnj.edu/forms/guide-to-freedom-of-expression-at-tcnj/>
- Student orgs can invite speakers and performers of their choosing. Any event must comply with time, place, manner restrictions. For more info visit the following link:
https://involvement.tcnj.edu/files/2017/04/A-Guide-to-Freedom-of-Expression-at-TCNJ_Final_1.29.17.pdf
- To reserve your space, use BookIt, a link to the website is provided below:
<https://bookit.tcnj.edu/VirtualEms44/>