

- **Web Trainings (Launched April 13th, 2014)**

Open to all high school democrats, these trainings are intended to equip our local chapter leaders and general members with information specific to organizing high schoolers in specific areas. Past trainings have included staff from organizations such as NARAL.

- **Expanded national resources including a 46-page local chapter organizing guide.** *More information at <http://hsdems.org/resources/>*

- **End Blood Donor Discrimination (Lobbying/Advocacy Project – Spring 2014)**

More information at <http://hsdems.org/donordiscrimination/>

For Spring 2014, our members and chapters nationwide mobilized to end the discriminatory, outdated, and scientifically unwarranted nationwide ban on gay men donating blood. Carrying out petition/awareness drives at the same time as their school blood drives (most high schools have at least one blood drive annually), chapter members communicated with their local representatives and built coalitions with other school clubs such as the GSAs. In some cases, local Teen Aged Republicans chapters even joined in this effort.

- **Commitment to Lead on Gun Violence Prevention, signed by state and national high school caucus leaders (March 2014)**

- **Successful Voter Registration National Week of Action (September 2013)**

More information at <http://hsdems.org/voterreg/>

Worked with high school chapters across the country to ensure our nation's youngest Democrats were ready to vote. With coordinated daily events, nationwide participation, community outreach aspects, this project was tremendously successful and we hope to repeat it for years to come. Although organized separately, this initiative was held during the week of National Voter Registration Day.

- **Acts of Kindness to commemorate anniversary of the Sandy Hook tragedy (December 2013)**

Coordinating with the Junior Newtown Action Alliance, we organized our member across the country to do 26 acts of kindness on December 12th to commemorate the 26 victims of this tragic school shooting.

- **Terry McAuliffe Campaign Invasion (October/November 2013)**

Worked with the McCauliffe campaign to organize students throughout the region (focusing on Maryland and Pennsylvania) to come to Virginia to contribute to GOTV efforts in this crucial race. We also joined in the College Democrats effort and high school chapters held McAuliffe phonebanks across the country.

- **Video blogs by caucus executive board members to better communicate information regarding HSDA initiatives with the membership. (Launched Fall 2013)**

- **2012 High School Kick-off Call with Jeremy Bird , OfA National Field Director (January 2012)**
- **National High School Day of Action (October 2012)**
More than 1000 high school students nationwide came out to rallies, campaign offices and canvassing events to make their voices heard and elect Democrats.
- **WinOhio Campaign (October/November 2012)**
Worked with Valeisha Butterfield-Jones at Obama for America to develop a High School GOTV strategy and project for the final week prior to Election Day. Our "Commit to 20" sub-campaign engaged high school students across the country, including many who had not previously been involved in hands-on politics.
- **Approximately 50,000-75,000 calls made by members in the 2012 election**
 - **Worked closely with the Joe Donnelly for Senate Campaign**
 - **Worked closely with the Chris Murphy for Senate Campaign**
 - **Worked closely with the Ron Barber for Congress Campaign**
 - **Worked closely with Stephen Smith for State Senate (WI) Campaign**
 - **Worked closely with Obama for America- Manhattan**

Our 400 members of New York City High School Democrats made approximately 28,000 calls into swing states as they worked with this campaign.
- **Huffington Post Partnership**
Developed a partnership with the Huffington Post that allows us to directly submit pre-vetted articles written by members and state leaders for publishing on the HuffPost Teen
- **Acquired the *Progressive Teen* National Political Blog**
Working in tandem with our Huffington Post partnership, this project gives members another means of expressing their beliefs and allows our organization to engage additional students.
- **Hassan Haider, Former National Chair, represented HSDA on AndersonLive in a post-election discussion (November 2012)**