On Friday September 24, 2004, students from Michigan came to Henry Ford Community College to participate in the **Michigan Student Political Issues Convention**.

This is the venue where students determined their most important issues needing resolutions.

Students developed a consensus agenda based on what they deemed to be the most pressing concerns. Students did not address specific solutions; rather, students asked those in office and running for office to find appropriate solutions to their concerns.
Essential Citizenship Skills in American Democracy

- Providing students with the venue to discuss their concerns
- Having elected representatives listen to student concerns
- Providing Students with the peaceful democratic mechanisms for obtaining VOICE in the political process
Ongoing Partnership

Henry Ford Community College

and

The League of Women Voters of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights

Chris Sullivan, President
Betsy Cushman, Vice President
Empowering Student through Participation in the Political Process

Fall Political Engagement Activities
National Student Political Issues Week
(September 20-26, 2004)

Colleges and Universities from around the United States
- Develop Political Issues Agenda to be submitted for inclusion in the National Student Political Issues Agenda

National Agenda
- Education
- Healthcare
- Economy
- Jobs and Unemployment
- The War in Iraq
- Citizens Right to Know
- Outsourcing of Jobs
Michigan Regional Convention

- 357 Students

- Students representing 8 Michigan Colleges and Universities:
  - Henry Ford Community College
  - College for Creative Studies
  - Eastern Michigan University
  - Macomb Community College
  - Oakland Community College
  - Schoolcraft Community College
  - University of Michigan--Dearborn
  - Wayne State University
Michigan Student Political Agenda

- Education
- Healthcare
- War in Iraq
- Jobs and Unemployment
- Outsourcing of Jobs
- Citizens’ Right to Know
- Abortion
October 1, 2004
Michigan House of Representative Candidates
Co-Sponsored by HFCC, LWV, and COMCAST Cable

- Andy Dillon 17th District Democrat
- William Lowry 16th District U.S. Taxpayers
- Jim A. Plakas 16th District Democrat
- Doug Thomas 15th District Republican
- Kerry L. Morgan 17th District Libertarian
- Gino Polidori 15th District Democrat
- Darryl Husk 17th District Republican
Honorary Steering Committee

- A Who’s Who in Michigan Politics
- Speakers
  - Mayor Michael Guido, Dearborn
  - Mayor Dan Paletko, Dearborn Heights
  - Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne County
  - Representative Morris Hood
  - Senator Irma Clark-Coleman
  - Senator Martha Scott
- Workshop Presenters
  - Elizabeth Agius, Chairwomen Dearborn Heights City Council
  - Reverend George Cushingberry, State House of Representatives Elect
  - David Doyle, Former Michigan Republican Party Chair
National Student Political Issues Week
Michigan Regional Convention
September 24, 2004

HONORARY STEERING COMMITTEE
Elizabeth W. Bauer, State Board of Education
Greg Bilb, Judge, Third Judicial Court of Michigan
Michael J. Bouchard, Sheriff, Oakland County
Irma Clark-Coleman, State Senator, District 3
John Conyers, Jr., U.S. Congressman, District 14
Mike Cox, Michigan Attorney General
Rev. George Cushingberry, Jr. Esq.
John D. Dingell, U.S. Congressman, District 15
David Doyle, Market Research Group
Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County Executive
Michael A. Guido, Mayor, City of Dearborn
Cynthia Gray Hathaway, Third Judicial Court of Michigan
Morris W. Hood III, State Representative, District 11
Carl Levin, U.S. Senator from Michigan
Daniel S. Paletko, Mayor, City of Dearborn Heights
L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive
Martha G. Scott, State Senator, District 2
Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator from Michigan
Marianne Weiss, GOP President Macomb County
Gary Woronchak, State Representative, District 15

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Civic Action Institute Future Plans

**Winter Term**
- HFCC Students and Local High Schools develop a joint Political Agenda Convention
- HFCC students develop issue workshops
- Local High School Students Develop a consensus agenda that is finalized at a Spring Convention at HFCC
- Elected Officials Address Student Regarding Student Agenda

**Spring-Summer**
- Civic Action Training for K-12 Teachers, implementing effective active learning techniques into the classroom

**Fall Term**
- National Student Political Issues Week
- College and University Student Political Issues Conventions
- Michigan Convention at HFCC
- Local Candidate Job Interviews (Mayor and possibly other offices).