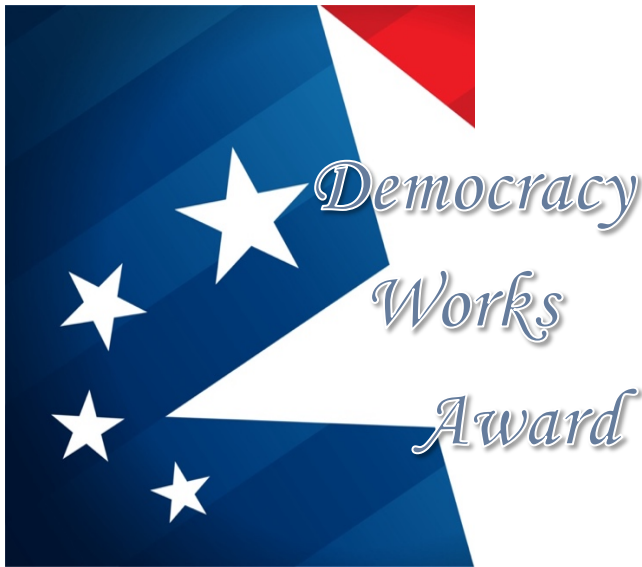


Celebrating the 2025 recipients



Lizette Navarette, Ph.D.
President



and Shannon Reed, Ph.D.
Dean of Arts & Sciences
at Woodland Community College

October 9th, 2025 – 6:00-8:00

Veterans' Memorial Center ~ 203 East 14th Street, Davis

Meet Our 2025 Recipients

The League's 2025–2026 program places special emphasis on voter registration and civic engagement among high school and college students. As Dr. Mindy Romero of the Center for Inclusive Democracy has observed, youth ages 18–24 remain the least likely to vote in California (<https://cid.usc.edu/turnout-briefs>). The League of Women Voters of the United States also recognizes the continuing barriers facing student voters (<https://www.lwv.org/blog/challenges-facing-student-voters>).

Two events that took place at Woodland Community College (WCC) highlight this commitment. On September 17, 2024—National Voter Registration Day—the League joined the dedication of WCC's newly installed ballot box. Dr. Lizette Navarette, WCC President, welcomed students and emphasized the importance of accessible voting. Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Registrar of Voters, and LWVW President Lorna Carriveau also spoke, focusing on voter access and youth participation. League volunteers reported unusually strong student interest.

On October 15, 2024, WCC hosted the League's first "Meet the Candidates" forum. Students engaged directly with candidates for local and state office, gaining first-hand understanding of their priorities and perspectives. This event showcased democracy in action and demonstrated WCC's growing partnership with the League.

This progress reflects the leadership of Dr. Navarette, WCC President, and Dr. Shannon Reed, WCC Dean of Arts and Sciences. Navarette, a political science graduate and higher education advocate since 2013, has championed student civic engagement as part of academic success. Reed, with expertise in gender studies and a commitment to equity, continues to share opportunities for League involvement on campus. Together, their efforts strengthen the League's mission of democracy, equity, and youth engagement.

Light Appetizers, Dessert and Non-Alcoholic Beverages will be provided