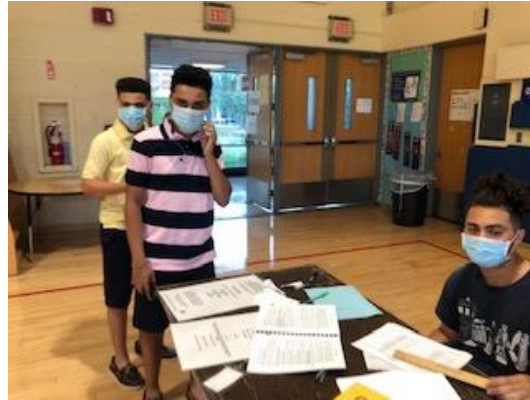


**New Haven County High School Democrats (HSDems)  
PRESS - RELEASE**

Despite the fact that the whole world had to live a “new normal” due to the pandemic, one of the most important presidential elections took place in America, and members of the New Haven County High School Democrats (HSDems) chapter proudly did our part! Of course, we all know how everything turned out and we can all probably agree that things will never be the same.



Members of HSDems were civically engaged in numerous political and direct-action community activities. We participated in phone banking, texting, canvassing, and writing postcards with When We All Vote, Grassroot Democrats HQ, and Yale College Democrats. We recruited members from our chapter and people from the City of New Haven to be poll workers for both the Primary and General elections. We also campaigned for state and national Democratic candidates.

We invited numerous guest speakers such as Connecticut State Senators and members of local non-profit organizations to talk about the work they do in our communities.

We also supported local non-profit organizations such as New Haven Black Lives Matter, Citywide Youth Coalition, New Haven Climate Movement, and Students for Educational Justice in peaceful protests, rallies, and marches in the City of New Haven.

The new members of the HSDems Executive Board are **Luke Izzo, Chair; Tristan Ward, Vice-Chair; Jonas Ward, Programs Director**. All the current members of the HSDems' Executive Board are students from New Haven Public Schools.



However, there are a few vacant leadership positions that will be filled before the end of this academic year, and new members from New Haven County High Schools: public, charter, private, parochial, or home school are welcome to join HSDems and are encouraged to apply for a leadership position on the Executive Board if interested You may sign up here ([Chapter Membership Form](#)).

HSDems will be conducting Open House events for new high school members on Wednesday, May 19th, and June 2nd, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for all New Haven County high school students. HSDems first Members only meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m and HSDems second New Members Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9th from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

You may register here ([Open House Form](#)) to attend the HSDems Open House and you may register [here](#) to attend the HSDems New Members Orientation. Please visit the HSDems website (<https://newhavenhsda.carrd.co/> ) for more information.

The HSDems are planning to collaborate with other direct action organizations, school districts, municipalities and Registrar of Voters Offices to conduct a Virtual and In-person Youth Voter Registration Drives in spring, summer and fall 2021.

HSDems is a registered chapter of High School Democrats of America (HSDA) <https://hsdems.org/>.

Stay tuned!