

# Getting Involved this Election Season: Social Work & Beyond

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Gephardt Institute for  
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Our mission is to foster a **vibrant culture of civic engagement** throughout Washington University by **catalyzing student learning, participation, and impact in civic life.**

- **Engage St. Louis**

We foster opportunities for students to learn from and contribute positively to change efforts in the St. Louis region.

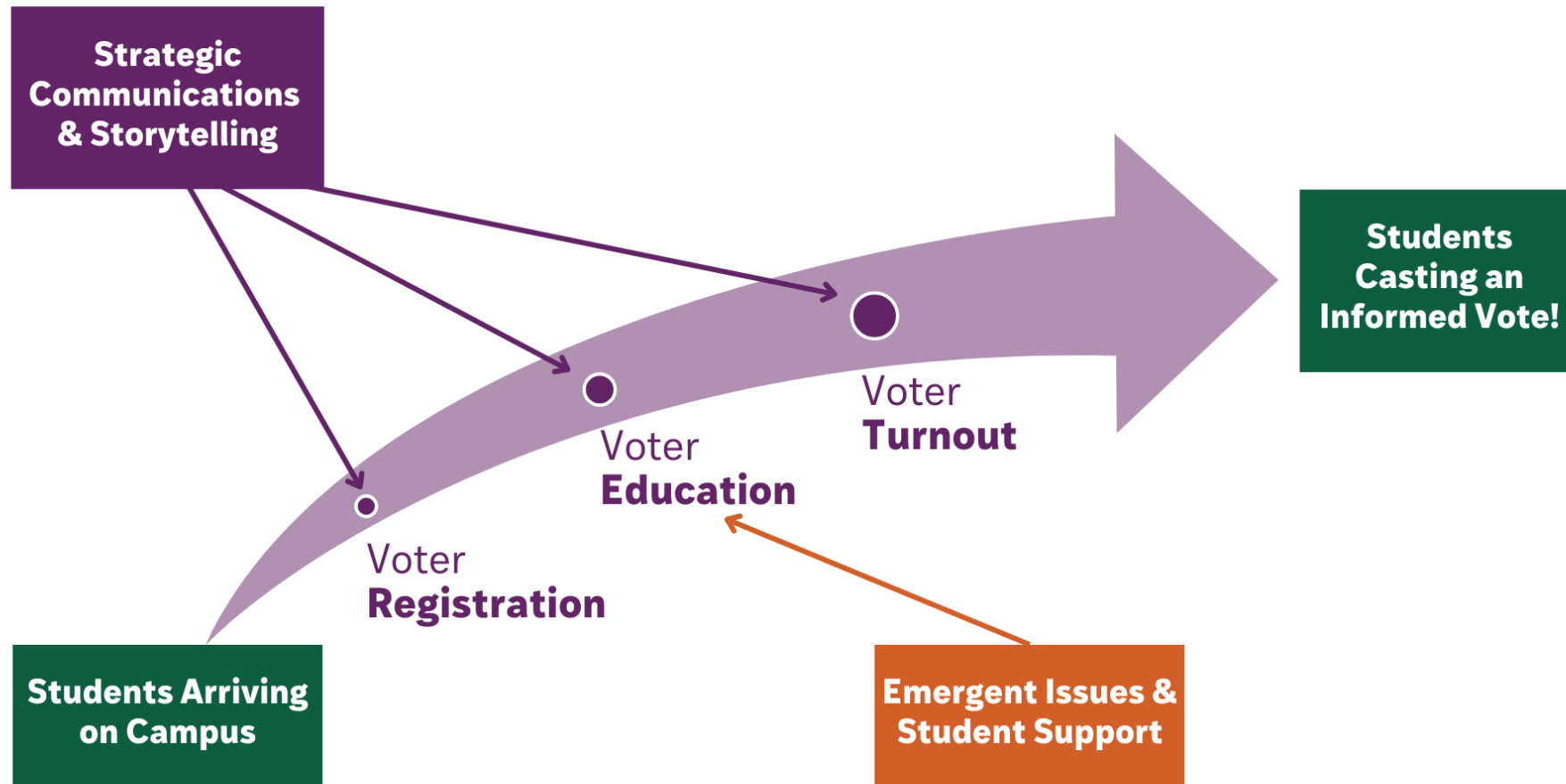
- **Engage Democracy**

We teach the knowledge, skills, responsibilities, and habits of citizen engagement in democracy.

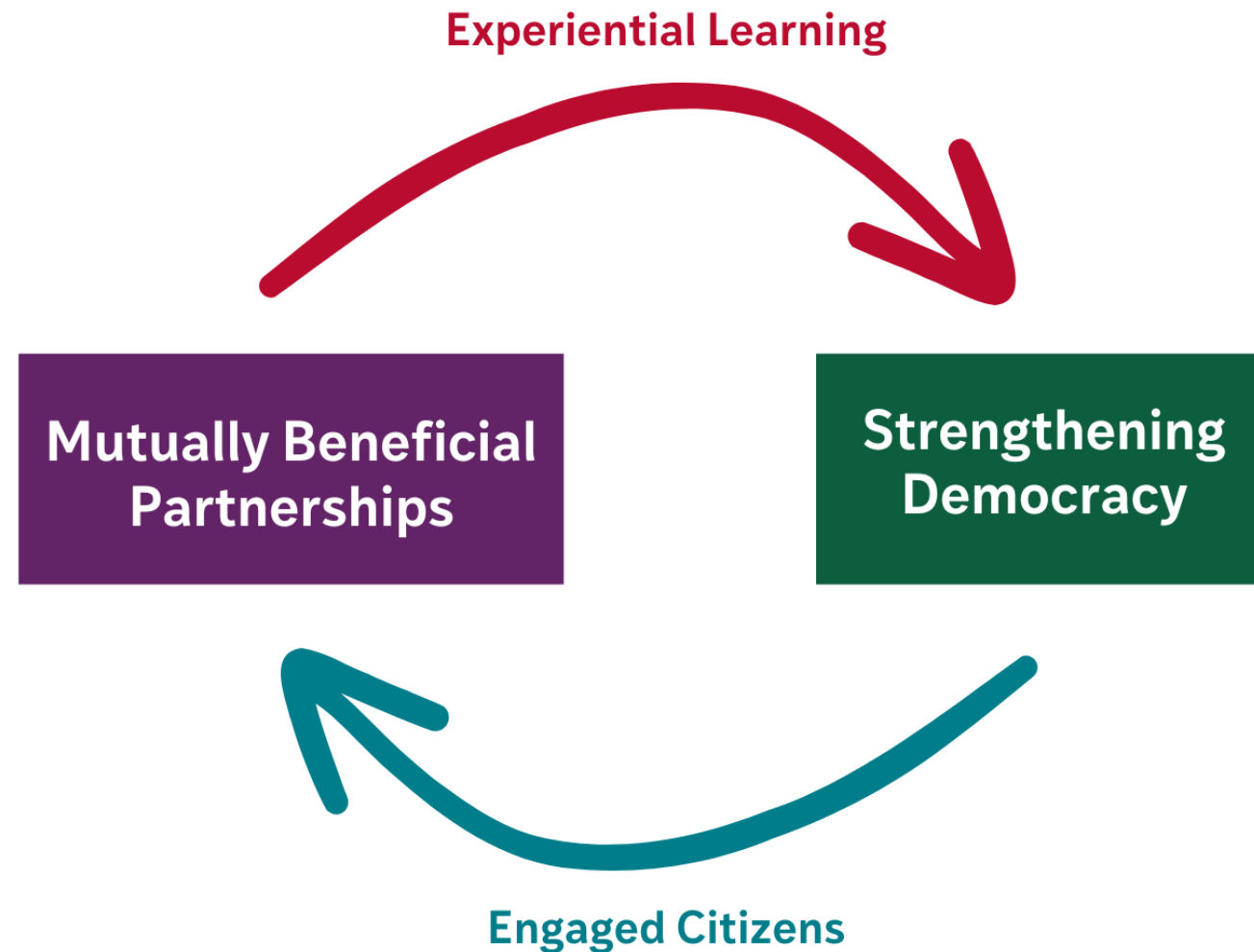
- **Lead Change**

We prepare students to be civic leaders wherever they live and work throughout their lives.

# Fundamental Voter Engagement Components



# Connecting Civic & Community Engagement



# Sampling of Opportunities for Civic Action

## Voting-related

- **Vote!**
- Encourage others to register to vote
- Work the polls
- Support election protection efforts (866-OUR-VOTE)
- Talk to your friends & family to make sure they have a voting plan
- Canvass for an issue about which you are passionate
- Phone/text bank
- Get out the vote (GOTV) – postcards, phone calls, text messages

## Non-Voting

- Attend a public meeting
  - City councils meet regularly
- Submit public comments
  - Local, state, and federal governments have opportunities for public comment.
- Join a civic organization (and maybe its board!)
- Read local newspapers and stay informed about current events
- Get to know your neighbors!

We're 54 days away...are you ready?

Register to vote, update your voter registration (if you've moved), or check your voter registration:

Visit **vote.gov** for more information

Make your voting plan:

- **How** will you vote (in person, early, absentee by mail, etc.)?
- **When** will you vote?
- **Where** will you vote (which state or polling place)?
- **Who** will you vote with?

Visit **vote.washu.edu** for more information