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# Partisan students prepare U. for primary season

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With only a few days until both the Super Bowl and Super Tuesday commence, many New Jerseyans are in the competitive spirit.

They are following the early primaries taking place around the country this month, with Feb. 5 - nicknamed Super Tuesday by the news media - marking when 20 states, including New Jersey, will host elections to narrow down the pool of major candidates vying for the presidency in November's general election.

Both the RU Democrats and Rutgers College Republicans are working to get in on the action.

"With Super Tuesday right around the corner, college students are key players in orchestrating Get Out the Vote efforts and volunteer recruitment, and assisting with the day-to-day operations of the campaign," said Cassie Sadowitz, a School of Arts and Sciences junior and member of the NJ College Republicans.

The two groups will host a tabling event as part of the Get Out the Vote effort on the day of the primaries to encourage more voters to cast ballots in the general election.

"This election, students seem particularly eager to have their voices heard," said RU Democrats President Brett Tinder, a Livingston College junior. "Politics affect all of us profoundly, but sometimes it's difficult for students to see that because they aren't receiving social security benefits or paying property taxes."

A few individuals from both groups are interning for presidential candidates and will attend the "RU Voting" event Monday at the Eagleton Institute of Politics on Douglass campus where representatives from the leading campaigns will host discussions about this year's races.

Thirteen members of the club recently returned from New Hampshire where they volunteered for Sen. John Edwards from Jan. 3 to the state's primary on Jan. 8, Tinder said.

"Many of our members are active interns and volunteers for presidential campaigns in New Jersey because they want to have a direct impact on our democracy that goes beyond simply voting," said Rutgers College Republicans Treasurer Ben Demarzo, a Rutgers College sophomore.

Sadowitz is currently interning with Republican candidate Rudy Giuliani.

"For the Giuliani campaign, we have students all throughout New Jersey helping out for the primaries," she said. "Phone banks run at colleges and universities across the state and college students are among our largest and fastest growing network of supporters."

"We're here to help students who might be confused about how to vote and are happy to answer any questions about the Democratic candidates running," Tinder said.

Students who registered for party membership before Jan. 15 are eligible to vote in New Jersey's upcoming primaries.

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