

1928 Buick Automobile added to Douglas County Museum collection



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Here is a new historical object added to the museum collection! This 1928 Buick was donated to the museum by Clarence "Tuck" Elder and Sue Elder of Tuscola, IL. Presumably the car came to Tuscola in or around 1969 by the Clarence W. Flenniken family of Tuscola. The car was last run in a parade in 1968 in Texas. Interestingly enough, Clarence W. Flenniken was born in 1928, the same year the car was made. He and his wife Lavina had the car until Tuck purchased it in or around 1998. The museum wants to thank Wade Hollenbeck of Tuscola Pro Towing & Hauling for hauling the car to the museum for us! They also want to thank A. E. Luth, longtime friend of Tuck, for locating the car and assisting Tuck. Finally, they want to thank A. E. Luth, Dana Hales of the Newman Independent, Kim McGee, District Board Member, Daniele Kusman, Association Board Member, and the Museum Director's son, Jacob, for their help moving the car inside and on the exhibit floor. Thank you to the Flennikens and most especially to the Elders, who've preserved this car and were generous enough to donate it to the museum for all to enjoy!

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serves more than 3.5 million students.

Despite the enormous hurdles caused by a global pandemic, campus representatives participated in trainings to develop, imple-

ment and report results for engagement programs that encouraged their students to register and vote. Campus administrators, faculty, and students rose to the challenge of a drastically changed engagement landscape, remote and hybrid learning environments, and rapidly changing election laws to quickly adapt efforts to support their students through the 2020 election cycle.

Ultimately campuses were evaluated on their ability to complete a three-step process. These included writing a campus plan about how they would engage student voters in 2020, facilitating voter education and engagement efforts on their campus, and writing a final analysis on their efforts.

"This year brought incredible challenges to the many professionals on campuses who are dedicated to encouraging and increasing student civic engagement," said NASPA President Kevin Kruger. "We are thrilled that in spite of these challenges, a record number of campuses are being honored this year with the Voter Friendly Campus designation. The completion of the Voter Friendly Campus designation process speaks to the unwavering commitment of campus administrators who ensure students are educated about, have access to, and ultimately are empowered to have their voices heard in the

democratic process."

Studies suggest that motivating students to register and vote establishes civic habits that last well beyond the collegiate experience. Incorporating democratic engagement into campus life creates structure and stability for students as they explore their political beliefs, and how they would like to engage in the democratic process. According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement 52 to 55 percent of voting-eligible young people aged 18-29 cast a ballot in the 2020 presidential election. Student-specific voter turnout data will be available later this year via the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement produced by the Institute for Democracy and Higher Education.

According to the announcement, campuses that participated in Voter Friendly Campus and similar engagement programs are undoubtedly a large factor in such historic turnout in the face of extraordinary challenges.

EIU's Voter Friendly Campus designation is valid through December 2022.

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