

CIVIC ED. IN THE NEWS

On November 1, the **National Endowment for the Humanities** and the **Department of Education** awarded \$650,000 to a collaborative between the nonprofit iCivics and 3 university centers at Harvard, Arizona State and Tufts. The steering committee for this group, which will be designing a bipartisan guide for integrating history and civics, consists of 30 individuals on 3 task forces: history, political theory and civics, and pedagogy. The initiative is part of NEH's A More Perfect Union initiative, which TXCER reported on last month.

This month, in Washington, D.C., **Johns Hopkins University** and the **Atlantic** co-sponsored a conference on Civics and the Future of Democracy. At this forum, students, educators, administrators and other experts gathered together to discuss pressing issues in civic education. You can watch all the sessions for free by clicking on this paragraph.

Curious about civic education on the ground? Závon Billlups, a civics educator in Massachusetts, has shared his perspective with **Columbia University's** Hechinger Report on what it was like to implement Massachusetts' statewide civic education curricula in the 2018-2019 school year. Tackling sensitive and controversial topics together, Mr. Billlups reflects on how his students' civic discourse matured, and how he grew as a professional as well.



TX CIVIC EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

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Welcome to the November edition of the TXCER Newsletter! Stay connected to the latest in civic education through this month's announcements:

1. The **YMCA Youth and Government program** has announced its high school state conference, happening January 24 and 25th. Interested volunteers can apply [here](#).
2. **Generation Citizen** will be hosting several events through the end of the year. On November 20, [Trivia for Changemakers](#) will be held at the Mitte Foundation Carriage House. GC is also taking [volunteers](#) for its Civics Day on December 10 and hosting an Action Civics [Happy Hour](#) on December 16 at High Note.
3. This week, **Texas' biggest Social Studies conference** will focus on the theme "Informed Action: Agency, Advocacy and Activism." Attendees will have access to [workshops](#) like "How Teachers and Schools Can Promote Informed and Equitable Voting."
4. Click [here](#) to add someone to or unsubscribe from our mailing list. Want to see your announcement in next month's TXCER Newsletter? Contact **Maggie Stern** at mstern@childrensdefense.org.

