

Youth Group Rallies College Students to Vote Pro-Life

Students for Life of America just launched a nationwide effort to educate 300,000 voters and recruit 1,200 Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) youth volunteers through its I Vote Pro-Life First Initiative this fall.

The initiative asks every American, particularly young adults, to sign a pledge stating that a candidate's stance on the life issue will be the most important issue that a person looks at when deciding which candidates to vote for, from local school board to president of the United States.

"If a candidate does not support the basic **right to life**, we believe they cannot be trusted to handle any other issue, fiscal or social, with honor and dignity," says Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America. "We plan to educate voters, recruit volunteers, and urge voters to vote for the candidates that respect life in all its stages."

On Monday Students for Life of America will launch its I Vote Pro-Life First Campus Tour, which will visit several universities in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Former nurse, **pro-life** activist and blogger, Jill Stanek will headline the tour.

The campus tour was created following results from SFLA's June national poll of 805 18-24 year olds, which showed that college-aged students are expected to vote in large numbers and are split on the issue of legalized **abortion**. Students for Life of America will use its national campus program to recruit over 1,200 GOTV youth volunteers this October to knock on or call 300,000 voter households before election day.

The I Vote Pro-Life First initiative is a coalition effort with other national pro-life organizations such as RNC for Life, Live Action, The Justice Foundation, Pro-Life Nation, Rock for Life, I Am Whole Life, The Frederick Douglass Foundation, , , , Pro-Life Action League, California Civil Rights Foundation, and Created Equal. Former Sen. Rick Santorum joined representatives from the coalition on a webcast last week to educate pro-lifers of the new initiative.