It's an exciting yet crucial time to support our democracy. Get involved with DASA and Democrats Abroad Globally! At this time last year we were hustling to ensure all members had sent their votes in. I’ll never forget taking my vote into my local PostNet. Do you remember the feeling you had when you submitted your vote? And when we finally heard the news that the Biden-Harris team had won? I don’t think we’ll ever forget why we were so passionate about our 2020 votes. Those feelings, and the aspirations, commitment and beliefs behind them, need to fuel our continual involvement. In many ways, the work only began on Inauguration Day. Democrats Abroad gives us an opportunity to connect and pursue our democratic goals collectively. In this issue of DASA Insider, you’ll find a variety of opportunities open to YOU!

Join a Caucus, Task Team, or Upcoming Event

What’s your interest? There are currently 9 Global Caucuses, several Task Teams, and other events happening around the world every day!
- Take a look at the Global Caucuses and join those you’re interested in HERE
- Get to know the 2021-2023 Global Caucus and Team Leaders HERE
- Online events are open to members around the world; see HERE
- Serve as a local DASA liaison to one of the global caucuses or task teams; email southafrica@democratsabroad.org for more info
GET OUT THE VOTE

Virginia and New Jersey Voters

State government matters -- we cannot afford to be set back in NJ or VA. If you vote in NJ or VA, please register to vote and request your ballot today at votefromabroad.org. Need help? Respond to this email or write to info@democratsabroad.org.

- **New Jersey voters**: You have elections for Governor, Lt. Gov, State Senate, and State Assembly taking place on 2 Nov. Register to vote and request your ballot now. All the info you need is [HERE](#).

- **Virginia voters**: You have elections for Governor, Lt. Gov, Attorney General, and House of Delegates taking place on 2 Nov. Register to vote and request your ballot now. All the info you need is [HERE](#).

Support DASA!

We need your help. DASA is growing by leaps and bounds, preparing for governor’s races in November as well as the vitally important 2022 midterms where we have to defend our majority.

In order for us to continue our activities, we need your financial support for a Zoom license for our activities. Please consider making a donation -- we accept rands or dollars. Please whatsapp Anandhi Raj, Treasurer at SA mobile or US mobile depending on which currency you prefer.

To volunteer with DASA, please email Liz on southafrica@democratsabroad.org. Or click here for more information.
Help us celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by joining our Hispanic Caucus. The Democrats Abroad Global Hispanic Caucus promotes Democratic Latinx candidates & advocates on issues affecting the U.S. Latino community both at home and abroad. Join DA’s Hispanic Caucus to celebrate our diverse heritage, mobilize the Latinx vote, and raise awareness on issues affecting our community and other minorities.

Join the Global Hispanic Caucus HERE.
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Maya Sudarkasa is an American who grew up in South Africa. She is currently studying toward a PhD in History at the University of Michigan. In this inspiring Crawford College Alumni video she shares her own experiences and lots of great advice for parents raising Americans kids in SA. It’s also a great video to share with your teens who are thinking about college. We’re chatting to Maya about some ideas for future DASA Kids discussions!

Make Your Voice Heard

Write to your local, state and national representatives and make your priorities clear. Many members have recently voiced concern about immigration and the treatment of the Haitian migrants and asylum-seekers in particular. Writing to the Biden-Harris administration and voicing our concerns to our Democratic representatives will be very important as we push for progress during the administration’s term. Let’s support legislation that moves our country forward and supports racial and social justice. Many advocacy organisations provide tools and text related to specific issues. You can also use this tool – democracy.io to draft emails to your representatives in the House and Senate! It’s quick and easy to use.

DA COVID-19 Task Force Call to Action

Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona is among many Members of Congress who are trying to get the message to the White House and the State Department that there are still many US citizens living abroad who need our help, if we are to fulfil our government’s pledge that ALL US citizens will have access to vaccines. You can help by writing to your Representative today. Follow the steps HERE – you can also add in the need for the US to ensure vaccines reach South African citizens and people around the world.

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