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Washington County Election Commission Works with Secretary of State Tre Hargett and Local High Schools to Earn New Voter Registration Award

Washington County, Tenn. – The Washington County Election Commission is working with local high schools to earn the Secretary of State’s new Anne Dallas Dudley Award, which recognizes Tennessee high schools that reach at least 85 percent voter registration of eligible seniors, 18 years or older by the next election.

“We are excited about Secretary of State Hargett’s newly launched Anne Dallas Dudley Award,” said Dana Jones, Washington County Election Administrator “We hope this new program and Anne Dallas Dudley’s incredible story will inspire Washington County students to register to vote.”

Renowned suffragist Anne Dallas Dudley helped lead the successful effort to get the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified nationwide and in her home state, Tennessee. On Aug. 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to pass the amendment giving women the right to vote.



“We launched this new award because we believe our state and our nation are stronger when every eligible Tennessean is registered to vote and casts a ballot on Election Day,” said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. “We are working with county election commissions across our great state to make sure students know that it has it has never been easier to register to vote in Tennessee and then to participate in our elections.”

High schools across the state that register 100 percent of the eligible students, who are 18 or older by the next election, to vote will earn the Anne Dallas Dudley Gold Level Award. High schools that register at least 85 percent of the eligible students, 18 or older by the next election, will earn the Anne Dallas Dudley Silver Level Award. Tennessee law allows students who will be 18 or older on or before the next election to register to vote.

The Secretary of State's office will present high schools that earn the Gold Level Award with a commemorative plaque and recognize students who led the registration efforts with certificates. For Anne Dallas Dudley Silver Level Award schools, the students who led the registration efforts will earn certificates recognizing their work.

All Tennessee public, charter, private school or home school associations are encouraged to participate in the Anne Dallas Dudley Award program. Participating schools must submit an Anne Dallas Dudley Award application by March 31, 2022. For award rules and guidelines, visit sos.tn.gov/products/Anne-Dallas-Dudley-Award.

The Anne Dallas Dudley Award is the newest effort from the Secretary of State's civics engagement initiative to promote voter registration among Tennessee students and prepare them to be actively engaged citizens.

For more information about the Anne Dallas Dudley Award or voter registration in Washington County, look us up on the web at wcecoffice.com.