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Voting simulation helps students learn how to vote

MUNCIE, Ind. – A voting simulation showed students what to expect when they enter a polling place on Election Day.

Get INvolved sponsored the simulation as part of their efforts to help students feel more comfortable when voting for the first time. Student and young adult voter turnout rates show students are comfortable registering to vote, but they are not necessarily likely to go to a polling place.

"After today, I definitely feel more prepared to go into a polling place on my own," said Lily Liberal, a Ball State University student who attended the event. "Now I know what to bring and what kind of questions the machine is going to ask me, so I'm confident I can just focus on the important decision I'll have to make."

The simulation yesterday was in conjunction with Get INvolved's last push to get students registered to vote in time for the May 5 primary. Representatives from the country voter registration office reported they registered approximately 100 new voters, and polling officials reported nearly 500 people participated in the voting simulation.

"We are very pleased with how many people participated in the voting activities," said Austin Acel, spokesman for BSU's Get INvolved. "This shows us how many people really are learning how easy and important voting can be."

This was the largest voting simulation Get INvolved has had. They will sponsor another from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, in Cardinal Hall B in the L.A. Pittenger Student Center.

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<u>Get INvolved</u> is a statewide campaign sponsored by the Indiana secretary of state's office. The campaign is an effort to inform and aid college students and first time voters. Get INvolved prides itself on the unique, real-life voting experience practices.