

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Florida Democrats,

Last week Emily Gregory **FLIPPED** Florida House District 87. Democrats swung this seat to the left by double digits, in a district that was supposed to be out of reach.

Brian Nathan, a Navy veteran and union leader, **FLIPPED** Tampa's Senate District 14, a seat formerly held by Lt. Governor Jay Collins. The last time Florida Democrats flipped a state senate seat was in 2018—when Janet Cruz was elected to represent SD 14.

If Democrats can win in Trump's own backyard of Mar-a-Lago, **we can win anywhere**. By turning elections into a referendum on rising costs and our plans to address them, **Democrats are proving that no Republican seat is safe**.

These **wins are not possible without the volunteers and party leadership** on the ground. These DEC's worked in partnership with the FDP Field Team, and left it all on the field.

Hillsborough DEC made over 5,000 voter contacts—knocking nearly 10,000 doors, and making more than 55,000 calls to voters. Brian Nathan won by **only 405 votes**, just outside of a recount margin.

Palm Beach DEC made over 10,000 voter contacts—knocking nearly 15,000 doors and making 115,000+ calls to voters. Emily Gregory **won by 800 votes!**

And even in Polk county, where Dems were outnumbered, **Democrats still overperformed**, shifting the race left by 5 points. Polk DEC made nearly 1,700 voter contacts—knocking almost 1,200 doors and making more than 16,000 calls to voters.

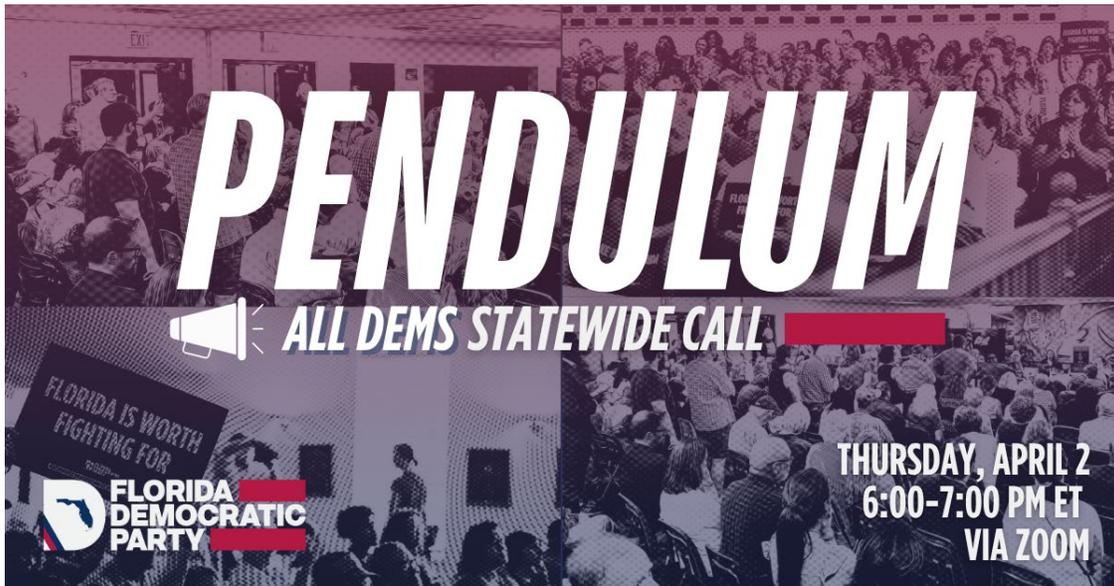
These wins are proof that **no race in Florida is out of reach** when we organize early, invest locally, and stay in the work.

This is what year-round organizing looks like. If you're ready to lean in, join your local DEC, club, caucus, or a Democratic campaign. **Your engagement could be what helps push us across the finish line.**

Nikki Fried

Chair, Florida Democratic Party

SAVE THE DATE



Calling All Democrats!

[Join our FDP's All Dems Call Thursday April 2nd at 7:00 PM](#)

This is your front-row seat to everything happening within the Florida Democratic Party. Chair Nikki Fried and our FDP staff will share key updates and preview upcoming opportunities to join Democratic organizing efforts.

PLUS we will be joined by some special guests, stay tuned!

[Register for the ALL Dems Call HERE](#)

Other Upcoming Events:

TONIGHT: DNC Rural Council Regional Forum | [Register Here](#)

4/11- 4/12: Statewide WOA :Canvassing & Phonebanking | [RSVP](#)

4/14: Bluewave Bootcamp Training | [Register Here](#)

WHAT WE'RE DOING



FIELD TEAM

VOTER REGISTRATION

DATA AND VAN

Field Updates

In recent special elections, we've seen just how much turnout — and preparation ahead of Election Day — can determine the outcome. Re-enrolling Democrats in Vote-by-Mail is one of the most reliable ways to make sure they're ready to participate.

You can use our on-demand, regional Vote-by-Mail Re-Enrollment Phonebanks to reach voters directly and help them take this simple step. Join from home, get trained, and start making an impact right away.

VOTE-BY-MAIL PHONEBANKS

CALL. CONNECT. WIN.

- ★ CALL DEMOCRATS
- ★ RE-ENROLL THEM IN VOTE-BY-MAIL
- ★ TURN OUTREACH INTO IMPACT



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ORGANIZE. YEAR-ROUND. STATEWIDE.

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Organizing Locally

Our FDP Field Team spoke at the Manatee County Democratic Party's "Big Blue Team" Volunteer Expo & Workshop about building Democratic power up and down the ballot. We build momentum and capacity for future wins by organizing in every community now.



 **Voter Contact Leaderboard**

Check out the counties that reached the most voters this week:

 1	Palm Beach
 2	Hillsborough
 3	Polk
4	Orange
5	Sumter
6	Pinellas
7	Lake
8	Miami-Dade
9	Putnam
10	Escambia

To ensure fairness across counties of different sizes, this leaderboard uses a weighted ratio of weekly voter contact attempts divided by each county's number of Vote_by_Mail targets;

Get Involved

Direct voter contact is the best tactic we have to energize voters and elect more Democrats to office. Get involved with [your local DEC](#) and be part of our wins!

Our FDP field team is here to help DECs, clubs, and caucuses build the people-powered infrastructure it takes to reach voters—and win. Want help organizing a phonebank or canvass, have ideas for our year-round organizing program, or just want to connect with our Statewide Field Director, Chris Byrnes? [Email Chris](#) or [Schedule a 1:1 Meeting](#)

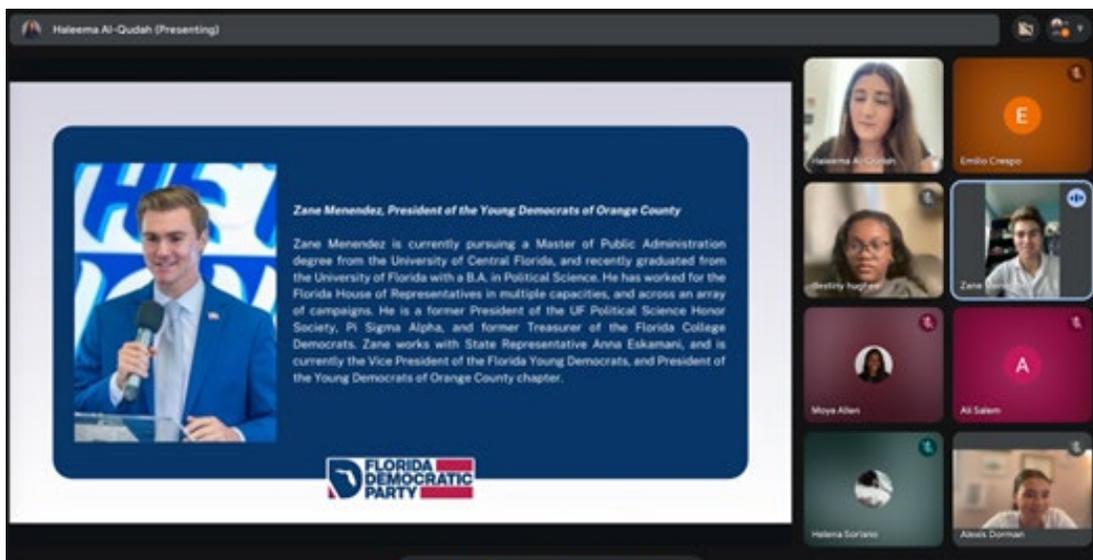
Voter Registration

Fellow of the Week: ✨ 📧 : Ben, FAU



Ben is a freshman at Florida Atlantic University, majoring in Political Science with a strong interest in civic engagement. He's passionate about expanding voter participation and excited to get involved with the Campus Voter Registration Fellowship, where he hopes to make a real difference on campus. Alongside the FAU College Democrats, Ben has registered over 30 students to vote. Great work!

Community Organizing Certification Program 🗳️



On Wednesday, March 25th, our Community Organizing Certification participants were joined by Zane Menendez, Vice President of the Florida Young Democrats

and President of the Young Democrats of Orange County, who discussed the importance of diverse representation in organizing!

The Voter Registration Toolkit

Complete [the form linked here](#) to receive access to our new and improved voter registration toolkit! The Voter Registration Toolkit has everything party leaders, voter registration leads, and volunteers need to successfully start registering voters!

April Voter Registration Trainings

[Voter Registration Volunteer Training](#) | Monday, 04/20/2026 @ 5:00 P.M. ET

[Voter Registration Lead Training](#) | Monday, 04/20/2026 @ 6:00 P.M. EST

Data and VAN

Voter file updates

The March voter file was received and is being processed.

Solidarity Tech

The FDP Data team about the move from mobilize to Solidarity Tech as our offered platform for hosting events! If your organization has not already submitted the onboarding form please do so. If you need any help or have any questions please reach out to the data team!

Weekly Office Hours | March 31st @ 4 PM - 5 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

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The FDP's data team office hours are every Tuesday from 4 PM - 5 PM EST to answer your questions!

Training

If your DEC, Club, Caucus, or Campaign needs training on any of our platforms or tools fill out this [FORM](#)! We will customize the training to fit exactly what you need!

Also don't forget to bookmark our [Data Hub](#) - A one stop shop for all your data needs!

WHAT WE'RE SAYING



COMMUNICATIONS

MESSAGING

TOOLKITS

Communications Updates

Democrats Continue to Win and Overperform in Special Elections

- On Tuesday, in a humiliating defeat for Donald Trump, [Democrat Emily Gregory flipped Florida House District 87](#) — Trump's home district, which he won by 11 points in 2024.
- In Senate District 14, [Democrat Brian Nathan](#), a union leader and Navy veteran, pulled off a massive upset by defeating his Republican opponent, [despite being outspent more than three to one](#).
- It's clear that voters are furious with Trump and Republicans for jacking up their costs and ripping away their health care.
- Across the Sunshine State, more than 1.5 million people are at risk of losing their health care because of Trump's policies, while families are paying on average [\\$3.90 per gallon at the gas pump](#).
- With these latest results, Democrats have now won or overperformed in 258 out of 289 key elections — a rate of nearly 90%.

Every week, talking points are provided to party leaders and membership. Messaging should be used for press interviews, conversations with voters, and

social media posts. To request for someone to be added to the mailing list, direct them to press@floridadems.org.

Join us each Tuesday at 11 a.m. ET for our weekly messaging call to learn what breaking news the party is discussing and how we're sharing it. [Register here.](#)

Missed our press releases last week? Read them [here](#)

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PARTY LEADERS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CANDIDATES

Candidates and Campaigns

Thinking About Running For Office? | [Run For Office Form](#)

Running for office takes a lot of courage. We want every candidate to know we see you, we're rooting for you, and we've got your back. Complete the form to stay in the loop on how we support our candidates!

Looking To Volunteer, Intern, or Work For a Campaign? | [Resume Bank Form](#)

Are you passionate about making a difference and ready to take action? Whether you're looking to volunteer, intern, or be hired as staff for a Florida candidate, when you submit this form, your resume will be available to Florida candidates and their campaigns who will reach out if your skillset is a match for their needs!

Congressional Petition Bank | [For Candidates: Petition Bank Form](#)

The Florida Democratic Party is operating a statewide petition bank to support Democratic candidates during the congressional redistricting special session. This form is for congressional and statewide candidates who would like their petition included in the petition bank, allowing Democrats across Florida to print, sign, and return petitions directly to your campaign. If you would like to print and sign a petition for a candidate, you can [view the list of submitted petitions here](#).

Party Affairs

View the Party Affairs HUB!

Link: floridadems.org/partyaffairs

The **Party Affairs Hub is a one-stop resource center for DEC, Clubs, and Caucuses**. It includes the latest updates, quick links to required compliance uploads (like approved minutes and forms), request portals (speakers, events, and documents), and a centralized library of key resources—bylaws, manuals, training recordings, and important deadlines—all in one easy place.

Introducing the DEC Manual!

Link: [DEC Manual](#) (Also found in the Party Affairs Hub)

The Florida Democratic Party has released the 2026 Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) Policy/Procedure Manual & Handbook. This guide is designed

to help DEC leaders and members understand their responsibilities, stay compliant, and operate effectively at the county level.

The manual currently covers:

- What a DEC is and its mandatory activities — from voter registration and GOTV efforts to fundraising and candidate recruitment.
- Member roles and officer duties — including Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and State Committee Members.
- Meeting rules — how to call meetings, establish quorum, handle proxies, and structure agendas.
- Compliance requirements — annual deadlines (membership lists and bylaws by Jan. 31; D&I plan and audit by April 1), ongoing obligations (meeting minutes within 20 days, membership changes within 10 days, quarterly financial filings), and election-year requirements.
- **More sections coming soon!**

Event Submission

We'd love to partner with **DECs, Clubs, and Caucuses** to share events happening across Florida to ensure they recognition they deserve. Please submit event details using [this form](#).

Important Links

- Send us your upcoming events for the newsletter → [[Submit HERE](#)]
- Want Chair Nikki Fried to attend your event? → [[Complete Scheduling Request Form](#)]

WHAT WE'RE PLANNING



UPCOMING CALLS

EVENTS

OPPORTUNITIES

DNC Rural Council | Tonight, March 30th @ 7:30 ET | [Register Here](#)

The DNC Rural Council is launching its **Regional Rural Forum** as a place to share best practices, strategize, learn from other organizers and fill gaps as a community. Rural organizers and rural county parties are working hard within the Democratic party to create a space where people receive recognition for their work and learn from one another.

The first of these virtual meetings will be a Southern Regional Rural Forum hosted by the DNC Rural Council Southern Representatives, Kendall Scudder and Wendy Davis.

Speakers:

- Eddie Morales, Member, Texas House of Representatives (District 74)
- Democratic Party of Georgia Rural Council
- Meredith Dean and Anthony Flaccavento, Community Works and Rural Urban Bridge Initiative

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