Chiara Benato (00:00): I'm Chiara Benato. I'm originally from New Jersey. I moved to Maryland about three, almost three years ago, now, permanently. I came here originally for school at Salisbury University. I was... I received a bachelor's degree in History and Education and continued my education directly after at Salisbury University, again, getting a masters in English Literature. I'm also a TA there. So I get to interact with undergrads, still, and still get to pursue my passion for teaching there.

Chiara Benato (00:36): As far as the movement to get out to vote at Salisbury University, I think a lot of it happened online, this election, just due to the fact that not everybody was on campus this Fall, and even this Spring, a lot of people are still not back on campus. There was a lot more of a movement to get people to go out through technology and social media and just texting each other.

Chiara Benato (01:09): I remember my professors, at the midterms a few years ago, said, "If you are in an area where they are having a midterm, skip my class and go vote." I remember that vividly. And in the Fall, I... about... at the beginning of the semester, I made a comment to my class and I said, "Hey, make sure you're registered to vote. It's what you should do. And make sure you have your voice heard," and then allowing them to just sit with that for a minute. And hopefully they did vote.

Chiara Benato (01:51): But I think there was... If a professor wasn't saying it, I think there was a lot of talk between students. But on campus itself, I didn't see a whole lot of what I saw in 2016, which was like flyers and like, "If you can't get a ride to the polls, this club or this organization is offering rides," and due to COVID, I think that was very limited and restricted.