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D.C. Area Students Are Mobilizing

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WASHINGTON -- Across the nation, the presidential campaigns are tapping into the youth vote, and college-age students seem to be responding in a big way.

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Four blocks from the White House, student leaders at George Washington University told News4 that 95 percent of the students on campus are registered to vote.

"We've gone through every single dorm on this campus, knocked on every door and asked students if they're registered to vote and help them register if they haven't," said Sean White of George Washington Votes.

And Howard University students are also energized. Activists there say students have something to prove. "I think young folks are going to decide this election because we're going to come out in record numbers this time around," said Adam Hunter with the Howard University Young Republicans. "They say we vote around 30 percent, I think this time it will be more like 50 or 60 percent."

Meanwhile at the University of Maryland, there was a ceremony Wednesday to announce a grant to train college students as poll workers.

But is all this student activism the start of a new trend? Experts say they aren't sure.

"It's hard to tell whether this will be a lasting effect and a generational effect," said the University of Maryland's Paul Herrson. "But clearly something about this election, the competitiveness, the outreach, the issues at speak are truly motivating and mobilizing young people."

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