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## Proctor Students and Faculty Engage in Political Process

### Attending candidate rallies around the state

#### Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

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While we are all ready for the polls and endless campaign calls to end with the New Hampshire Presidential Primary approaching, the campaign season has been a powerful learning experience for Proctor students and faculty. Throughout the fall and winter months, teachers have consistently offered opportunities for students to engage in the political process by attending rallies across the state.

AP Government and US History teacher Brenda Godwin brought students to a Jeb Bush rally in November, and Psychology and US History teacher Fiona Mills not only was able to attend President Obama's State of the Union Address in January, but has also brought students to a number of Hillary Clinton events across New England. Learning Skills teacher Joan Saunders has also engaged students in the political process by bringing a group of students to a Bernie Sanders rally.

Additionally, on Tuesday, February 9, advisors will bring Proctor students 18 years and older to Andover Elementary/Middle School to exercise their right to vote. As students study the Constitution and learn how the United States government operates, there is no better way to live that learning than to engage in the political process first hand.

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AE/MS students Ollie Grotnes, Jon Grodin, Daniel Shedd, and Ben Newton proudly display a giant "tree bracket fungus," or shelf fungus. It is a polypore found mostly on our state tree, the birch. This specimen, however, was found on a 150-year-old maple on Main Street. Each ring on the fungus indicates one growing season, so the students think it is about 47 years old. Jason Grodin (Jon's dad) discovered the fungus in a tree near the school and asked that it be treated carefully when the tree was cut down so it would remain whole. He estimated the weight to be 38 to 42 pounds. New Hampshire Fish and Game biologists said it could be one of the largest shelf fungi found and harvested. It's a once-in-a-lifetime find. It has been donated to AE/MS. We are letting it dry for a few weeks, and then we hope to decorate it for display! Photo and caption: Gretchen Hildebrand



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