

**NYPIRG Student Empowerment
Virtual Conference Agenda
Friday, November 13, 2020**

Welcome to NYPIRG's Student Empowerment Virtual Conference! All Panels and Breakout Sessions will be held over Zoom; panels will also be broadcasted live on our website ([NYPIRGstudents.org](https://nypirgstudents.org)), our [Youtube channel](#), and our [Facebook page](#). Please read descriptions and times for panels and breakouts below; to join a session (panel or breakout) click on the blue link titled "here". If you have questions or are lost, simply click [here](#) – this will take you to the main panel room where a staff person can assist you. Enjoy and Thanks!

Panel 1: What it Means to Be a Student Activist Now (12:00PM)

Join student activist powerhouses SUNY Student Assembly President Brad Hershenson, CUNY University Student Senate Chairwoman Juvanie Piquant and NYPIRG Chair Rob Zentgraf as they take us through the evolution of student activism and the new wave we are in now. This panel will begin promptly at 12PM; click [here](#) to join.

Following this panel, students will join one of the following Breakout Sessions. Please select from the following:

Breakout Session 1: Student Activism and Faith

Join Student Leader Santana Alvarado and NYPIRG Project Coordinator Ayesha Schmitt as they lead a discussion around student activism and faith. **Please click [here](#) to join.**

Breakout Session 2: Student Activism and Disability Rights

Join Student Leader Abigail Thomas and NYPIRG Project Coordinator Gabrielle Alper and as they lead a discussion around student activism and disability rights. **Please click [here](#) to join.**

Breakout Session 3: Student Activism and Racial Justice

Join NYPIRG Project Coordinator Esperanza Rosenbaum lead a discussion around student activism and racial justice. **Please click [here](#) to join.**

Panel 2: Election Day 2020; What it Means for New York (2:00PM)

*Join **New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins** and **New York State Senate Elections Committee Chair Zellnor Myrie** for a two-part interview with student reporters from the Queens College Knight News, Hunter College Athenian, SUNY New Paltz Oracle, and the Purchase Phoenix on the results of the 2020 elections and what that means for us as students and New Yorkers. Senator Stewart-Cousins will be answering questions from our reporter panel from 2:00pm to 2:30pm and Senator Myrie will be answering questions from 2:30pm to 3:00pm. This panel will begin promptly at 2PM; click [here](#) to join.*

Following this panel, students will join one of the following Breakout Sessions. Please select from the following:

Breakout Session 1: Public Banking After the Election Day

Join student leaders and NYPIRG's Civic Engagement Coordinator Tousif Ahsan as they explore our public banking campaign after election day. **Click [here](#) to join.**

Breakout Session 2: Environmental Justice Priorities Post Election

Join NYPIRG's Environmental Policy Director Elizabeth Moran, Hudson Valley Regional Coordinator Eric Wood, and Project Coordinator Lisa Salomon as they take students through environmental policy priorities for 2021. **Click [here](#) to join.**

Breakout Session 3: The Impact of the Elections on Mass Transit

Join NYPIRG's Straphangers Campaign Director Jaqi Cohen, Project Coordinator Cecilia Ellis, and student leaders as they lead a discussion on the impact the elections have on our mass transit system. **Click [here](#) to join.**

Panel 3: Health Equity: Healthcare in NY (4:00PM)

*Join **New York State Assembly Health Committee Chair Richard Gottfried**, NYPIRG Project Coordinator Nadine Pratt MPH, representatives from the NYS Nurses Association and the NYS Academy of Family Physicians, as they explore the strain COVID has put on healthcare and the steps we need to take now. This panel will begin promptly at 4PM; click [here](#) to join.*

Following this panel, students will join one of the following Breakout Sessions. Please select from the following:

Breakout Session 1: COVID's Impact on the MTA and the Environment

Join NYPIRG's Environmental Policy Director Elizabeth Moran and Straphangers Campaign Director Jaqi Cohen as they lead a discussion surrounding COVID's impact on the MTA and the environment. **Click [here](#) to join.**

Breakout Session 2: COVID, Higher Education and Student Food Insecurity

Join NYPIRG's Higher Education Coordinator Ryan Carson, Hunger and Homelessness Coordinator David Kahn, and Program Coordinator Olga Filakouris as they lead a discussion regarding the impact COVID has had on higher education and student food insecurity. **Click [here](#) to join.**

Breakout Session 3: COVID, Scams, and NY's Courts System

Join NYPIRG's Small Claims Court Coordinator James Accordino and General Counsel Russ Haven as they lead a discussion surrounding the impact COVID has had on NY's court system and COVID scams running post COVID. **Click [here](#) to join.**

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