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**COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
OF INDIANA**

a guide to
**BUILDING
A CHAPTER**



Welcome to the College Democrats of Indiana!

We are so happy you're here and are interested in starting a chapter. On the following pages we have tips and tricks for how to get started.

First Steps:

- Contact the current CDIN Outreach Director. Their contact information should be listed under the "**About Us**" tab on the CDIN website.
- Let us know any questions, concerns, or ideas you have for your campus chapter!

Next:

- You should gather a group of people to form your executive board.
- Your board should be comprised of a dedicated group of people who care about making change in Indiana. Think about other clubs offered at your school that have similar interests. There may be people in those clubs who would be interested in being on the executive board.

Then:

- Start brainstorming about a faculty member who would sponsor your club. Not all schools require this, but if your school does, it is helpful to have a short list of potential sponsors.
- Look into the process to start a club at your school and make sure you have done all that they require!

After That:

- Plan your first meeting! You can find a list of different meeting ideas after clicking the "**Campus Resources**" tab on the CDIN website. The list of meeting ideas is included in the guide called "**Meetings 101.**"

Then:

- Advertise your meeting! Starting social media pages for your chapter is a great way to connect with the student body. More on that in the ***"Social Media Guide."***
- Create fun posters and put them both online and on campus, hand them out at events, and talk to students about joining.

After That:

- Build a community! The best part of being a College Democrat is being part of a tight-knit group that shares the same values. Plan fun and engaging activities in and out of meetings so members get to know each other.