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## Secretary of State Announces the Office's First Civic and Voter Education Coordinator

*Bow High School teacher Lily Woo will lead the Secretary of State's civic and voter education efforts starting in July.*

**CONCORD, NH (June 17, 2024):** New Hampshire Secretary of State David M. Scanlan is pleased to welcome Lily Woo of Bow to the outreach team as Civic and Voter Education Coordinator. The first to hold the position, Ms. Woo brings years of teaching experience and civic mindedness to the role.

The Secretary of State's Office recognizes the importance of civics and the local educators who empower students to become informed and active participants in our democracy. Secretary Scanlan created the position of Civic and Voter Education Coordinator to increase voter engagement efforts within the state. A local teacher with 30 years of experience in education, Ms. Woo was a natural choice for the position.

Ms. Woo taught social studies at Bow High School from 2003 to 2024. She was also an adjunct teacher for VLACS, a virtual school based in Exeter, NH. Before starting at Bow High School, Ms. Woo taught at Trinity High School in Manchester and Hollis/Brookline High School, among others. She received a bachelor's degree in history from Saint Anselm College, and master's degrees in Global Studies and International Relations from Northeastern University and in Curriculum and Instruction from University of Phoenix, respectively.

As Civic and Voter Education Coordinator, Ms. Woo will develop a civics curriculum to share with local educators, create and implement civic-related projects, and engage directly with groups such as students, seniors, veterans, and others. The goal will be to encourage citizens to not only vote, but to also become active participants by serving as poll workers on election day.

"I believe strongly that those before me passed the torch of democracy to my generation, and it's our responsibility to continue that passing of the torch to the next generation," said Lily Woo. "Civics requires a healthy appreciation for the foundation of the knowledge of civics — our rights as citizens — and our responsibilities to each other — civic engagement."

"Civic education and engagement are vital to the work we do here at the Secretary of State's Office," said Secretary Scanlan. "Lily Woo has the experience, knowledge, enthusiasm, and

passion needed to ramp up our efforts to inspire New Hampshire citizens to take an active role in our election process.”

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