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6 p.m.: Turnout at UCF precinct passes 100%

Precinct 538 at UCF's Live Oak Center continued to see low traffic as voters trickled in throughout the afternoon, but turnout is now up to 103.58%.

The Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office explained on **Twitter** that it was due to registered voters updating their addresses after the registration deadline, resulting in their assignment to the polling location.

The total number of voters is over 780 so far. The number of registered voters was 754 on Oct. 6.

Electrical engineering major Colby Brookshire said it was important that his first time voting was in person.

"I just turned 18 so I wanted it to be a memorable experience for my first time," Brookshire said.

Environmental studies major Amanda Escalante, who waited about seven minutes to vote, said one of the reasons she voted for Biden is because she does not agree with Trump's environmental policies.

"Trump has done hundreds of things to undue the regulations of our national parks. How shameful is it for a president to not stand up for what birthed him? I love Mother Earth, I stand by Mother Earth," she said.

Escalante was joined by hospitality management major Audrey Whitaker, who said she voted by mail to avoid any potential lines. She said she also voted for Biden because as a member of the LGBTQ community, she thinks Trump does not advocate for her rights.

“I just want some basic human rights,” Whitaker said.

On the other hand, Otniel Delgado voted for Trump, saying the president is a great advocate for the LGBTQ community.



Delgado says as a Latino and LGBTQ person, he supports President Trump. “Don’t listen to the stereotypes that people have told you that republicans are racists and homophobic,” he said. (Monica Sealey)

“He’s not as homophobic as people say,” Delgado said. “Let’s not forget that he did wave a LGBTQ flag at one of his rallies.”

Delgado said the Democratic Party is being controlled by socialists who are for big government.

“As someone who’s father fled Nicaragua from communism, I do not like that,” Delgado said. “At least I know Trump is removing regulations and shrinking government so I least I know that way we can prevent possibly turning the U.S. into Nicaragua.”

Delgado was one of several Republican students who were tabling for Trump near the polling place. Across from them were Democrat students tabling for Biden.

Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith stopped by the Democratic table to encourage students to keep voting.

“As of this afternoon on Election Day, 90 percent of registered voters at the UCF precinct have already voted which is absolutely tremendous, but it’s not enough,” Smith said. “Young people need to get out there all across the board because there’s so many issues that they care about that are on the ballot either through a constitutional amendment or through the candidates.”

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