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**TRINITY COLLEGE STUDENT ZAYDEE SANTIAGO URGES
FELLOW COLLEGE STUDENTS TO REGISTER AND VOTE**

*Takes part in Secretary of the State Bysiewicz's
"Shape Tomorrow – Register to Vote Today" campaign*

HARTFORD – Trinity College sophomore Zaydee Santiago, a young man of both Latino and African-American decent and a native of New York, is helping Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz in her efforts to register 35,000 new voters for Election Day on November 7th. Mr. Santiago, known as "Z" to friends and professors, took part in Secretary Bysiewicz's voting registration kickoff event on October 10th at the State Capitol, telling attendees there that "the only way to change things around you is to register and vote."

This year's voter registration campaign, called "Shape Tomorrow: Register and Vote," has so far resulted in 28,000 new voters registering between the August 8th primary and today. Secretary Bysiewicz has set a goal of registering 35,000 new voters by the October 31st registration deadline.

Zaydee Santiago will be one of the people helping to make that goal reality, Secretary Bysiewicz said. "Z Santiago inspired quite a few people at our kickoff event with his straight talk about how young people may feel disillusioned and uninvolved, but the only way to change that is for them to register and vote. We are thrilled to have him working with us this year to get the message out that your vote is the most important civil right you possess."

Mr. Santiago said, "As someone who is both African-American and Latino-American, I do understand that many young people of color feel left out of the process. There is only one way to begin making changes, though, and that is by registering to vote and having our voices heard. Voting gives us a voice and a power to change things we do not like. This is the best way to start making a difference in the world, and I will be out there through the end of October working with Secretary Bysiewicz to get people signed up to vote this year."