Democratic Socialists of America

~ CMU YDSA New Member Onboarding ~

Step 1: Join club on CMU website

- Go to the MavZone and select the "**LIFE AT CMU**" tab
- Under "**CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**" select "Clubs and Organizations"
- Click the link to the **MavLife** app
- Search "CMU Young Democratic Socialists of America"
- Join the club!

Step 2: Become a dues paying member of National DSA

- The Democratic Socialists of America are runned and funded by membership, we do not answer to shareholders and big donors!
- Dues help fund our local chapter, pay for conferences/conventions, and pay DSA staff (who help make it all happen)
- Dues are pay what you can, even if that is nothing!

Link to become a member Link to have dues waived

Step 3: Become chapter affiliated!

- Once you're a member of the national DSA, you must let them know what chapter you're a member of!
- Fill out the form with the same info you used for DSA national and select Colorado Mesa University as your YDSA chapter!

Link for chapter affiliation form

Step 4: Join our chats

- Message our leadership and ask to join our discord chat!

Contact Info:

- Chapter Email: cmuydsa@protonmail.com
- Kaylee Mullen (Co-Chair): krmullen@mavs.coloradomesa.edu

- Brock Rumley (Co-Chair): brumley@mavs.coloradomesa.edu
- Instagram: @cmu_socialists

Step 5: Join our Google Calendar

Google Calendar Link

Our Fall 2026 Weekly Schedule (Open to all members):

- Mondays: Central Committee Meeting ~ 2:00 PM in 2nd floor Houston hall study rooms
- Tuesdays: Recruitment Committee Meeting ~ 6:00 PM in 2nd floor Houston hall study rooms
- Thursdays: Political Education Committee Meeting: 2:00 PM in 2nd floor Houston hall study rooms
- Fridays: General Body Meeting ~ 2:00 PM in Houston hall room 139

Our Committees:

- Central Committee:
  - Chapter leadership, including; two Co-Chairs, a secretary, and a treasurer
  - These positions are voted on once a year (or as needed)
- Vigilance Committee:
  - Focus on chapter/member safety and security, from outside threats
  - This includes self defense, legal knowledge, data encryption, etc.
  - These are NOT grievance officers, they don't handle in-chapter conflicts
- Political Education Committee:
  - Focus on curating resources, analyzing educational materials, planning reading/discussion groups, and giving poli-ed presentations
- Recruitment Committee:
  - Focus on recruitment, tablings, outreach, and communications

We encourage new members to join and help out with at least one committee! This is not a requirement, but it is a great way to get involved in chapter work! Don't see a committee that interests you? Talk to leadership about starting a new committee! (Ex. mutual aid, labor, environmentalism, intersectionality, feminism, growth/development, electoralism, etc.)

Join Committee/Propose A New One

YDSA/DSA 101 (Know what you're getting into!): DSA Program

Today, working people have few good options. In most political races, Americans will have the choice between far-right Republicans and corporate Democrats. In both cases, workers lose, and our politicians remain controlled by their corporate donors, not the ordinary people who voted for them. Under this status quo, inequality will continue to worsen, corporations will continue to sell war and wreak havoc on the environment, and the worst impacts of these crises will be felt by the poor, people of color, and working people generally.

Neither major party is capable of advancing a positive program that meets the needs of the majority of Americans. That's why the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) is presenting a bold alternative course of action. DSA is the largest socialist movement in the United States, with over 100,000 members, and chapters in every state. We are completely member run and funded, and we fight for a true democracy where working people have control over their own lives, their government, and the economy. DSA's mission is to unite workers into a powerful political movement, to win the battle for democracy and change the world. Our goal is to put workers in charge of the government through a new democratic constitution that establishes civil, political, and democratic rights for all, is based on proportional representation in a single federal legislature, and ends the role of money in politics.

DSA is a broad-tent organization, with various factions and leanings. Leftists, socialists, communists, Marxist-Leninist-Maoists, anarchists, etc. are all welcome here! If we are to reach our shared goals, we need each other!

We fight for:

- ➢ Thriving working class communities:
  - Medicare for all, college for all, and housing for all
  - End war on drugs, fight mass incarceration and police brutality, and support working families (expansive paid leave & free childcare/pre-K)
- ➢ An economy for the working class
  - 32-hour work week, union power, tax the rich, and the Green New Deal
- ➢ Working-class foreign policy
  - Free Palestine, freedom of movement, no more economic warfare, and end the U.S. war machine
- ➢ Working-class democracy
  - Universal suffrage, a representative congress, popular vote for president, and reduce the power of the supreme court