

Students compete to register organ, tissue donors

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URBANA – University of Illinois students are participating in a six-week competition intended to encourage students, faculty and alumni to become organ and tissue donors.

As a part of the challenge, student organizations such as the Students for Organ Donation, Student Nurses' Association and Student National Medical Association will get together to get the word out about donating. Students from 17 colleges and universities from around the state are competing.

"We are excited to continue in our third year with the Campus Challenge to educate and encourage students and the surrounding community about the importance of registering to be an organ/tissue donor," said Dave Bosch, Donate Life Illinois member and communications director at Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network.

The UI will host campus and community registration drives and use Facebook and Twitter.

"Getting college students to understand the importance of organ (and) tissue donation is only half the battle, it's getting them to take the extra step to register that ensures countless lives will be saved," said Nick Urig, Donate Life Illinois campus campaign manager. "The challenge is a great way for us to connect with the college community and let them know that their quick decision to join the registry is a lifesaving one."

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