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Constitution Day, also known as Citizenship Day, commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. This day is dedicated to celebrating and reflecting on the significance of the Constitution as the foundation of the American government and the rights and freedoms it guarantees. Constitution Day also serves as an opportunity to educate citizens about the Constitution's role in shaping the nation and to promote civic engagement and awareness. As we prepare to celebrate Constitution Day on Wednesday, September 17th, I also wanted to share some campus resources and programming reflective of efforts by faculty, students, staff, and administrators.

To celebrate Constitution Day, the campus and Scranton community are invited to a Constitution Day Dialogue at the Scranton Public Library on Wednesday, September 17 at 6pm at the Scranton Public Library. More information and registration is available here. This dialogue is an opportunity to listen to others' views and experiences and to share your own in a structured, facilitated format that will include reflecting on key themes in the Preamble to the Constitution. Participants should come ready to engage with their campus and community neighbors — not debate or persuade — and build better understanding.

In honor of National Voter Registration Day, the College Democrats and College Republicans student clubs will team up with the Office of Community and Government Relations to provide a table-sit in the DeNaples Center on Tuesday, September 16 from 11:30am-1pm to provide non-partisan voter registration information resources and free pocket Constitutions.

For resources on how to register to vote, you can visit www.scranton.edu/RoyalsVote which is part of the Royals Vote initiative first begun by students and now a partnership of the Office of Community and Government Relations, Student Government, student political clubs, the Center for Ethics and Excellence in Public Affairs (CEEPS) and Student Life. The deadline to register to vote in Pennsylvania is October 20, 2025

The Class of 2020 Gateway sign will be illuminated with red, white, and blue and the American Flag to commemorate Constitution Day.

For more resource information on Constitution Day, use the links below:

- National Constitution Center, including an interactive Constitution as well as town hall series and podcasts exploring current Constitutional issues and debate: https://constitutioncenter.org
- America's Founding Documents: http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/charters.html
- Library of Congress repository for Constitutional documents and information: https://www.loc.gov/collections/continental-congress-and-constitutional-convention-from-1774-to-1789/about-this-collection/
- National Endowment for the Humanities Commemorating Constitution Day: https://edsitement.neh.gov/teachers-guides/commemorating-constitution-day.
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services learning resources on citizenship, including civics practices test to practice your knowledge of U.S. history and government: https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/resources-for-educational-programs/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day

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