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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 next week, on Tuesday, September 17th, a day which also marks National Voter Registration Day, I wanted to share some campus resources and programming reflective of efforts by faculty, students, staff, and administrators.

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, the Center for Ethics and Excellence in Public Affairs (CEEPS) and Student Life. Throughout the semester, students and staff will be running non-partisan table-sit voter registration drives, including one outside the Multicultural Center on Sept. 17 from 12-2pm.

In addition, there are a range of civic engagement programs and events planned for this fall in the run-up to the election that the university community is invited to participate in. For a listing of relevant programs planned by different offices and departments, including political dialogues, panel discussions, lunch and learn conversation programs, theatre, a faculty workshop, and more starting this week, visit this page: https://www.scranton.edu/about/community-relations/civic-dialogue-engagement/civic-engagement-events-2024.shtml.

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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