Civic Engagement: Education Programming Resource Guide

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Civic Engagement Definition: The founders of our nation had some big ideas. Students in this theme group will dig deep into those ideas and learn more about what democracy means. Your courses will focus on the value of human dignity, tolerance, justice, ethical integrity and freedom. You’ll develop important skills in thinking critically, deliberating and making collaborative decisions about important questions. You’ll develop ability for moral discernment, civility, compromise and mutual respect for others.

Programming Opportunities: The following reflects planned programs and events that are confirmed, or in progress, that can be utilized in your syllabus as co-curricular learning opportunities, or in your department or organization for community building around theme of civic engagement.

- Tuesday, August 11, Noon – 3:00 pm, Civic Engagement and Food Insecurities, Location: 
  For more information contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Saturday, August 29, 1- 3:45 pm, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Friday, September 11, National 9/11 Day(s) of Service and Remembrance, Contact: ksmith9@govst.edu or civicengagement@govst.edu
- Sept. 17, National Constitution Day, Website: http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution-day/about-constitution-day Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Saturday, October 18, Immigration Services – Service Day, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Saturday, October 24, National Make A Difference Day, Website: http://makeadifferenceday.com/ Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Nov. 14-22, National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Website: http://nationalhomeless.org/about-us/projects/awareness-week/, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Monday, January 18, 2016, MLK Day of Service, Website: http://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- March 13-19, Alternative Spring Break – National Service, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
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- Wednesday, March 16, **Alternative Spring Break – Local Service**, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- April 2016: **Relay for Life**, Website: http://relay.acsevents.org/site/PageServer?pagename=relay, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- April 10-16, 2016: **National Volunteer Week**, Website: http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/national-volunteer-week, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Saturday, April 23, 2016: **Rebuilding Together**, Website: http://rebuildingtogether.org/, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Thursday, April 28, 2016: **WE Day**, Website: http://www.weday.com/, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu

**Programming Suggestions**: The following reflects potential programs and events that are under consideration that can be utilized in your syllabus as co-curricular learning opportunities, or in your department or organization for community building around theme of civic engagement.

- August 24 – Sept. 9, Schedule a **Fall GSU Civic Engagement Presentation** for your class or department to highlight service opportunities for your students. Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- January 25 – February 4, Schedule a **Spring GSU Civic Engagement Presentation** for your class or department to highlight service opportunities for your students. Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu

**Programming Resources**: The following reflects planned ideas, suggestions and resources that can be utilized in your syllabus as co-curricular learning opportunities, or in your department or organization for community building around theme of civic engagement.

- **GSU Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service**: http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Civic_Engagement/About_Us/
- **Illinois Campus Compact**: http://www.illinoiscampuscompact.org/
- **National Democracy Project**: http://www.aascu.org/programs/ADP/