

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.

- August 21-24, Service and Leadership Seminar, For more information contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Monday, August 28, Noon – 3:00 pm, The Jaguar Den – Put the “U” in GSU. Join the Student Life staff to explore opportunities for students to become involved on campus. Checkout GSU services: (GSU Food Pantry, Jaguar Career Closet, Homelessness Insecurities). The Jaguar Den, A2140.
Tuesday, August 29, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, **GSU Rocks the Vote!**, Location: Hall of Governors, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Tuesday, August 29, **Support the GSU Food Pantry—Together We Can.** Join student organizations and GSU Departments as they compete by collecting can goods. Teams will create a sculpture made from their canned donations. For more information contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Tuesday, September 5, Noon – 3:00 pm, **Service Works: Civic Engagement and Food Insecurities**, Location: Hall of Governors, For more information contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, September 6, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, **Operation Heathy**, GSU Atrium, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Thursday, September 7, Noon – 4:00 pm, **GSU Rocks the Vote!**, Location: Hall of Governors, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Monday, September 11, **National 9/11 Day(s) of Service and Remembrance**, Contact: ksmith9@govst.edu or civicengagement@govst.edu
- Monday, Sept. 18, **National Constitution Day** Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu



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- Saturday, September 19, 8:45 am – 1:00 pm – Service Day: Restoration Ministries Food Pantry, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, October 11, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, **Operation Heathy**, GSU Atrium, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Monday, October 18, Volunteer Resource Fair, Location: Hall of Governors, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Saturday, October 28, **National Make A Difference Day**, Website: <http://makeadifferenceday.com/> Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Nov. 13-19, **National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**, Website: <http://nationalhomeless.org/about-us/projects/awareness-week/>, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, November 15, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, **Operation Heathy**, GSU Atrium, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Monday, January 15, 2018, **MLK Day of Service**, Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday>, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, January 24, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, **Operation Heathy**, GSU Atrium, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, February 13, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, **Operation Heathy**, GSU Atrium, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, March 13, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, **Operation Heathy**, GSU Atrium, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Thursday, TBD 2018: **WE Day**, Website: <http://www.weday.com/>, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- March 12-18, **Alternative Spring Break – National Service**, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, March 14, **Alternative Spring Break – Local Service**, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- April 2018: **Relay for Life**, Website: <http://relay.acsevents.org/site/PageServer?pagename=relay>, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, April 10, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, **Operation Heathy**, GSU Atrium, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- April 15-22, 2018: **National Volunteer Week**, Website: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/national-volunteer-week>, 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.



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- August 29 – Sept. 15, Schedule a **Fall GSU Civic Engagement Presentation** for your class or department to highlight service opportunities for your students. Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- January 17 – February 3, 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/>

