

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.

- Monday, August 15, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, **GSU Rocks the Vote!**, Location: Hall of Governors, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Tuesday, August 16, Noon – 3:00 pm, **Service Works: Civic Engagement and Food Insecurities**, Location: Hall of Governors, For more information contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- August 22-26, Service and Leadership Seminar, For more information contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Thursday, September 1, 10:00 am – Noon, **Illinois United Student Senate Forum**, Location: Sherman Recital Hall. Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Thursday, September 1, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm, **Farmer's Market**, GSU Main Entrance, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Thursday, September 1, Noon – 6:30 pm, **GSU Rocks the Vote!**, Location: Hall of Governors, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Friday, September 11, **National 9/11 Day(s) of Service and Remembrance**, Contact: ksmith9@govst.edu or civicengagement@govst.edu
- Monday, Sept. 19, **National Constitution Day**, *Constitution Panel Discussion*, 3:00-4:30 pm, Location: Engbretson Hall, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Saturday, September 19, 8:45 am – 1:00 pm – Service Day: Restoration Ministries Food Pantry, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Saturday, October 1, **Service Day** Greater Chicago Food Depository, Athletics Team Service Day–8am - 3pm. Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu



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- Monday, October 17, Volunteer Resource Fair, Location: Hall of Governors, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Saturday, October 22, **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
- Monday, January 16, 2017, **MLK Day of Service**, Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday>, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Thursday, March 1, 2017: **WE Day**, Website: <http://www.weday.com/>, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- March 11-16, **Alternative Spring Break – National Service**, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- Wednesday, March 15, **Alternative Spring Break – Local Service**, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- April 2017: **Relay for Life**, Website: <http://relay.acsevents.org/site/PageServer?pagename=relay>, Contact: civicengagement@govst.edu
- April 10-16, 2017: **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.

- 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 18 – 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/>

