



## Constitution Day

The U.S. Department of Education requires all educational institutions that receive Federal funds to hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of each year. The school utilizes web site such as [www.constitutionfacts.com](http://www.constitutionfacts.com) to access information about the Constitution to present to students to comply with this regulation.

Constitution Day became a national observance in 2004, when Senator Robert Byrd passed a bill designating September 17 as the day for citizens to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and learn more about our founding document. Senator Byrd once said, "Our ideals of freedom, set forth and realized in our Constitution, are our greatest export to the world." He added the Constitution Day clause to his 2004 federal spending bill because he believed that all citizens should know about their rights as outlined in the Constitution. This clause mandates the teaching of the Constitution in schools that receive federal funds.

Valley College celebrated Constitution Day on or near September 17, 2024. Each campus observed Constitution Day with a variety of activities to test the students' knowledge about the U.S. Constitution. The students also watched videos and participated in class discussions.