



Constitution Day

Constitution Day holds special significance for our institution and community. The national observance was established in 2004 through legislation championed by **U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia**, one of the longest-serving members of Congress and a strong advocate for constitutional education.

Senator Byrd believed that all citizens should understand their rights and responsibilities under the Constitution. His leadership led to the requirement that all educational institutions receiving federal funding provide educational programming about the Constitution each year.

As a West Virginia institution, we proudly recognize Senator Byrd's legacy and his enduring commitment to civic knowledge and public service.

What Is Constitution Day?

Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on **September 17, 1787**. It serves as a national reminder of the framework of government and the freedoms it guarantees.

Why It Matters to Students

Learning about the Constitution helps students:

- Understand their rights and protections under the law
- Build awareness of civic responsibilities
- Engage thoughtfully in their communities and society

Institutional Participation

As required by the U.S. Department of Education, the College provides **educational programming related to the Constitution** on or near September 17 each year.

How Students Participate

Students may take part in a variety of Constitution Day activities, including:

- Classroom discussions and guided instruction
- Educational videos and presentations
- Interactive learning activities to reinforce understanding
- Opportunities to reflect on constitutional rights and responsibilities

Each campus may offer different activities, but all students are encouraged to participate.

Resources for More Information

Students and the public can learn more about the Constitution through trusted resources:

- www.constitutionfacts.com
- National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs>

Our Commitment

By observing Constitution Day, the College not only fulfills a federal requirement but also honors the legacy of **Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia**, whose efforts ensured that students across the nation have the opportunity to learn about the Constitution each year.

Contact Information

For more information about Constitution Day activities, please contact your campus administration or student services office.