Civic and community engagement projects prepare students for life after college by helping them hone critical thinking and other skills. SUNY is committed to supporting civic engagement through applied learning and other initiatives. Civic Engagement is a teaching and learning focus on educating students as citizens. Classes or programs include meaningful civic education and activities for social good. Classes and projects have components of reflection and engagement. These focus on one’s civic responsibilities, including engagement in local politics, voter participation, social action and service to the community.

In support of these ongoing efforts, SUNY is proud to host system-wide Constitution Day activities on September 18th, 2017.

Constitution Day is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution. Each year, publicly funded educational institutions provide programming on the history of the Constitution on September 17. While programming specifically focused on the Constitution is important, SUNY would like to go a step further and promote broader civic engagement activities, including public deliberations.

Below you will find a list of Constitution Day activities planned by the SUNY campuses, the majority of which are open to the public. We hope that you will engage in these activities and that you for your continued commitment to civic engagement and all forms of applied learning.
ALFRED STATE COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: A Constitution Day forum. The focus of the forum will be on a citizen’s responsibility in a democratic society and will feature a panel of student leaders and a facilitated conversation on this topic. Voter registration will be conducted in connection with this event and all attendees will be provided US Constitutions.

Location: Alfred State Campus, Student Leadership Center

Date/Time: September 18th at 5:00pm

Public Contact: Jonathan Hilsher (hilshejc@alfredstate.edu)

Open to the public

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Event Names/Descriptions: Passion to Action: The 13th Amendment and the Disenfranchisement of African Americans

- To celebrate Constitution Day, the Center for Civic Engagement at Binghamton University (CCE) will host a showing of the documentary 13th by Ava DuVernay, which looks at the effect of the 13th Amendment on the African American community. This Constitution Day event will explore the particular impact of the 13th amendment on the voting rights of African Americans. The goal of this Constitution Day program is to consider the political and economic impact of the 13th amendment. A panel of community members and legal experts will lead a discussion after viewing the film. This event will be part of the CCE’s Passion to Action series, which is focused on raising awareness of community issues and providing students with tools to create the change they want to see in their community. Celebrating Constitution Day and Civic Engagement - In addition to the documentary screening, the CCE will host programming and outreach throughout the day to promote Constitution Day. The CCE and student group partners will table for voter registration, hand out pocket-sized constitutions and encourage students to think about what it means to be an engaged citizen. As part of the tabling event, students will answer questions such as, “What does it mean to be a responsible citizen?” and have their photo taken. Additionally, the constitution will be displayed around campus for students and community members to observe and read. The CCE will “takeover” the University’s Snapchat account, and will post photos and videos of students engaging in Constitution Day activities. Local high school students will be invited to participate in Constitution Day activities, as well. These activities will take place in partnership with the Andrew Goodman Foundation’s Vote Everywhere program.

Location: Binghamton Main Campus, University Union West Patio

Public Contact: Alison Handy Twang (cce@binghamton.edu)

Hashtag: #ConstitutionDay

Open to the public

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: ‘Defining Equality in an Era of Hostility.’ There will be a panel discussion of the legal limits of the U.S. Constitution’s Equal Protection clause and its application on marginal communities such as transgender individuals, DACA residents, etc.

Location: Buffalo State Campus, Butler Library

Date/Time: September 20th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Public Contact: Dr. Peter Yacobucci (yacobupr@buffalostate.edu)

Hashtag: #EqualityMatters

Open to the public

CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: What’s Your Party? This event is a collaboration of the CCC Library and Student Activities, and blends the themes of “political parties” and a fun, “celebration party.” Constitution Day programming at CCC will consist of several components: All-Day Table – CCC’s Student Government Organization (SGO) will run an all-day table on both the Auburn and Fulton campuses. The table will be centrally located in the high traffic area of each campus’ main entrance. At the table students can: Test their knowledge about the Constitution with a short quiz, obtain a pocket-size copy of the Constitution, register to vote, and receive a Constitution Day “What’s your Party” invitation/itinerary.
and Learn – there will be a speaker (possibly a small panel of speakers) who will lead a discussion about “Party Politics.” Each campus will host its own Lunch and Learn rather than connecting the two campuses via video stream. Food will be provided. Create Your Party Platform – This activity will require students to “choose” a party, but it cannot be an existing one, rather students will build their own “party platform.” Will most likely follow the Lunch and Learn, but might be part of the activities offered at the All-Day Table. An idea we plan to further develop is to have an all-day, on-going “party” celebrating and bringing attention to Constitution Day and ideas about civic responsibility. It is possible that activities initially planned to be offered at the all-day table will be moved to and made part of the activities at the all-day the party.

Location: Cayuga Community College, Auburn and Fulton campus
Public Contact: Norman Lee (LeeN@cayuga-cc.edu, (315) 294-8412) and Holly Kuhl (hkuhl@cayuga-cc.edu, (315) 294-8591)
Hashtag: #Whatsyourparty
Partially open to the public

CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Event Name/Description: Constitution Day - We are exploring a movie and a discussion led by faculty members. We are inviting the League of Women Voters to campus to share information and provide an opportunity to register to vote. We are also going to have a table decorated with someone dressed in a Colonial costume handing out free constitutions. We are also considering handing out American flag pins to and providing free pizza to everyone in attendance at the movie and discussion.
Location: Clinton Campus, Moore Building
Public Contact: Sarah McCarty (sarah.mccarty@clinton.edu)
Open to the public

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
Event Name/Description: Constitution Day Celebration - We will be handing out small copies of the constitution to all of our students and registering students to vote.
Location: Optometry Campus, Student Lounge
Date/Time: September 18th from 11:00am to 2:00pm
Public Contact: Vito Cavallaro (vito@sunyopt.edu)
Open to SUNY students

CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Event Name/Description: Pocket Constitution giveaways sponsored by the Veteran’s Association - Pocket Constitutions will be given to students walking through the Commons. Constitution Trivia - CCC faculty will host a trivia game about the Constitution and the interesting stories that led to the document we now know. Expect obscure stories about parts that were excluded and fights over the things that were included. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams.
Location: Corning Campus, Commons and Kelly Lounge
Date/Time: September 18th
Public Contact: Student Life or Jennifer Sellers (jseller2@corning-cc.edu)

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Event Name/Description: “The Constitution is not an Optional Extra: Principles for a New U.S. National Security Policy” – Constitutional Day Lecture by Dr. Raymond. Dr. Raymond is Professor of Government and History at SUNY Ulster, and the Co-Founder and Director of the Katt Institute for Constitutional Studies at SUNY Ulster. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Comparative Politics and International Relations at the United States Military Academy at West Point where he also served as the Thomas Hawkins Johnson Distinguished Visiting Professor in 2009.
Location: Dutchess Campus, the James and Betty Hall Theatre
Date/Time: September 18th at 7:00pm
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Public Contact: Dr. Werner Steger (steger@sunydutchess.edu, (845) 431-8522)
Open to the public

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: Deliberative Discussion, The Political Fix - We are proposing hosting a deliberative discussion at two or three of our regional locations, facilitated by staff and/or faculty members. The event will be open to students, alumni, faculty, staff and the public. Our focus will be to have discussion by all attendees of the various perspectives of current politics. The event is not intended to be a panel discussion or debate, rather discussion where all attendees contribute.
Location: Rochester, NY and Buffalo, NY
Public Contact: Anita DeCianni-Brown (Anita.Brown@esc.edu)
Open to the public

ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: Our Constitution; Through Diversities Eyes - Opening/Ice Breaker activity facilitated by Student Government Association Members. Distribution of pocket constitutions followed by a reading of the Preamble. ESL students will present essays on how the rights afforded under the US Constitution differ from the rights in their birth countries. Open discussions on immigration reform will be encouraged at individual tables during lunch. Wrap-up with a hand print mural which will depict our individual uniqueness to be displayed on each campus.
Location: All three Erie Campuses, including a presentation stream from City Campus.
Public Contact: Regina Lettieri (lettieri@ecc.edu)

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: Constitution Day - New York State Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci will talk about the connections between local politics and the Constitution. We may also be joined by Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre.
Location: Farmingdale State Campus
Public Contact: Stephen Patnode (patnods@farmingdale.edu)
Open to the public

FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Event Name/Description: Postcard contest in honor of Constitution Day - Students are asked to create a postcard design around the First Amendment and submit it to the contest. A panel of faculty jurors vote on the submissions and the winning design receives a $100 gift card (first place) or $50 gift card (2nd place) provided by the United College Employees union. The postcard competition will open the first day of the semester continue until Friday. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to write a postcard to legislators on any issue they may care about. The postcards from previous years and the winning post card will be distributed for the event, and members of the campus community will be invited to discuss policy issues with faculty. The goal of the event will be to encourage the campus community to exercise their First Amendment rights and engage in the democratic process by contacting their representatives. This partnership between the Department of Student Life and the School of Liberal Arts will kick off civic engagement events and collaborations during the 2017-2018 academic year.
Location: FIT Campus, Breezeway
Date/Time: September 18th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
Public Contact: Michelle Van-Ess Grant (michelle_vaness@fitnyc.edu)

FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: Journey to the Bill of Rights - Professors James Valenti JD,LLM, Esq. and Eric Duchess, Ph.D. (History) will be presenting. We will be discussing how we arrived at the Bill of Rights—there were many steps after the Revolution. We will then mention some current 1st Amendment cases and issues.
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FINGER LAKES MAIN CAMPUS

Location: Finger Lakes Main Campus, Stage 14
Date/Time: September 18th from 12:00pm to 1:30pm
Public Contact: James Valenti (James.Valenti@flcc.edu)
Open to the public

FULTON-MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: Each year for Constitution Day, we hand out cupcakes that are decorated red, white and blue at common hour. They are donated by our food service here on campus. We also have mini travel constitution books that we give to students. We will be making a survey on survey monkey about the constitution and send it to students via their email. The winner(s) will receive an American Flag. Free patriotic cupcakes in the Quad. Activities include: Fife and Drum Band Presentation, Constitution Survey sent to all students via FM email, and free travel Constitutions handed to students.
Location: Fulton-Montgomery Campus, Quad
Date/Time: September 18th from 12:30pm to 2:00pm
Public Contact: Gwen Ossenkop (Gwendolyn.Ossenkop@fmcc.suny.edu)

HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: “What if they had Instagram in 1787?” - Daily posts on a bulletin board that reflect what may have transpired if our leaders had Instagram in 1787.
Location: Herkimer Campus, RMCC Upper Lobby
Public Contact: Vicki Brown ((315) 866-0300 x8310)
Hashtag: #constitutionday
Open to the public

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: In celebration of Constitution Day, Hudson Valley Community College will offer, to the campus community, a discussion and debate on the establishment of the US Constitution. Emphasis will be placed on how amendments are proposed and approved, and as in previous years, special focus will be given on a particular article of the constitution, to be determined. “Understanding The United States Constitution and its Inalienable Rights” will be facilitated by professors in our History, Philosophy and Social Sciences Department. The event is co-sponsored by the Student Activities Office and Student Senate.
Location: Hudson Valley Campus, Campus Center
Date/Time: September 17th from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Public Contact: Louis Coplin ((518)-629-7348)
Open to the public

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: We are sponsoring a speech by Chautauqua County DA Patrick Swanson on Privacy and the 4th Amendment as it relates to the use of electronic devices specially by our students on our Jamestown campus with a link to our Olean campus and Dunkirk extension site.
Location: Jamestown Campus
Public Contact: Greg Rabb (GregRabb@mail.sunyjcc.edu) or Cayla Crosby
Open to the public

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: 13th film screening and panel discussion - In recognition of Constitution Day, Jefferson Com-
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Community College’s Social Science Department is hosting a screening and panel discussion of Ava DuVernay’s ‘13th’. The documentary addresses both the history and current state of racial injustice in relation to the disproportionate mass incarceration of Black citizens in the United States. Come view the film and then stay for discussion about this thought provoking documentary. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments provided.

Location: Jefferson Campus, Amphitheater
Date/Time: September 20th at 6:00pm
Public Contact: Lori Tuttle (Ltuttle@sunyjefferson.edu)
Hashtag: #13
Open to the public

MARITIME COLLEGE
Event Name/Description: Constitution Day Program at SUNY Maritime College - Video(s) about the Constitution will be shown, Q & A and Discussion throughout the program, and T-shirts will be distributed to attendees and prizes awarded for the contests. Activities include a presentation on the Second Amendment by a Judge, discussions with an attorney who exonerated a defendant on Death Row and with a journalist who covers the US Supreme Court, a Constitution Trivia Contest between Faculty & Staff v. Students, a Contest for the Best Tweet about the Constitution with a hashtag (#MARITIMECONSTITUTION), and remarks from Pre-Law Club Chair and Student Government President.

Location: Maritime Campus, Maritime Academic Center (MAC)
Public Contact: Dr. Mark Meirowitz (mmeirowitz@sunymaritime.edu)
Hashtag: #MARITIMECONSTITUTION
Open to the public

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Event Name/Description: U.S. Constitution Trivia Game Show

Location: Mohawk Valley Campus, College Alumni College Center Snack Bar
Public Contact: Sandy Cummings ((315)792-5392)
Open to the public

MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE
Event Name/Description: We will have a table with pocket Constitutions and voter registration forms.

NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Event Name/Description: American Studies, under the leadership of Adrienne Clay, will be coordinating this event. The general paradigm is a faculty panel (Gerald Torres, Scott Peters, and Aziz Rana) followed by facilitated small-group discussion (with facilitation provided by Adi Grabiner Keinan’s trained students at Intergroup Dialogue). The theme is “Are We in a Constitutional Crisis?” In addition, there will be Democracy and the Constitution: A Deliberative Forum.

Location: New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University Campus
Date/Time: September 18th
Public Contact: Anna Bartel (aws4@cornell.edu)
Partially open to the public

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Event Name/Description: The Constitution – Compromise and Deliberation: In addition to the usual handing out of constitution and a trivial gameshow, Dr. Matthew Clarcq will be giving a lecture on campus.

Location: North Country Sanborn Campus
Public Contact: Dr. Matthew Clarcq (mclarcq@niagaracc.suny.edu, (716) 614-6753)
ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: 9/11 and its impact on the Constitution - Take an in-depth look at how the tragic events of 9/11 have shaped the American way of life and impacted the freedoms and rights of its citizenry. We are targeting former Onondaga County Executive Nick Pirro and former Congressman Jim Walsh as special guests for this talk. Perhaps former County emergency management director Peter Alberti who was in that position on 9/11/01. Politics Club students will assist with logistics and student attendance. (College Hour. Political science discipline and OCC Politics Club will host Guest speaker: Dr. Joseph Scanlon from Monroe Community College to discuss identity politics and the politics of sport. OCC student led Voter education and registration drives and special sign up tables to be coordinated with assistance from OCC Politics Club and the League of Women Voters of the Syracuse Metropolitan area. OCC Veterans Office has a quantity of Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence and US Constitution large displays that will be set up all over campus in various buildings as a reminder of Constitution Day. College will create extensive social media and messaging related to events on campus and urging faculty to embrace this for teaching, deliberative dialogue opportunities. Special exhibit table in Student Center will be held with pocket copies of US Constitution and other related and important materials with students from Social Sciences and OCC Politics Club assisting.

Location: Onondaga Campus
Public Contact: Sue Tormey (tormeys@sunyocc.edu)

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE


Location: Orange County Campus, the Gilman Center for International Education and Kaplan Hall
Date/Time: September 19th at 10:00am, September 19th at 7:00pm and September 28th at 7:00pm
Public Contact: Cultural Affairs (cultural@sunyorange.edu, (845)341-4891)
Hashtag: #SUNYConstitutionDay
Open to the public

PURCHASE COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: Votes for Women: A New York Centennial - Beginning in September, the Neuberger will be exhibiting a show called "Votes for Women: A New York Centennial" in our Open Classroom space; it will open roughly around 9/10 and will run for the duration of the fall '17 semester. The show originates from the NY State Museum and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the New York women’s suffrage movement. In the space we will also have interactive voting booths. Constitution Day Celebration - Join us in Campus Center North to celebrate Constitution Day. Test your trivia and knowledge about the constitution and your freedom as it embodies our country and the Bill of Rights and Amendments. Also, check out replicas of the Constitution and pick up your very own pocket copy of the constitution. You will have the ability to sign our Purchase College commitment to the constitution show your American spirit with your classmates. Constitution Day Poster Contest - The Office of Community Engagement is looking for entries into our Constitution Day Poster Contest as we celebrate Constitution Day on our campus. The designs (electronic, drawings or paintings, etc.) of the posters should show how you have benefited from the freedoms embodied in the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights and Amendments. We are looking for creative, colorful handmade designs showing your American spirit! Entries should be received by September 11, 2017 and delivered to Campus Center North, 2nd Floor - Office of Community Engagement. The winner of the poster contest will receive a $50.00 VISA gift card. The selected winner will be determined by votes received from the campus community at the voting registration machine located in the Neuberger Museum.

Location: Purchase Campus, Campus Center and Neuberger Museum
Date/Time: September 18th
Public Contact: Antony Ware (antony.ware@purchase.edu)
ROCKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: Opening Ceremony - Welcome speeches from RCC’s new President, Dr. Michael A. Baston, and State Senator David Carlucci. Student Tyler Miranda will read the Preamble to the Constitution, followed by his rendition of the National Anthem. Ben Franklin visits RCC - Jack Sherry, an actor who has been performing as Ben Franklin since 2003, will provide a very entertaining and educational talk on his role in creating the Constitution of the United States. “Dr. Franklin” will explain the background behind the Constitution, his participation at the Constitutional Convention, and how, without his help, there might not be a Constitution today. The Road to Marriage Equality: Presentation and Discussion - Rockland Community College’s Professor Beth Robinson made legal history obtaining a divorce from her wife in New York State Supreme Court prior to marriage equality being passed by the New York State Legislature. Today, with the landmark 2015 Supreme Court decision of Obergefell v. Hodges, marriage equality is a constitutional guarantee. Learn about Professor Robinson’s ground-breaking case as well as the history of marriage equality in the United States. “Raise the Age” law in front of a live audience. Students Compete for Prizes - Students and audience members will be presented a live interactive, technology-enhanced Constitution trivia quiz in a “gaming” format through Kahoots. Two Kahoot competitions will be presented on a big screen during the day, accompanied by period photos. Kahoot’s quick pace, suspenseful music, and instant scoreboards will keep the competition lively and students engaged. Students will easily access the game with a smartphone or laptop and use the PIN provided by the host. Winners will receive prizes. Ongoing Class Discussions - Professors will engage students from a variety of disciplines in classroom discussions about current topics centered on the Constitution throughout the day. Photo Station and Period Clothing - Students will have the opportunity to take photos of themselves in period clothing within an “RCC Constitution Day” frame. Multi-Media and Social Media presence at RCC Celebrates Constitution Day - Constitution Day events will be photographed and video recorded throughout the day. They will also be advertised on RCC-TV, and the day’s events will be video/audio livestreamed. Key moments will be posted on RCC’s social media outlets.

Location: Rockland County Campus, Black Box Theater and 9-11 Memorial Garden
Public Contact: Yonaira Sanchez (ysanchez@sunyrockland.edu, 574-4216)
Hashtag: #ConstitutionDay #RocklandCommunityCollege

SCHENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: “Town Hall Wall Debate: Should the phrase ‘under God’ be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance?” - Students will study different perspectives on the controversy using interactive library displays and have an opportunity to vote on the issue. “Wicked Problems and Tough Choices”: Deliberative Democracy in Action - Members of the AAUW student club at SCCC in conjunction with the Student Government Association will moderate a deliberation of a current controversy surrounding a constitutional question. Moderators have agreed to participate first in a facilitator training, will choose the topic for the discussion based on current and recent events, and will have studied multiple sides of the controversy to promote mutual understanding and critical thinking.

Location: Schenectady County Campus, Begley Library
Public Contact: Caroline A. Buff (buffca@sunysccc.edu) and Babette Faehmel (faehmeb@sunysccc.edu)

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY (ESF)

Event Name/Description: Annual Lecture on constitutional issues in environmental policy by Dr. Robert Malmsheimer (Professor of Forest Policy and Law).

Location: ESF Campus
Public Contact: Scott Shannon (sshannon@esf.edu)
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STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

Event Name/Description: “Seawolves Engage: Immigration and Today’s National Climate” - We (our Vote Everywhere program at Stony Brook University, which is housed in the Office of the Dean of Students) will host a deliberative dialogue about immigration. We will train students, staff, and faculty to serve as moderators for the dialogue. We have a space reserved for as many as 300 individuals to participate, so we are hopeful that our outreach efforts (i.e. Political Science course instructors will provide incentives for participation, etc.) will result in a high turnout. “Constitution Week: What Matters to YOU?” - Our students will host daily tabling efforts in our Student Activities Center during which: Students will be asked to write on a whiteboard about the one local/national issue that most deeply affects them, and to write how they think the issue can be resolved. Students will take photos with their whiteboards, and these photos will be shared on social media to provide an opportunity for organic discussion about the issues and the options to resolve these issues. We are hopeful that this will allow for us to create our own deliberative dialogue guides centered on local issues in the future; and 2) Students will participate in trivia about the U.S. Constitution and the rights and privileges afforded to individuals in our nation. In addition, we will expand trivia to include the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which are common, fundamental standards that are to be afforded to all global citizens. Students who correctly answer trivia questions will win pocket Constitutions.

Location: Stony Brook Campus, Student Activities Center
Date/Time: September 18th through September 21st
Public Contact: voteeverywhere@stonybrook.edu
Hashtag: #SeawolvesVote #SeawolvesEngage
Partially open to the public

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: America’s future: What should our budget priority be? - Join us for a deliberation on the economic priorities of the United States. All participants will be provided resources regarding the topic and be asked to listen, explore and share their thoughts on the issue. Voter Registration Day - Speak with the League of Women Voters to learn about voter eligibility, complete a voter registration form, and discuss the importance of voting. Take a selfie with the Signers - Join us to encounter a visible representations of the constitution, pick up a copy of the constitution, see the signers and take a selfie! Constitution Day Jeopardy with Professor Turner - Participate in our interactive constitution day jeopardy program and test your knowledge of our history, learn about our constitution and win prizes. Constitution Day Celebration - Come celebrate the very foundation of United States society and government. Rock the Vote: Register to Vote - Register to vote in the 2017 primary elections. Wednesday, September 20th from 11am to 2pm. National Dialogue on Race Day - Prepare to be engaged in conversations regarding race in our community. Join the African Peoples Association to discuss, share and listen to each other. Wednesday, September 27th from 11am to 12:30pm.

Location: Suffolk County Ammerman Campus (Hunting Library and Babylon Student Center), Eastern Campus (Peconic Building), and Grant Campus (Captree Commons)
Date/Time: September 18th from 10:00am to 12:30pm through September 21st
Public Contact: Patty Munsch (munschp@sunysuffolk.edu, (631)-451-4572), Jill Santiago (santiaj@sunysuffolk.edu, (631)-451-4734), Frank Vino (vinof@sunysuffolk.edu, (631)-451-4814), Chris Tempera (temperc@sunysuffolk.edu, (631)-548-3523), and Lisa Hamilton (hamiltl@sunysuffolk.edu, (631)-851-6702)
Hashtag: #csjhu #constitutionday #rockthevote
Partially open to the public

SUNY ADIRONDACK

Event Name/Description: Freedom of the Press in the Era of “Fake News” - SUNY Adirondack will be hosting a Discussion Panel on the 1st Amendment Protections of Freedom of the Press.

Location: Adirondack Campus, Miller Auditorium
Public Contact: Wendy L. Johnston (johnstonw@sunyacc.edu)
Hashtag: #sunyadkconstitution
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SUNY BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Event Name/Description: Public Deliberation: Will be handing out mini constitutions all day long.
Location: Broome Campus
Public Contact: Jason Boring (boringjw@sunybroome.edu)

SUNY CANTON
Event Name/Description: 2017 Constitution Day: A Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Women’s Right to Vote in New York State - SUNY Canton will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the women’s right to vote in New York State with a weeklong series of events, including hosting a panel of female legislators, a showing of “Iron-Jawed Angels” (film about the American suffragette movement in the 1900s) followed by a discussion led by history faculty (tentative), a Constitution Day trivia contest, and a voter registration drive.
Location: Canton Campus
Public Contact: Christina Lesyk (lesykc@canton.edu, (315) 386-7836)

SUNY COBLESKILL
Event Name/Description: During the afternoon, we will be hosting a bunch of activities outside of Bouck Hall that consist of: Give away pocket sized constitutions, take a Constitution Quiz and students win prizes from our prize wheel (pencils, stickers, etc.), Red, White and Blue Crafts, take a Selfie with some of the Founding Fathers, Apple Pie Giveaway. We also plan to have an early evening debate in Bouck Theater on a Constitutional topic.
Location: Cobleskill Campus, Bouck Hall
Public Contact: Michael Wacksman (wacksmMR@cobleskill.edu)

SUNY CORTLAND
Event Name/Description: “Uncharte(r)ed Territory: The Constitution in the Age of Trump” - A speech by Political Science Professor Timothy Delaune. The speech will be followed by a Question-and-Answer session. “Impeachment: Plausible or Improbable” - A speech by Distinguished Service Professor and Political Science Chair, Robert Spitzer. The speech will be followed by a Question-and-Answer session.
Location: Cortland Campus, Corey Union
Date/Time: September 14th from 4:30pm to 5:30pm
Public Contact: John Suarez (john.suarez@cortland.edu)
Open to the public

SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER
Event Name/Description: Constitution Day Celebration - Video Playing “The United States Constitution and Bill of Rights” in a continuous loop is placed at the main campus building entrance and at the Student Center Main desk. Copies of “The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It” along with Fruit Snacks are also distributed at the Student Center Main Desk. In addition, a trivia contest is being held via e-mail and social media, with prizes, including a $25 gift certificate to the bookstore.
Location: Downtown Medical Campus, Education Building
Public Contact: Student Center Main Desk ((718) 270-2487)
Hashtag: #ConstitutionDay #SUNYConstitutionDay
Partially open to the public
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SUNY FREDONIA

Event Name/Description: Handwriting the Constitution - paper, pen, and space will be provided to handwrite the U.S. Constitution. Resulting copies may be posted on the wall. Display: Student posters on modes of Constitutional interpretation. Artist Morgan O’Hara brought paper and sharpies to the New York Public Library main reading room, and began copying the Constitution. Others joined in. The idea is that the process of copying a document, something they used to do in grammar schools, helps you experience the words more closely and enhances comprehension and understanding. We follow this idea with a supplies and a space for copying. The copies may be posted on nearby walls. Reading the text is essential to understanding the Constitution. However, it is only a first step. There are a variety of interpretative techniques, or modalities, that have been employed by judges, justices, and scholars of the Constitution. Students of American Constitution Law and Civil Rights and Liberties will produce posters explaining and illustrating each of the modalities of interpretation. They show how they have been used in the past, and why they are crucial to understanding our Constitution today. These eight posters will accompany the event. For background, see: NY Times: The Constitution, By Hand. “Calling a Constitutional Convention in New York: The Process and the Issues” - Speaker Peter Galie, Professor Emeritus, Canisius College. This is part of a Democracy 101 series. “Are Trump’s Actions Constitutional? Immigration, Judicial Independence, and Democratic Institutions” with Guest Speaker Anna O. Law from CUNY Brooklyn College.

Location: Fredonia Campus, Reed Library and Williams Center
Date/Time: September 17th through September 18th
Public Contact: Jonathan Chausovsky (chausovs@fredonia.edu)
Hashtag: #FredoniaConstitutionDay
Open to the public

SUNY GENESEO

Event Name/Description: Our annual Geneseo Constitution Day event this year will be a National Issues Forum Deliberative Dialog: National Issues Forum Deliberative Dialog: Political Fix--How Should We Get American Politics Back on Track? - All colleges and universities host programs on Constitution Day. Geneseo is participating this year by hosting a special deliberative dialog discussion using the National Issues Forum guide on “Political Fix--How Should We Get American Politics Back on Track? The dialog is designed to engage students, faculty/staff, and community residents from all political perspectives in guided small group table discussion and dialog. There will be a very short explanation of the deliberative dialog process followed by table discussions with moderators at each table to make sure everyone has opportunities to share their thoughts and perspectives. Instructor: Dr. Stacey Robertson - Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Office of the Provost. In addition to the main event, we will be doing special Voter Registration Drive activities as well as on National Voter Registration Day.

Location: Geneseo Campus, MacVittie College Union
Date/Time: September 18th from 2:30pm to 3:45pm
Public Contact: Tom Matthews (matthews@geneseo.edu, (585)-245-5857)
Hashtag: #GeneseoConstitutionDay
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SUNY NEW PALTZ

Event Name/Description: “The Winning Legal Strategy Behind the Right to Marriage Equality” - This event will feature a video from the National Constitution Center (2014). Jeffrey Rosen, president of the NCC, interviews David Boies and Ted Olson about their winning legal strategy in the effort to defeat Proposition 8 in California, culminating in the Supreme Court case of Hollingsworth v. Perry (2013), which legalized same-sex marriage in California, and paved the way for the Supreme Court’s 2015 case of Obergefell v. Hodges, which nationalized the right to same-sex marriage. Boies and Olson are an interesting pair, in that they were adversaries in the Supreme Court case of Bush v. Gore in 2000, and are partisans from opposing political parties (Boies = Democrat, Olson = Republican). Yet, the story they tell of how they came together to work as a team to advance the cause of marriage equality is a moving, human and highly important one when bipartisan cooperation on divisive policy issues today seems so difficult to achieve. The NCC video runs an hour, and I will follow it with a time for questions and answers afterwards.

Location: New Paltz Campus, Coykendall Science Building (CSB)
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**Date/Time:** September 18th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

**Public Contact:** Nancy Kassop (kassopn@newpaltz.edu, (845)-257-3544)

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**SUNY Oneonta**

**Event Name/Description:** SUNY Oneonta Constitution Day- We will be having 7 stations about the 7 principles of the Constitution, voter registration table, and a deliberation on Fake News.

**Location:** Oneonta Campus, Morris Hall

**Public Contact:** Nicole Waid (nicole.waid@oneonta.edu)

**Hashtag:** #SUNYOneontaConstitutionDay

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**SUNY Oswego**

**Event Name/Description:** My story, my life in America - This event will be a sharing of personal stories about students’ experience living in America. Students from diverse backgrounds and identities will offer their stories and then there will be open time for others attending to share their stories.

**Location:** Oswego Campus, Campus Center

**Public Contact:** Community Services (service@oswego.edu)

Open to the public

**SUNY Plattsburgh**

**Event Name/Description:** Constitution Day 2017 - SUNY Plattsburgh will observe and celebrate Constitution Day in a series of activities. Constitution Day will be co-led by the Institute for Ethics in Public Life, the Political Science Department, and the Center for Community Engagement. Film showing – Dave – followed by panel discussion. Discussion participants to be determined. Free admission. Ask me about the Constitution tabling with political science faculty - Pocket U.S. Constitutions to be distributed free of charge. Political Science faculty and students. Constitution panel - Recruiting faculty and student panel members in August. Ethics Institute Wednesday colloquy on constitutional roles of an elected official (invitation only) - Possible Skype session with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik or other political figure.

**Location:** Plattsburgh Campus and Strand Center for the Arts

**Date/Time:** September 17th through September 20th

**Public Contact:** Dr. Jonathan R. Slater (slaterjr@plattsburgh.edu)

Partially open to the public

**SUNY Polytechnic Institute**

**Event Name/Description:** A tabling event will be held with a Prize wheel featuring quick facts about the US Constitution. In addition, campus community members can pick up a pocket size copy of the Constitution, complete a voter registration card and enjoy our festive Constitution Day cake! The second event will be held that evening for students to compete in Constitution Day Jeopardy, team style. Student groups will be encouraged to sign-up in teams of 4 people to win prizes.

**Location:** Polytechnic Utica Campus (Student Center) and Albany Campus (NFS Rotunda)

**Date/Time:** September 18th

**Public Contact:** Megan Lennon (wyettm@sunyit.edu, (315)-792-7530)

**Hashtag:** #SUNYPolyConstitutionDay

Partially open to the public

**SUNY Potsdam**

**Event Name/Description:** Panel Discussion- The Role of the Supreme Court in the U.S. Constitutional System. Panel
discussion with faculty from the Department of Politics and Supreme Court Justices (the latter appearing via video).

**Location:** Potsdam Campus, Crumb Library  
**Date/Time:** September 21st at 5:00pm  
**Public Contact:** Bette Bergeron (bergerbs@potsdam.edu)  
**Partially open to the public**

**THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT**

**Event Name/Description:** Brockport’s Constitution Day Events: Day Celebration will consist of a full day of panel sessions, a deliberative dialogue about immigration, and possibly a keynote speaker. The panel sessions will include individuals from diverse occupational backgrounds. The panels are tentatively planned as follows: The Role of the Government in Economic Opportunity - The panel will discuss the role the federal, state, and local governments have in creating employment opportunity as well as their role in helping American business thrive. The panel will also discuss how legislation has historically prevented marginalized groups from certain sectors and forced them into others. Also, the role the prison industrial system has in fueling our economy. The Effect Brown v Board of Ed. Topeka Kansas (1954) has on NYS - The panel will discuss the role the federal, state, and local governments have in creating quality education for K-12 as well as post-secondary students. The panel will discuss the high school to prison pipeline, preparedness of teachers, disparities faced in school districts, and how we address the needs of bilingual students as well as undocumented students. Who has more power over the law those who enforce it, those who interpret it, or those who write it? - The panel will discuss the role the federal, state, and local governments have in enforcing and interpreting the law. The panel will discuss how the role of policing and the historic nature of law enforcement officers upholding and abusing the law. As well as the historic nature of policing in various part of New York State. All men are created equal? - The panel will discuss the role the federal, state, and local governments have in protecting the rights of women. The panel will also discuss the historic role women have played in local, state, and federal politics. Also, the obstacles women face in obtaining equal citizen rights in the nation. Who justifies what’s written on the books? - The panel will discuss the role judges have in upholding and interpreting the law. As well as how judges, lawyers, legislators, law enforcement officers and the executive branch have in upholding the law collectively. Deliberative Dialogue - We will use the National Issues Forums Institute’s (NIFI) issue guide, “Immigration in America” for our deliberative dialogue. We plan to invite various members from the greater Rochester community to join in on the discussion. We will invite staff, faculty, and students from campus, Rural & Migrant Ministry, the mayor of Brockport, and members from the Monroe County Republican Women’s Club. Our goal is to have people with diverse perspectives join our discussion about immigration in America.

**Location:** Brockport Campus, Seymour College Union  
**Public Contact:** Sidnee McDonald (smcdo2@brockport.edu, (585)-395-2950)  
**Hashtag:** #CitizenB  
**Open to the public**

**THOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Event Name/Description:** Constitution Takeover – The Student Government Association will take over the Student Center Main Lounge from 11am to 2pm with educational videos, a learning station with a quiz, and a voter registration table.

**Location:** Thompkins Cortland Campus, Student Center  
**Date/Time:** September 18th  
**Public Contact:** Deb Mohlenhoff (dam@tompkinscortland.edu)  
**Hashtag:** #TCchangetheworld

**ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Event Name/Description:** The Katt Institute for Constitutional Studies at SUNY have two events planned. Dr. Stephen Schecter, Professor of Political Science and History at Russell Sage College will speak on the theme of Federalism. This event is targeted towards AP students in the public and private schools of Ulster County as well as their teachers and administrators. We are also inviting Middle School Social Studies teachers. This event is part of the partnership I have
developed with the public and private schools. Based on last years’ experience, we are expecting over 300 students and
teachers to attend. It will not be promoted through any media outlets because there is no need to. SUNY Ulster students
are welcome to sit in on the event. Dr. Stephen Schecter will then reprise his lunchtime address for a wider audience.
This target audience here is much wider.

**Location:** Ulster Campus, Quimby Auditorium and College Lounge  
**Date/Time:** September 19th at 12:00pm and 7:00pm  
**Public Contact:** Dr. Ray Raymond (raymondr@sunyulster.edu)

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY**

**Event Name/Description:** Week long activities and programs offered the week prior to US Constitution Day will include:
The television monitors located within the Center for Leadership and Service and outside of the Center will have in-
formative slides playing to celebrate Constitution Day. The Center for Leadership and Service will have a table set up
outside the office to pass out information and to provide free give-away items to promote the celebration. The Center for
Leadership and Service will be passing out free copies of the US Constitution (a mini book). Voter Registration forms
will also be made available and all, who have not already done so, will be encouraged to register to vote. Specific ac-
tivities and programs will include: The Center for Leadership and Service will show a free film screening of documents
such as the evolution of the constitution throughout the day and the documentary discussing the exclusion of women
and African Americans in the Constitution http://equalmeanequal.com/ (Status of women in America). The Center for
Leadership and Service will serve cake to celebrate 230 year anniversary of the creation of the constitution. The Cen-
ter for Leadership and Service will be hosting games and a contest around “Fun Facts about the US Constitution” with
prizes for contestants, such as: Quiz Bowl: It can be four teams per round with about 4-5 people per team. There will be
15-20 questions about the constitution and court cases relevant to it and how it’s been changed. Wheel Of Fortune: Have
several puzzles related to the Constitution, such as the government operations, the rights, rules and regulations, court
cases(Give them vowels for free) and have contestants write down their guesses & drop them in the box.

**Location:** Albany Main Campus, Center for Leadership and Service  
**Date/Time:** September 18th  
**Public Contact:** Martha J. Asselin (masselin@albany.edu, (518)-442-5445)  
**Hashtag:** #UAlbanyConstitutionDay  
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**UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO**

Event Name/Description: Constitution Day Celebration - Each year UB celebrates the creation of one of the most in-
fluential legal documents in existence. Since its creation on September 17, 1787, over one hundred countries around
the world have used the US Constitution as a model. Celebration activities will include constitutional trivia with prizes,
constitutional birthday cupcakes and decorating, and performances by the Buffalo Chips and Pitches, and other theme-
based activities.

**Location:** UB Campus, Student Union  
**Public Contact:** Student Engagement (leadub@buffalo.edu)

Open to the public

**UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**

**Event Name/Description:** For Constitution Day the Upstate Health Sciences Library will put out a poster display about
Constitution Day; promote a LibGuide about Constitution Day that highlights the NYS Constitutional Convention, the im-
pact of the Constitution on health care, and general information about the Constitution and the Day; and we distribute
Constitution booklets in English, Spanish, and Arabic.

**Location:** Upstate Campus, Health Sciences Library  
**Public Contact:** Rebecca Kindon (kindonr@upstate.edu) or Christine Kucharski

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WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Event Name/Description: The 13th Amendment: Slavery and Involuntary Servitude- The event will include the showing of the documentary '13' and a deliberative discussion which will be streamed to classrooms and recorded. Donald Simmons was trained as deliberator. He will host the discussion which will be recorded for classroom usage and streaming to other campuses upon request. For the event and for other discussions, Mr. Simmons will provide an in-service to assist the committee and other volunteers in facilitating deliberations.

Location: Westchester Campus, Classroom Building

Public Contact: Dr. Ronald Bloom (Ronald.Bloom@sunywcc.edu)