

**Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTC SOM)**

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In 2004, Congress changed the designation of September 17, from “Constitution Day,” to “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day,” and added two provisions:

- *first, that the head of each federal agency provide each new employee with educational and training materials concerning the Constitution and also provide such materials to every employee on September 17 of each year; and*
- *second, that each educational institution that receives federal funds shall hold an educational program on the Constitution for students on September 17 of each year.*

Each September VTC observes Constitution Day and Citizenship Day by holding a short program for students during the school day. Students receive pocket copies of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Depending on the calendar year, topics for discussion may include the Virginia voter registration process; federal, state, and local elections scheduled for the coming year; the Bill of Rights; and other current events involving Constitutional issues or the Bill of Rights.