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Arcadia University to sign new Cooperative Learning Agreement with the National Constitution Center during Constitution Day Festivities

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Glenside, Pa.,— Thursday, September 13, 2012—[Arcadia University](http://www.arcadia.edu) and the National Constitution Center will announce the signing of a new cooperative learning agreement as part of the development of Arcadia's *We the Civics Kids* program. The event will take place on Monday, September 17 at 2 p.m., as part of the Center's Constitution Day celebration, marking the historic 225th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

Former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and Judge Marjorie Rendell will be in attendance to announce the next steps of the *We the Civics Kids* and will introduce Arcadia University President Carl Oxholm III and Dr. Steve O. Michael, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

"*We the People*' is the way that our Constitution begins, and in the 225 years since it was signed in Philadelphia, no one has found a better way to 'promote the general Welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty' than education," says Arcadia University President Carl Oxholm III. "And one of the best ways that we can 'secure a more perfect Union, establish Justice, [and] insure domestic Tranquility' is by making sure that *we the people* truly appreciate our form of government and understand well the rights and obligations that each of us has as a citizen. To enter into an agreement like this on such an important day exemplifies Arcadia's continued commitment to community service and educating the youth of this great country on the U.S. Constitution and civic responsibility."

"In order for representative democracy to survive, it is imperative that the next generation of Americans has a sound knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and their rights and responsibilities," said National Constitution Center President and CEO David Eisner. "The Center's nationally recognized education program and Arcadia's strong vision ensures that this partnership will be a resounding success."

The agreement will see the School of Continuing Studies at Arcadia University develop academically rich curricula for the *We the Civics Kids* program aimed at teaching the United States Constitution to grammar school students, grades K-5. In addition, Arcadia will facilitate programs in civics to graduate and undergraduate students on site at the National Constitution Center, as well as continuing professional development programs for educators at all levels.

Through this new partnership, Arcadia University will work with the Center to develop a new certificate program in Civic Education, which will be offered to continuing education students.

Immediately following the announcement, the Center will present a timely program exploring one of the hot button issues at the heart of this year's presidential election, voter identification. The ACLU's Vic Walczak, John Fund of the National Review, and Rutgers University School of Law/Camden's Robert F. Williams will participate in the discussion. Governor Rendell will moderate. The program is open to the public. Students and faculty from Arcadia University will be in attendance.

About Arcadia University:

Arcadia University is a top-ranked private university in metropolitan Philadelphia and a national leader in study abroad and international education. With more than 80 percent of its students having participated in an academic program overseas by the time they graduate, Arcadia University has long been generally regarded as a national leader in undergraduate study abroad. U.S. News & World Report ranks Arcadia University among the top regional universities in the North and as one of the top study abroad programs. U.S. News also ranks Arcadia's Physical Therapy program among the top 15 in the nation. Arcadia's Physician Assistant students score in the elite 4th percentile on national boards. Arcadia University promises a distinctively global, integrative and personal learning experience that prepares students to contribute and prosper in a diverse and dynamic world. (www.arcadia.edu).

About the National Constitution Center:

The National Constitution Center is the first and only nonprofit, nonpartisan institution devoted to the most powerful vision of freedom ever expressed: the U.S. Constitution. Located on Independence Mall in Historic Philadelphia, the birthplace of American freedom, the Center illuminates constitutional ideals and inspires active citizenship through a state-of-the-art museum experience, including hundreds of interactive exhibits, films and rare artifacts; must-see feature exhibitions; the internationally acclaimed, 360-degree theatrical production *Freedom Rising*; and the iconic *Signers' Hall*, where visitors can sign the Constitution alongside 42 life-size, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers. As America's forum for constitutional dialogue, the Center engages diverse, distinguished leaders of government, public policy, journalism and scholarship in timely public discussions and debates. The Center also

houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, the national hub for constitutional education, which offers cutting-edge civic learning resources both onsite and online. Freedom is calling. Answer it at the National Constitution Center. For more information, call [215.409.6700](tel:215.409.6700) or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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