



MEDIA ALERT

Cantigny Park Hosting Naturalization Ceremony September 17

Media invited to attend final step for local applicants seeking U.S. citizenship

WHEN: Constitution Day
Thursday, September 17
11 am

WHERE: Le Jardin at Cantigny Park
1s151 Winfield Road
Wheaton, IL 60189

WHAT: The ceremony inside the Cantigny Visitors Center will be conducted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Cantigny is designated a Federal Courtroom for purposes of the ceremony.

Seventy-five applicants for naturalization from 25 countries will become U.S. citizens after taking the United States Oath of Allegiance.

The ceremony is the final required step in naturalization, which is the process of obtaining U.S. citizenship. At this point the participants have met all other requirements. They have demonstrated English language proficiency, plus an understanding of the fundamental concepts of American democracy and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

The keynote speaker will be Shawn P. Healy, PhD. Dr. Healy is Civic Learning Scholar at the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.

Students from Marmion Academy (Aurora, IL) will post and retire the colors. The Chicago Brass Band will perform our national anthem along with other patriotic selections.

PARKING: When entering the park, please identify yourself as media. Security will direct you, and you will not be charged a parking fee.

PHOTOS: This will be a highly photogenic event with excellent still and video opportunities, inside and outside. We anticipate that many participants will be open to sharing their citizenship experience with the media before or after the ceremony.

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