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# Advisory

## USCIS TO WELCOME 200 NEW CITIZENS AT SPECIAL CITIZENSHIP DAY CELEBRATION AT CANTIGNY PARK

### *Citizenship Day Ceremony to Celebrate Citizenship, Celebrate America*

CHICAGO – A diverse group of 200 area residents will take the Oath of Allegiance on Monday, September 17, and become U.S. citizens during a special ceremony celebrating Citizenship Day and Constitution Week at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. The ceremony is one of many citizenship events that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will host across the United States in honor of Constitution Week.

The new citizens hail from 39 different countries, with the top representation from Mexico (49), followed by India, (44). As part of this special ceremony, the Marmion Academy in Wheaton will provide the color guard, while a combo from the U.S. Navy's Great Lakes Naval Station band will perform the National Anthem and other patriotic songs.

The keynote speaker is Navpreet Singh, one of the Chicago USCIS officers responsible for interviewing candidates for citizenship. Singh, a naturalized citizen from India, will discuss his experiences in becoming a U.S. Citizen

USCIS is holding this special Citizenship Day public ceremony to celebrate the hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children from nearly every nation on the globe who will become U.S. citizens this year.

**EVENT:** Naturalization Ceremony

**DATE:** Monday, September 17, at 11 a.m.

\*\*Applicants for citizenship will arrive at 10 a.m. Media are strongly encouraged to arrive early to interview applicants before the ceremony.

**LOCATION:** Cantigny Park  
1S151 Winfield Road  
Wheaton, Illinois

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