

## **Resolution 024**

### **A Resolution to Cancel Classes for Students and Faculty on Veterans Day Sponsored by: Senator Drauschak**

**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Schlee, Senator Besendorfer, Senator Martin,  
Senator Fahey, Senator Kazanci, Senator Kwiatek, Senator Jagiello, Senator  
Cunningham, Senator Hermann**

***Whereas,***

The Catholic University of America does not currently cancel classes for students and faculty on Veterans Day.

***Whereas,***

Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States that is celebrated annually on November 11th.

***Whereas,***

There are 11 federal holidays that are recognized in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

***Whereas,***

The Catholic University of America currently cancels classes for 9 of the 11 federal holidays, including Labor Day, Columbus Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Juneteenth, and Memorial Day.

***Whereas,***

The Catholic University of America has been awarded the designation as a "Gold-Level" Military Friendly School.<sup>2</sup>

***Whereas,***

The Catholic University of America has a longstanding history with alumni that are veterans, including a Medal of Honor Recipient, the first female to achieve Brigadier General, and the chair of the Purple Heart Foundation.<sup>3</sup>

***Whereas,***

256 Catholic University student alumni are veterans, and 45 students are involved in ROTC.

***Whereas,***

There is a wide range of schools and businesses that are closed on Veterans Day throughout the United States. Some colleges and universities that observe this federal holiday are Miami Dade College, Cleveland State University, University of South Florida, University of the District of Columbia, Tufts University, and Howard University.

<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal\\_holidays\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States#List\\_of\\_federal\\_holidays](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_holidays_in_the_United_States#List_of_federal_holidays)

<sup>2</sup> <https://communications.catholic.edu/news/2021/02/gold-level-military.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://military.catholic.edu/famousalumni/index.html>

**Whereas,**

An additional day of no classes can be substituted for another day within the semester/year.

**Whereas,**

It is up to the University's administration to make this decision.

**Be it enacted that,**

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that The Catholic University of America will cancel classes for students and faculty on Veterans Day beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, the school will cancel classes for students and faculty on Veterans Day when it falls any day between a Monday and a Friday in exchange for an alternative day within the semester/year.

Agreed to by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas to \_\_\_\_\_ nays on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining and \_\_\_\_\_ not present.

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