



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 100 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration at Cantigny Park

CHICAGO — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will conduct a special naturalization ceremony celebrating the Fourth of July at Cantigny Park on July 1. This year's ceremony will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

The keynote speaker for the event is David Kuehl, Regional Administrator for the National Archives and Records Administration. The Honorable John W. Darrah, United States District Court Judge will administer the [*Oath of Allegiance*](#) to the new citizens who represent 35 countries.

This ceremony is part of USCIS's annual celebration of Independence Day. An estimated 3,800 candidates will become citizens at 55 special ceremonies held across the country and around the world from July 1-6.

With its 500 acres of beautiful parks and gardens, Cantigny Park provides an ideal backdrop for a naturalization ceremony. Cantigny Park, as part of the McCormick Tribune Foundation, is committed to offering services and programming with a focus on our country including observing patriotic holidays, the First Division Museum at Cantigny and special events such as the naturalization ceremony.

WHO: David Kuehl, Regional Administrator, National Archives and Records Administration
The Honorable John W. Darrah, U.S. District Court Judge

WHEN: Thursday, July 1, 2010, 11 a.m.

WHERE: Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Road
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