November Observances 2026

Thoughtful acknowledgment of cultural, heritage, and religious observances fosters belonging, invites learning, and strengthens connections. The *Office of University Engagement and Enrichment (OEE)* serves as a connector and amplifier in collaboration with campus partners to recognize the richness of traditions represented across our institution.

HERITAGE MONTHS

Native American Heritage Month / American Indian Heritage Month

A day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. Observed nationally each November since 1990.

FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY
Nov 11

Veterans Day

A federal holiday on Nov. 11 that honors all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. It began as Armistice Day after World War I, and Congress changed the name to Veterans Day in 1954.

THURSDAY
Nov 26

Thanksgiving

Annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It is observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States and on the second Monday in October in Canada.

CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

November 8

Diwali

Diwali is the Indian “festival of lights,” celebrating the triumph of good over evil. In 2026, the main day of Diwali is on Sunday, November 8.

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