



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**PRESS RELEASE
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**NATURALIZATION CEREMONY
MAY 10, 2023**

On May 10, 2023, a Naturalization Ceremony will be held at the Rock Island High School, Almquist Field, 2420 17th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201, at 2:00 p.m. Naturalization ceremonies are the final step of the process for a foreign citizen or national to become a U.S. citizen. During this ceremony approximately 60 immigrants from 20 countries will take the Oath of Allegiance and be sworn in as new U.S. citizens.

Rock Island High School provides a unique setting for this ceremony allowing the students to witness an important civics lesson and celebrate with our newest citizens of this great country. Leading up to the ceremony select classes participated in an essay contest, with the winners being recognized at the ceremony. During the ceremony, several students will participate by providing musical performances and a multi-lingual welcome to our new citizens.

This notice is not for public release until May 9, 2023. For additional information, please contact Clerk of Court, Shig Yasunaga, at (217) 373-5830.