

Fall Advocacy Action Guide

Advocacy is about building a relationship with your members of Congress and their staff as well as mobilizing your community around important issues. Spring is a time to grow and build upon your fall actions to engage your community and cultivate relationships with your members of Congress and their staff.

As individual club members, take consistent, monthly action by participating in the actions as indicated on the **Monthly Action Sheets**, which you can find on crs.org/CRS_Clubs. Build your skills while expanding your relationships with your members of Congress!

As a CRS Club, you are invited to start your academic year with one (or more!) of the following campus-wide advocacy actions to help your community understand the importance of civic action and to introduce your CRS Club to the advocacy process!

Use the **CRS Club Action Calendar** on crs.org/CRS_Clubs to help focus your actions. Plan opportunities to mobilize your community by pairing your actions with one of the key dates highlighted on the calendar.

Don't forget to work with your club's advisor to report your actions on your **CRS Club Mid-Year Report** to ensure that CRS can record and celebrate your outstanding efforts!

Campus-Wide Actions

Take at least one of these actions to fulfill your club's campus-wide advocacy action for the spring.

HOST A TABLE TO INFORM YOUR CAMPUS

One of the first steps to mobilizing your campus is making sure they are informed about this year's Impact Issues and how they can take action. Set up a Club table in a public space on your campus. Share advocacy resources from crs.org/LeadtheWay and crs.org/CRS_Clubs to help people take action.

HOST AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT

Bring your whole campus community together to learn about CRS' Impact Issues. Hold an event! Invite a speaker, show a movie or perform an activity to inform and engage your community. Use the stories and information on crs.org/LeadtheWay to help build your event.

ENGAGE IN PUBLIC WITNESS

Public witness, when respectful and appropriate, can be a great way to bring people together around an issue. Consider gathering people at the flagpole on your campus before or after school or using posters to gain the attention of your community about an issue.

PRAY TOGETHER

Prayer is an important and powerful way to mobilize your community around an issue and help people understand how that issue relates to our faith. Invite your community to a prayer service, rosary or dedicated school Mass that highlights one of the Impact Issues.

Prayers and prayer services are available on [crs.org/LeadtheWay](https://www.crs.org/LeadtheWay).

USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY TO THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW YOU CAN ENGAGE AND MOBILIZE YOUR FRIENDS AND PEERS.

