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Snazzy Slogans Snazz Up Girls State

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County and state campaign fever has taken hold of the citizens of Girls State. Colorful posters decorate the halls and catchy slogans resonate off the dorm room walls. After several interviews with multiple candidates for office, we compiled a list of slogans to listen and look for.

Megan Bower - Vote for Megan Bower for a mega-awesome time! (House of Representatives, City of Ocotillo, County of Cocopah)

Jill Jones - Stay Chill and Vote for Jill (Secretary of State, City of Palo Verde, County of Supai)

Kelly Rice - Whoa Nelly,

Vote for Kelly! (Lobbyist, City of Saguaro, County of Kaibab)

Marlee Aylward - Wouldn't it be Gnarly if you Vote for Marlee! (Sheriff, City of Saguaro, County of Kaibab)

Emilee Sizemore - Be a Gem, Vote for Em! (Attorney General, City of Cholla, County of Supai)

Alyssa Santa Cruz - Take my Bill to Capital Hill! (Girls Nation, City of Cholla, County of Supai)

Alyssa Arancon - Count on Someone who can Count! (County Treasurer, City of Cholla, County of Supai)

Julia Garringer - Victoria's Secret is that She Votes Julia for Governor! (Governor, City of Juniper, County of Cocopah)

Arianna Freedom Lewis - Freedom is Just A Vote Away!

(State Senator, City of Cholla, County of Supai)

Nicole Martini - Don't be a Meanie, Vote for Martini! (State Senate, City of Mimosa, County of Paiute)

Shaked Aricha-Levi - To Shake it Up for Inspiration, Vote Shaked for Girls Nation! (Girls Nation, City of Manzanita, County of Cocopah)

Lyndsay Frauen - A Vote for Frauen will Make you Smile! (County Attorney, City of Yucca, County of Supai)

Samantha Klakulak - Sam Klakulak has the Clack you Lack! (Superior Court Judge, City of Yucca, County of Supai)

Tristen Fergus - Vote for Fergus because it'll be Fergalicious! (House of Representa-

tives, City of Yucca, County of Supai)

Ariel Goldfine - My name doesn't rhyme with anything, but I'll be a really good representative! (House of Representatives & Girls Nation, City of Yucca, County of Supai)

Calli Townsend - Fed or Nat, Calli's where it's at! (Justice of the Peace, City of Yucca, County of Supai)

Lauren Steinhoff - Vote Legally Lauren for your Blonde Senator! (State Senator, City of Sycamore, County of Kaibab)

Jiayang Li - Jingle Li into the Treasury! (State Treasurer, City of Mesquite, County of Paiute)

Regardless of party and slogan, may the best lady win!

Cities Prepare for Party Rallies

CarlyCarrillo
Yucca City Reporter

At Girls State, citizens are divided into two different political parties, Federalists and Nationalists. These two parties have rallies to promote their platforms. The goal is for parties to convince the other party to cross party lines.

Precinct Committeemen play a big role in their party's success. The main goal of a precinct member is to promote their political party and remind people to vote. Precinct committee members are a very large part in the voting process.

The precinct committeemen were appointed by each city's citizens. The committeemen led the cheers and really helped to motivate the citizens. The rally go the political parties excited to participate in elections.

One of the best things about Girls State is being a part of elections. Political parties and rallies bring the girls together and make the experience even more rewarding.

The Art of Campaigning

AnnieMazzarella
Manzanita City Reporter

Crayola boxes, sheds of poster board corners, and rolls of tape strewn everywhere. We've reached the high-intensity, rigorous, and creative part of Girls State: campaigning.

Some recruited friends, some worked diligently on their own, but almost everyone was assiduously working on something. Viable candidates shook hands with one another and exchanged smiles. The air at Girls State is thick with tension, excitement, and unfortunately, sweat.

Catchy slogans and bright colors are plastered among the hallways, brick walls, and stairwells. Everyone is lobbying for themselves but still trying to support one another. Precise and dedicated campaigning is going to determine the fate of several; be it favorable or otherwise. Best of luck!

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Doors Dominate Girls State

Emily Heinz & Breanna Carpenter
Sycamore City Reporters

Doors are usually very dull and just something people walk by without a second look. However, here at Girls State that perception of a door is far from true. One of the first activities that is assigned to a city is to have all members choose a theme and decorate their doors. The decorating of the doors is one of the first ways that the girls in that city bond and form friendships within their city.

Here in Sycamore City our theme is the exotic Phoenix bird. Many of the doors in Likins Hall on the 2nd floor consist of this bird on their doors. Their extremely unique ideas decorate the hallway with

the message to rise up above any challenge. Many of the doors have a picture of the bird with flames around it. The flames represent how strong and fearless the bird is, just like the city of Sycamore.

Some of the doors have trees with the Phoenix bird in it to represent a sense of unity within the city. The goal is to utilize the decorating of the doors to inspire the people who see these doors and give them a sense of empowerment and belief in themselves.

Different cities have different themes and their doors represent their theme. If you get the chance, walk through the different halls of Likin Hall and preview each door. Ponder what each one represents and take that message to heart.

Temperatures are rising fast

Hannah Kemp & Erin Kong
Pinon City Reporters

As the heat begins to rise so does the tension between all the candidates. The elections are in full swing and the madness has begun. As we sit at the dinner table girls rush to get as much campaigning done as possible. Scrambling to come up with the best posters and buttons to make their statement and get their name out there.

Candidates pursue change within the political realm, and seek developing friendships between competitors. Ready to do anything for the vote, candidates prepare themselves for a fight for a seat in office.

Successful nominations

Mallory Jenkins
Saguaro City Reporter

Hello ladies! We all successfully had our nominations for county and state governments, hope you are all participating! The party rally was outrageously loud, good job to the Nats for successfully converting a JC. The competition is getting really tough and I absolutely love it. Let's try to make our next rallies ten times louder? GOODNIGHT!!!



A day in the life of a Mesquite citizen

Hayley Gorman
Mesquite City Reporter

It's incredible to believe there are 300 girls all from Arizona here at the 67th Annual Arizona Girls State. On Sunday, June 1, each girl had the opportunity to meet their fellow members of their city. In my city of Mesquite, we have 22 girls.

On Monday, June 2, we had the opportunity to meet our Sister City. The Sister City for Mesquite was Ocotillo. Ocotillo was nice enough to decorate the wall next to our door with hearts. To return the favor, Mesquite gave Ocotillo lollipops and wrote a catchy saying to give to them.

From 8:30-9:00pm, Mesquite and Ocotillo met out in the hallway on the third floor of Likins Hall C3. It was a great opportunity to meet the other girls on the floor.

"Meeting our Sister City was a great way to get in touch with our city's neighbor from down the hall and really embodied the spirit of Girls State," said Theresa Lobato from Ocotillo.

On Monday night, Paiute County received the opportunity to meet one another. Junior Counselor Lindsey Chew and Bailey Herbstreit created this event on the third floor of Likins Hall A3. The girls spent 30 minutes answering and asking question about one and other. Meeting new girls was great a experience.

Campaign materials and slogans abundant

Libby Craig
Mimosa City Reporter

Girls State has definitely gone into full swing as campaigning materials fill the hallways with catchy phrases attracting supporters.

Manzanita's Shaleed Aricha-Levi has the clever slogan of 'Shake for inspiration, vote shaken for Girls Nation.' Her goal in Girls Nation recognizes children in Isreal, a middle-eastern country where she used to live.

Sarah Nguyen from the city of Iron-

wood is handing out cute invitations with jokes and phrases such as, 'How do you make and egg roll? How? You push it!' to help her win Paiute County Treasurer.

A candidate for Secretary of State from Palo Verde has the rhyme, 'Stay chill and vote for Jill [Jones].'

These and many more are circulating throughout the dorm rooms as the girls prepare for elections today and creates an overall mood of excitement that is magnified by the array of colors that fill one's vision while roaming the floors here in Likin Hall.

Pressure Galore

Jemy Mañalac
Juniper City Reporter

Yesterday marked the beginning of the vigorous campaigning of Girls State delegates for county and state. The girls have chosen the positions they would like to pursue and are ready to compete. They have spent time and worked hard on their creative posters, interesting flyers, and catchy slogans.

Nationalist Romila Hussani from Juniper running for Secretary of State came up with the phrase, "Romila is sweeter than vanilla!" In addition, Nationalist Sydney Dennis from Manzanita running for Cocopa County Sheriff passed out little cards with the drawing of Dennis the Menace with the saying "A Menace on Crime."

It's amazing what these girls come up with! The intensity and excitement of all the girls is truly present throughout the U of A campus. Arizona weather may be hot, but this competition is hotter! Best of luck to all the candidates and whether you get the position or not, you're still a winner!

County is finally here!

Annie Mazzarella
Manzanita City Reporter

While we've met and bonded with all the girls in our tight-knit, individual cities, we unfortunately haven't interacted with any of the other girls quite as much.

Banding together as counties reminded us to stay humble; there are so many leaders, politicians, and personalities around us, and we haven't gotten to fully appreciate them until today.

Conversely, the counties remind us how important WE are and how much OUR contribution to Girls State matters. Being a part of counties we are inextricably linked to a significant revolution; the revolutionary paying of a state, the 67th Arizona Girls State.

We learned about the planning, collaboration, and vitality of high offices. We are learning to support the people in our counties while simultaneously soliciting their support. The county elections will define the leadership we will look towards and appreciate, while staying on our toes for state.

Raw and hopeful spirits

Jessica Tanner
Cholla City Reporter

Throats raw and spirits hopeful, citizens trudge upstairs after what felt to some like hours of shouting and shaking hands. Meet the Candidates Night is over.

Meet the Candidates is a vital event in the Girls State election process as a majority of those running for public office have this far had only the opportunity to introduce themselves to members of their own and their sister cities. Many candidates hand out slips of paper with clever slogans, or walk around with posters slung over their shoulders. Pleasantries are exchanged and citizens politely listen to the platforms of other hopefuls and note the names of their favorites.

This event is especially important because elections are the following morning - the cumulation of hours of garnering favor with potential voters and inking dozens of promotional posters, as well as the climax of the week-long camp.

After this citizens are told that the entire pace of Girls State changes; it moves from lessons on select roles in government to their actual enactment. It is with this in mind that we all look forward to the progression of Girls State with excitement and anticipation, and wish good luck to the newly elected officials.



Palo Verde Pride: Aspirations for Capital City

Kelsey Yurek
Palo Verde City Reporter

As Day 3 of Arizona Girls State 2014 comes to a close, most citizens have their eyes set on a county or state position and are working to create an enticing campaign to win voters' attention. With campaigning in full swing, girls hope to get their name out by posting their homemade materials in other cities' halls. However, as courtesy commands, candidates must preemptively win permission from the city's mayor in order to advertise beyond their home dorm. It appears



Just Around The Corner

Carmen DeLaCruz
Manzanita City Reporter

Voting at Girls State is JUST AROUND THE CORNER!! County and State elections are the current buzz for the young ladies in this program. Everyone on campus can be seen scrambling all over the place for their campaigns. Posters are being made and girls are communicating outside of their respective cities. Dreams are becoming true for many, much of which were unplanned upon arrival.

On Tuesday, all of the citizens went down to the patio and conversed with each other, trying to persuade their respective parties to vote for them. Everyone was rushing towards the crowds, trying to either find their counties or speaking in general to every single person on the grounds. This is the time to shine for many, and we are all excited!

From the girls from Manzanita City come wishes for all of the candidates. GOOD LUCK! Do not stress, have fun with it! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and it ends Saturday, so make the most of the experience!

that some cities, such as Palo Verde (PV), have utilized this rush of excitement to their advantage.

Palo Verde, part of Supai County, implemented an ordinance establishing a publicity exchange between the candidates and the city itself. When contenders approach PV Mayor Alena Ohumukini regarding campaigning, she informs them of the city policy: All Girl State Citizens wishing to advertise within the halls of Palo Verde must first take a picture with a custom made sign reading, "Palo Verde for Capital City". Although slightly confused, almost all campaigners submit to the rule immedi-

Election time is here

Celeste Baginski
Mimosa City Reporter

Posters, homemade rings, and stickers have been seen all around the campus. Election time is approaching! The candidates introduced themselves at "Meet the Candidate Night" and everyone had an amazing time. People met new friends and learned about each other.

The county rally was also very exciting. Each county gathered at the outdoor patio and cheered for their county! The Federalists and Nationalists came together to pump up all of the citizens in their county.

Girls have been putting so much effort into their creative posters and campaign materials. The air is filling with excitement as the state and county voting hour is approaching!



ately. In Girls State, time means votes and is, therefore, of the essence with primary elections just around the corner.

It seems competition is tight, not only for the mainstream individual state and county elections, but also in the race for Outstanding County and 2014 Capital City. Palo Verde hopes to post the pictures of these hopeful Girls Staters to win the attention of the judging staff and bring the ultimate honor to their city. The Final Awards Assembly will take place on Saturday morning, and both the Outstanding County and 2014 Capital City awards will be announced.

Tough Decisions

Mea Valli-Doherty & Naomi Chien
Ironwood City Reporters

When Girls State first began, most girls had a set of ideas about the positions they would campaign for. However, little did they know that after sitting in numerous meetings and conversing with fellow county and city members, their minds could soon change.

Prior to this afternoon we all sat in our county courthouses and discussed the possible positions of the candidates running in each county. During this time, positions that were very competitive and unpopular were evident. This crucial news served as vital information, because it swayed the minds of citizens.

In addition to deciding about an office to run for, the entire idea of a unique campaign was another hurdle to jump over. The many different components to running for a campaign such as posters, slogans and catchy name tags were all at the front of citizens' minds while talking to other cities and counties.

As the two parties rallied for support of their advocates, a sense of friendly competitiveness arose in the land of Girls State! Saying hello, making jokes, and being themselves became the fundamental pieces of Girls State citizens' bridge construction—a connection! As our adventure at Girls State rages on, Naomi and Mea wish you all the best of luck in all of our sisters' elections and endeavors!