

# Arizona Girls State Independent



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## Capital Legacy

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Mesquite City Reporter

One of the greatest goals of all the cities in Arizona Girls State is winning Capital City. Door decorations, common acts of chivalry and generosity, kind offers to sister cities and campaigns for as many positions as possible have all been devoted to winning Capital City. But what does it mean to be Capital City?

First, Capital City, and therefore Capital County all live on the convenient second floor. That may not seem like a memorable benefit, but living so close to the bottom means no walking long flights of stairs or waiting for the elevator. Citizen Laine Vasquez said, "It really helps to motivate us all in the city to strive to keep that title," when asked what she thinks about being part of the capital Laine added, "It's perks have also been a very nice second floor! Yay."

Second, and one of the greatest perks

of being Capital City, is the immeasurable pride that comes with it. "It feels like any other city except we tend to try harder to keep Capital City and to try to get top county," Ceyara Hancock stated as she thought over what it means to be the top. "Overall," she said, "being in Capital City is great because it's full of GREAT girls!"

Part of the pride of the top city contributes to the bonding that comes with all the girls in the city. The joy of being the capital of the mystical fifty-first state really affected citizen Jacalyn Davis as she stated, "I mean, no pressure or anything, but it's like we're setting the example for the other cities and leaving a foundation for the next years girls." Summed up, Capital City is more than material advantages; it is about the honor of being part of a legacy.

Finally, and most importantly, winning Capital City means giving next years Girls State citizens the assets and price of the top. "I didn't expect that there was such a

thing." Laine reflected, happy that she had the opportunity to be picked at random as a citizen for the capital. "It's really an honor to be part of such a great city," Jacalyn surmised.

So, as all cities rally together to be top city, take a moment to reflect on the effect that being top city has on more than just the individual, but also the community itself. Capital City is an honor that has more than just material value. The pride, bonding, and legacy that thrives in the capital is the true goal of all the competition, not just the title. Next years girls (as the members of Mesquite City this year have) will wonder who the diligent workers before them were and will thank them for the legacy. Be the city that works for the past, present, and future girls of this amazing experience, not the city that works for bragging rights. Good luck to all fellow competing cities and remember: Capital City does NOT have to choose two victors to fight to the death in the Hunger Games!

## Girls State: beyond the government

**Araceli Islas**  
Pinon City Reporter

Girls State is more than just a way to learn about the government, more than just being active in our democracy. Girls State is about meeting new people, building long lasting friendships and, of course, the food. At least in Pinon, lunch and dinner are some of the most exciting times of the day. Not only because we get to eat but because it's a time to talk, laugh and really get to know each other.

Don't get me wrong the food is amazing, as Noelley Galindo insists the ranch is the best part of the meal

but the amazing part of lunch and dinner is hearing the stories and conversations that come up as we eat. These stories and conversations have helped me get to know the girls in my city as the incredible individuals they are, because in our conversations everything comes up. We've pondered things from what our schools are like to whether or not cake twice a day for a week was healthy.

These conversations have by far been one of the best parts of my day. It's crazy to think sometimes that we barely met a couple days ago because during lunch and dinner we act like

we've known each other forever. This one of the incredible things about Girls State, this week brings girls together from all over. It goes to show that even though we are from different parts of the state of Arizona, we have something in common and someone here can relate.

Girls State is more than an immersion experience into the world of government; it's about all those little moments that make Girls State one of the best experiences ever, so take advantage of the time, because as the saying goes, "Food brings people together."

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# Girls State 2013

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Wow is all I can say after going half way through Girls State. The girls here are just outstanding, I feel lucky to be in the same program with so many respectful, kind and accepting lady leaders. With thank you's, and bless you's being consistently said

and doors being held for one another. Since being here I feel much more confident in who I am, and I am sure other girls feel this also. Everyone is willing to talk to everyone and there is no clashing between girls. For this many girls to get along as well as Arizona Girls State does is very amazing to me. After this week I am sure I am not the only one when say: Girls State 2013 is AMAZING!



## Girls State Talent Show 2013

### Emcees:

**Noelle Smith & Alexis Parker - Cholla**

Not In Performance Order

1. Kenya Lofton (Ironwood)  
Fantasy (Flute)
2. Madison Webb (Cholla)  
Safe and Sound (Guitar & Sing)
3. Jacalyn Davis (Mesquite)  
Skyfall (Sing)
4. Daniela Lizarraga (Yucca)  
Treasure (Dancing)
5. Scot Madison Quiggle (Cholla)  
Big Deal (Ukulele & Sing)
6. Claudia Lopez (Ironwood)  
Weeping (Sing)
7. Tiffany Miller (Palo Verde)  
Tomorrow's Wish (Monologue)
8. Haley Pugh (Mimosa)  
A Drop in the Ocean (Ukulele & Sing)
9. Lena Highsmith-Stewart (Manzanita)  
Sail (Dance)
10. Alondra Torres (Mimosa)  
Color Guard Presentation
11. Haley Kreidel (Yucca)  
Apocalypse How (Monologue)
12. Amandalynn Cummings (Saguaro)  
When I Was Your Man (Ukulele & Sing)
13. Mikkaela Salamatin (Palo Verde)  
Give Me Your Hand (Sign Language)
14. Jeri Franklin (Mimosa)  
Blessed Redeemer (Sing a-capella)
15. Shay Wright (Mesquite)  
Ashokan /Farewell (Fiddle)
16. Naomi Schimmel (Sycamore)  
The Cup Song (Cup Instruments & Sing)
17. Jaylia Yan (Juniper)  
I dreamed a Dream (Sing)
18. Ilse Ortiz (Yucca)  
Child of War & Wicked Witch (Monologue)
19. Vania Ruiz & Kaila Lewis (Ocotillo)  
Leggo House (Sing Duet)
20. Sarah Jones (Manzanita)  
Memory (Sing)
21. Jeanette Dilley (Manzanita)  
Cosmic Love (Dance)
22. Kathryn Shumway & Katherine Welty  
(Ironwood & Manzanita)  
Call Me, Maybe (Record Duet)
23. Natalie Kilker (Mesquite)  
Carry On (Tap Dance)
24. Lindsay De Leon (Saguaro)  
Drum Solo (Tenor Drumming)
25. Lindsey Chew & Jade Fryhover (Mesquite)  
Because of Gangman Style (Sing & Dance)
26. Girls State Presentation
27. All participants (Girls State)  
Special Presentation (Sing)

# Maintaining City Bonds

**DorieReiter**  
Ocotillo City Reporter

Even though the focus has shifted from city to county/state the past two days of Girls State, it is apparent that the citizens of the individual cities have remained united. Throughout the nomination process and the primary elections that occurred on Wednesday, the citizens of girls state have voted for their city members first, and then moved on to other fellow county/state members.

The cities still have to put together a book, decorate their cities having to do with their themes, and work on budgets

and planning. The city of Ocotillo's theme is "a little slice of patriotism." In other words, the city's businesses all portray different landmarks across the continental United States. These landmarks include Times Square, Las Vegas, the Great Plains, and more. Each of the doors is decorated in a way that portrays these different sights and landmarks so that the visitor gets to experience all of America in one city. Although Ocotillo is an example of a city that has remained united, most of the cities have continued to support one another during these elections.

The city books have to be completed

by Thursday, and at the same time, the citizens have been running for county and state offices. Running for these offices take copious amounts of time making posters, meeting potential voters, and advertising your name in order to gain votes.

Meet the candidate night was on Tuesday night and each of the candidates did everything they could to get their name out in order to achieve the positions they desired. However, throughout this entire process, the cities have remained a family. The cities are each other's support group and have provided the motivation and confidence necessary to get out of one's comfort zone, and go all out.

## Competition Vs. Collaboration

**MeganWieser & NaomiWorob**  
Cholla City Reporters

At this point campaigning has taken off. There are posters everywhere, mingling in the halls and a fierce sense of determination to win each election. For some, they came to Girls State as natural leaders, confident in their speech and who they are. For others, leadership is more of a foreign concept, but as the week progresses, so does their ability to lead others. Slowly, shyness is melting away

in addition to the fear of competition.

As girls come out of their shells, their communication skills begin to bloom, and new leaders begin to shine. "Our cities are collaborative, but as a whole, Girls State is competitive" reports Ashley Ungor from the city of Cholla. "It was interesting to see how all the other girls campaigned; what they came up with was really creative," says Ungor.

Ideas are being exchanged, and competitions between candidates and political parties are in full swing. Though some

girls may be shy, the intriguing and passionately debated topics of discussion, such as educational reform and environmental conservation drive them to express their opinions and to take the first step of making a difference in our world.

Reserved or outgoing- delegates from each city have come together to invent clever campaign slogans and ideas to create a better state and nation. It turns out that the 66<sup>th</sup> annual session of Girls State presents a good balance of both competition and collaboration. Good luck ladies!

## Girls State citizens give back to the veterans

**Mrs.Mead**

Each and every year here at Girls State we collect pairs of socks to aid our veterans. This has been quite the tradition at Girls State with each year striving to beat the last year.

These pairs of socks go to the VA's as well as the homeless veterans shelters and medical centers around the state.

To some this may seem like a simple project, yet the idea is to see this project through the veterans eyes and not our own. To some of these veterans receiving this simple token is much more than just a need it is a gift. A gift that says we as Girls Staters care about our veterans and their families.

Keep up the great work ladies and remember to reach out into your own community when you return and continue to help those in need.



# Election Night is in the books!

**Sarah Jones**  
Manzanita City Reporter

Election night was an exhaustively exciting ordeal for everyone. Going from one room to another, listening to many passionate and influencing speakers and then having to make decisions and vote right afterwards was probably what the warning papers had meant about Girls State being emotionally and physically draining.

Apparently, in the past, the “whistle stop” campaign had become very informal, so the reporters were instructed to make their questions as relevant as possible. As was heard, the questions were well put together and so were the answers.

The first candidate put in the spotlight was Mary Terkelsen, running for Governor. She was very open to input from people and when asked what set her apart

from her opponent, she answered, “My height” and elicited a laugh from the audience. Terkelsen stood true for her party; “As a nationalist, my platform would be to [obtain] more funding for education, going green... I am definitely very passionate about all this because I do firmly believe in all of it”.

Next was Nisha Puri, running for Secretary of State. Upbeat, she was for equality between genders, “I want to channel all that frustration and animosity, and I really want to channel it into something positive.” She encouraged all girls to be positive and proactive, not hiding or fearing that change is impossible.

Then came Abigail Sellers, on the ballot for Governor. She was encouraged to run for the position by her city, as she put their supportive words; “Just go for it, what’s the worst thing that could happen?” Sell-

ers showed that she was adamant about listening to the people by saying “what I believe as governor should be what [citizens] believe in as a state”.

Brooklyn Jenkins followed, a candidate for Secretary of State. Describing what made her a good candidate she said, “I am confident, I’m just an easy person to get along with. So I’m not really opposed to anything. Yes, I have my opinions and you have yours but I’m open to everything”. One of the things she said while talking about speaking with upcoming Girls State citizens was “It’s about the friends you make and the experiences you take... Even if I don’t win this election today, I went for it.”

In the end most people went to bed exhausted, relieved from today but also nervous for Thursday’s results. This is one memory none can forget.



# The Irony in Glitter

**Kate Coriell**  
Ocotillo City Reporter

There’s this story that I’ve been telling my city and they think it is a riot, so I decided to share it with all if you. Though it may not be necessarily pertinent to the elections and whatnot, nevertheless I’d like to think it is an entertaining (and perhaps even enlightening) quip.

Let’s rewind back to a few weeks ago: Girls State Orientation, a hot, stuffy room reeking of cigar smoke. Bored future Girls Staters grudgingly flip through the information packet, confused and anxious parents flood the lecture with questions about packing lists and supervision. The subject of campaign material is brought up, sparking the interest of the girls. One girl raises her hand, “Can we bring glitter?” The lecturer responds with a sigh and indication of

negation. The same girl’s hand waves in the air, “What about ribbon?”. Once again, the response is a firm “No”. The persistent hand continues to wave, “What about scrapbook paper? Spray-paint? Stickers?”. No, no, and no. My Dad and I give each other a look and burst out into stifled laughter about the girl with a million questions, who I now endearing refer to as “Glitter Girl”. I was thoroughly convinced that this girl had taken one too many whiffs from the glue bottle, and I emphatically told my Dad as we were walking back to the car after the meeting, “I hope that I’m not roommates with Glitter Girl.” Never in a million years would I have thought that, weeks later at Girl’s State, Glitter Girl and I would meet again.

The first people I told my tale to about the infamous Glitter Girl was my suitemates. “Have I told you about Glitter

Girl yet?”, they all shook their heads so I enthusiastically continued, “Well, this *idiot*”, but one of my suitemates, Sheiyenne piped in, “Wait... were you at the Tempe orientation?” I replied with a quizical affirmation. All of the sudden she busts into a fit of laughter, but managed to giggle, “I think that was me!”. So in the ultimate occurrence of irony I’ve ever experienced, I was, indeed, just like I had unwittingly predicted, roommates with Glitter Girl. Luckily, she is neither a ditz nor a glue-bottle-whiffer, just a girl who really loves crafts, in particular glitter.

This is just another one of those instances that reminds us to never judge a book by its cover, and also if you meet a girl who is really enthusiastic about glitter, she may just end up being your suitemate and one of your best friends at Girls State.