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Girls State Citizens Give Back To Veterans

MissMurphy

Here at Arizona Girls State our girls have been collecting socks to give to the VA Medical Center. That's right SOCKS!

This project makes a great community service. These ladies collected 884 pairs of new socks for the VA.

The VA will use these socks for many of

the homeless veterans as well as the blind centers and many other wonderful places.

It is so wonderful to see this many girls performing community service. It truly is magical.

So congratulations to all of you ladies for such a wonderful job well done. The staff here at Girls State is very, very proud.

Arizona Girls State Talent Night

Tonight at 7pm we will be having our 60th Annual Talent Night. Here you will find a program of the evenings performers.

1. *Natali Alcala - Slam Poetry*
2. *Amanda Massie - "Gimme, Gimme" Vocalist*
3. *Danya Anouti - Belly Dance*
4. *Jacqueline Gudewich - "Se Tu Ma'mi" Vocalist*
5. *Marissa Molina - Cultural Song*
6. *Caitlin Kline & Nancy Gov - "The Evolution of Dance"*
7. *Rita Weinzettle - "Because of You" Vocalist*
8. *Laura Belvado - Dance Solo to "I Can't Dance"*
9. *Victoria Horneman - "Love Has Eyes" Vocalist*
10. *Ariel Davis - Guitar Solo*
11. *Teresa Drenten - Viola Solo*
12. *Caitie Graves - "If I Were A Bell" Vocalist*
13. *Lila Torres - Cultural Dance*
14. *Sara Call - Guitar and Vocal Solo*
15. *Victoria Balogh - Dance Solo*
16. *Brittney Jaquinich - Flute Solo*
17. *Natalie Wisener - "I Enjoy Being A Girl" Vocalist*
18. *Sarah Hinton - Rubix Cube*
19. *Gabby Ramirez - Modern Dance Solo*
20. *Danielle Amavisca - Baton Solo*
21. *The Three Amigos - Dance Group*
(Stephanie Montano, Christina Williams, Erika Schnaps)
22. *Diamond Skinner - Musical Monologue*

Our Mistresses of Ceremonies are Amara Macilek & Katrina Garcia

A big thank you goes out to all the wonderful ladies of Girls State that auditioned and shared their talent with us. You are truly remarkable young women!!

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Three Citizens Get A Home Town Surprise

MissMurphy

Yesterday Girls State was honored to have Mrs. Anne Marie Chavez here to speak with us.

This is Mrs. Chavez's third year speaking here at Girls State and we just love having her here.

She is an amazing speaker who really gets the girls motivated about their lives.

Three lovely young ladies found out that Mrs. Chavez was from their home town. That's right she comes straight from Eloy, Arizona.

These young ladies found that it does not matter how small of a town you come from, you can make a difference in the world.

During her speech, Mrs. Chavez told the girls to keep on track and not to let anyone sway them or push them into something they choose not to do.

She talked about her life and her experiences and how she related to all of us here at Girls State.

She too is a Girls Stater from Arizona and attended Yale to further her education. She has



worked in Washington DC and many other places including Arizona. She currently works for the Governor here in AZ and really enjoys her life.

When asked how she was able to pay to have her education she became emotional with such a heartwarming story.

As I sat in the back of the room

I could see that so many girls could relate to her story and were very touched.

I can honestly say that I have never heard a more wonderful and amazing speaker in my time.

We are truly thankful to Mrs. Chavez for taking her valuable time to visit us and share a part of her life to help make a difference.

Saguaro's Councilmen

MargaretGoldberg & RaineyWalker

Saguaro Reporters

As the week proceeded, more city officials were elected. Saguaro's four city councilmen include Sara Cronin, Cynthia Lee, Natali Alcalá-Moreno, and Adrienne Nelson. Although their geographical locations differ, they are all working for a common goal. Each of these young women is unique in her own way.

Sara Cronin who attends Salpointe High School of Tucson decided to attend Girls State because she wanted "to meet smart girls and learn about government so [she] can kick all the guys' butts in AP Government next year." Her plans for after school include becoming a doctor and then becoming a real life Supreme Court Justice. Obviously she is here for the right reasons. There are many tools here to help her in her pursuit.

Cynthia Lee describes her attendance as a posi-

tive thing because Girls State "is a hands on program. It helps us learn about government by letting us experience it." This has proven to be true in light of the brilliant programs that the American Legion Auxiliary has provided for us all.

Natali from University High School describes the program as "the opportunity to familiarize [herself] with the central system of the United States" which goes to show that she has grasped the true essence and purpose of Girls State.

Lastly, Adrienne from Pinnacle High School in Phoenix decided to partake in this program because she understands that "politics is not one of [her] strengths and [she] wants to change that."

With attitudes like this, we will continue to see the girls of America more actively involved with government and the people who dedicate their lives to it. We should take note of the diligence and passion that these girls convey and use it to our advantage in our own lives everyday, even when we return home.

A Tale of Two Cities

JamieNovotny

Mimosa Reporter

I have for you a tale of two cities; Pinon and Mimosa. They come from separate counties, three entire floors apart. Wednesday, June 6th, a monumental unification went underway. These sister cities became interwoven during lunch and dinner to form one great super-city! Corresponding political parties sat together at lunch and opposing parties sat together at dinner. Mimosa had themselves a jolly good time mingling and dining with the best city on the third floor. Mimosa and Pinon express our city pride by promoting not only their own city, but by supporting other cities as well.

City and political group spirit is undeniably promi-

nent during lunch and dinner here at Girls State. No matter how loud or inconvenient it may be during swallowing, you've been a culprit of chanting, singing, and dancing, no matter how tired you are—admit it! Girls State has actually gotten us to succumb to singing at the top of our lungs with three hundred girls we have never met before. We have been challenged to display our spirit in the most innovative ways possible. So far, there have been combinations of clapping, snapping, stomping, chanting, singing, decorating and creating—some better than others while some are a tad more subtle. So let's all remember while we are here to show our cities pride and spirit. Let's incorporate our sister cities and even cities that we may have never met. Go Mimosa and Pinon!



REMEMBER TO DRINK LOTS OF WATER!!



Chillin' In Cholla

LaurenMurphy
& KaraPeirce

Cholla Reporters

While tension and spirits ran high today, things remained fairly low key in the lovely city of Cholla. Most of the girls seemed to be chillin' today rather than freakishly campaigning. Not that we were not successful. On the contrary, sources say that the book is coming along quite fabulously. The seals and many of the dividers are completely finished. Everything else is in the works as you read this.

Anyway, back to all the chillin' going on in Cholla, we're fairly low-key as some

of you other cities might have noticed. We just can't stop hanging out and starting up party rooms. It is amazing how girls from so many different places can come together and have such a great time. There have been no problems in Cholla, everyone has been right on track.

We all have taken full advantage of being here and are learning as much as we can along with getting to know everyone. It can truly be stated that Cholla has come together to be one city united. At the end of this week all of us will not only leave here with more knowledge but also many memories and true friends.

Ironwood Takes 15 Primary Victories!

Victoria Balogh
& Kristen Distch

Ironwood Reporters

The Ice Queens place another chilly command on Paiute County, taking 15 seats in the primary county and state elections.

Offices ranging from State Attorney General, won by the sweet and spunky Marina Rodriguez, to the incredibly

poised Southern Neal gaining the Nationalist nomination as County Assessor.

Speeches allowed the Ice Queens to take the throne for an icy surprise and hopefully gain girls' votes through our incredible yet amazingly competent speech abilities.

Watch out because here come the ice queens and they are prepared to take Girls State by snowstorm!

Ocotillo's Candidate

Erika Parks
& Kathryn Boughton

Ocotillo Reporters

The biggest voting day of the week started off with the primary election where Ocotillo's very own, Annika Martinez, made it through to general elections for State Attorney General and also girls National Senator positions.

Annika, who attends Desert Ridge High School in Mesa,

didn't even think she would be chosen to attend Girls State let alone make it this far in the election process.

"I'm glad I've made it this far just being myself and not having to change who I am in order to fit in," said Annika. The city of Ocotillo is extremely proud of not only Annika but all of its citizens. We hope all cities have a fantastic last few days.

