

# Arizona Girls State Independent



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## ...Then you win: Defining leadership at Girls State

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In life we must listen to those who have traveled the path of success. Gandhi once penned "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."

Let this be your mantra... your bumper sticker on the vehicle of your life; for it is truly the moments when we walk blind into a challenge that we grasp the opportunity to grow as people.

Girls State has been an experience that will continue to alter for sessions to come...but the foundation will remain the same. This foundation is that of an unorthodox definition. It is not the moments

while members of every city fervently scribbled down vote for me; it was when an entire city stayed up till 2am to help a sister, when asking to borrow a marker turned into a therapy session, when inside jokes were formed because no one in the city can count correctly.

For it is in times of "hardship" that true friends are found. All of this sleep deprivation may not be added to our everyday schedule but it has taught us that, we all have a voice. This voice may range in opinions and oppositions but it's tone is unchanging- "I am passionate". This passionate campaigning is what represents how strong we, as women are. And to watch as cities unite and party lines divide is a rare and wonderful experience to participate in.

Ladies, whether you know it or not you have grown. You were placed here with a purpose, however different your aspirations are, you have matured in your craft. This craft being- leadership; although the journey will be more difficult for others, remember it is the moments when we have a choice to pick ourselves back up that we establish ourselves in this wild world.

Don't let the downfalls drag you away, stay on YOUR path...you chose it and it is yours to mold into whatever you desire. We will all lead in our own individual way and that is what will make history, each and every one of us will evoke change... so get ready future leaders of America, This is OUR time.

## Emotions run high during primary elections

**Roxanna Pitones**  
& **Cassandra Wessel**  
Yucca City Reporters

After an exhausting couple of days of campaigning, endlessly making posters, and meeting girls from all walks of life, the citizens of Girls State were able to make their voices heard on Wednesday morning during the primary election to decide on county and state officials, as well as the senators they wish to see make it to Girls Nation.

During the morning, Girls State citizens gathered with their counties to go over who was running for the county positions including representatives and senators.

The cities later got together at the state house to go over the candidates for state positions and Girls Nation nominees.

The results of the primaries were not

known until after the Governor's chief of staff, Eileen Klein's speech, which many of the girls enjoyed, including Udechukwu Iheduru.

"I thought it was amazing to have her come. It would have been great to have the Governor, but she was really cool," Iheduru said.

After the primaries, many of the girls were satisfied with the results, while several others were heartbroken by the outcome of the election, especially many who yearned to earn one of the eight coveted spots for Girls Nation.

Despite the disappointments, all the girls were proud of their efforts and enjoyed campaigning and meeting several other girls from different cities.

Yucca city was fortunate enough to have two girls earn one of the eight spots, for

the next election for Girls Nation. Lea Muñoz and Emily Dahl worked extremely hard to meet several of the girls and get to know them on a personal level.

Emily Dahl is thankful that the long, sleepless nights paid off, and now she is able to keep her name on the ballot for the next election.

"It would be such an honor to represent our state," Dahl added.

Although the results of the county and state will not be known until Thursday and the Girls Nation senators will not be announced until Saturday morning, all the girls are able to breathe freely, knowing that the toughest part is over and now the wait will be the hardest part to deal with.

Yucca city wishes all those that run the best of luck and praises all of the girls who got involved!

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# Deck the Halls!

**Dori Singer**  
 Saguaro City Reporters

From one wall to the next, the city of Saguaro has been covered in decorations! The Saguaro Sunbeams are all about going green, saving the earth, and making sure everyone in the city will do so! Beginning with a large "Welcome" sign greeting you as you walk in the door, and see the most beautiful and colorful city in the state! Girls worked around the clock to make sure that they all could do their part to make this city the best looking city! Businesses sprouted up all over such as: Smith & McShane Produce, Flower Shop, Organic Beauty, Mostly Goatsly Dairy, The Wind Farm, Sunbeam

Bike Shop, Recyclable Drinks, Water Smart Filtering Plant, Recycling Plant, Ice Cube Night Club, and the Mayor's Office on each of their doors and a Mother Earth for the City Advisor.

The walls were covered in murals of cactus, "Stop Global Warming" signs, tips on going green, and even a results board to post what positions each girl holds. From the ceilings paper chains were draped from one end of the hall to the other! Never has there been such a hardworking and truly passionate group of girls so dedicated and committed to making Saguaro City a beautiful city! Will their around the clock, nonstop, hard work pay off and get them elected for Capital City? Only time will tell! Best of luck to the Saguaro Sunbeams!

# Girls State Talent Show 2011

**Emcees:**

**Irena Krstic - Mesquite**  
**Raissa Mutuyimana - Mesquite**

- Arielle Balthazard (Ironwood)  
"Czardas" by Monti Violin (5:00)
- Demina Iliia & Brisa Bolanos (Ocotillo)  
"Waka Waka" and "Hips Don't Lie"  
Belly Dance (3:00)
- Johnae Kenney, Miranda Guzman & Jessica Gonzalez (Pinon)  
"Firework" Guitar + Vocal (3:00)
- Ashlyn Meyer (Manzanita)  
"Beautiful" Dance and Sign Language (3:30)
- Krystina Mendoza (Manzanita)  
"Think of Me" Song (3:00)
- Bethany Ward (Sycamore)  
"How to Love" Dance (1:45)
- Alexa Curran (Cholla)  
"Power of Paper" Poetry Program (6:00)\*
- Saige Williams (Sycamore)  
"Dog Days Are Over" Dance (1:00)
- Alison Brown (Yucca)  
"Pencil Power" Expository Speech (10:00)\*
- Stephanie Salazar (Saguaro)  
"The Whenever Wherever" Arabic Dance (3:00)
- Symone Stephens (Mesquite)  
"On the Wings" Dance (2:00)
- Angelica Cardenales (Sycamore)  
"Don't Stop Believing" Song a capella (2:00)
- Aliah Burrows (Ironwood)  
"Butterflies Are Free" Monologue (1:00)
- Jasmine Mincey & Marissa Fullford (Mesquite)  
Comedy Routine (Arizona) (3:00)
- Danitza Robles (Sycamore), Tanya Nunez (Mimosa) & Victoria Mariscal (Mesquite)  
"Don't Stop Believing" Comedic Dance (3:00)
- Stacy Arellano (Pinon)  
"Forbidden Fruit" Poetry Program (2:00)
- Katherine Wadman (Saguaro)  
"You and I" Ukulele Solo (2:00)
- Ayla Bowman (Juniper)  
"Cinema Limbo" & "Snug the Joiner" Mono (3:00)
- Dannielle Hext (Sycamore)  
"Defying Gravity" Song a capella (3:00)
- Summer Townsend (Ocotillo)  
"I Can Transform You" Hip Hop Dance (1:00)
- Demi Usamanont (Ocotillo)  
"Hallelujah" Song (5:00)
- Cassandra Wessel, Kirsten Steinke & Emily Dahl (Yucca)  
Gaga Medley Lip Sync & Dance (3:00)
- Tina Cai (Saguaro)  
"Beautiful" Song (3:30)
- Carolyn Malone (Cholla)  
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Jump Rope (3:00)

# Vlog!

**Dori Singer**  
Saguaro City Reporters

Girls nation has been changed by two delegates from Saguaro city. The two delegates Lindsey and Dori have been video blogging about their experiences at Girls State. While some may think that they are blogging about non-sense, they are actually blogging about useful information. They are changing Girls State forever.

Three to four times every-day the two delegates make a video on their computer. The videos are usually two to five minutes. Immediately after these video are made they are added to facebook. The two delegates talk about what they did at Girls State that day and tips for future Girl Staters. One

of the very useful tips they make is information about the temperature of the room. They have experienced the different temperatures and now realize the perfect temperature for the dorm rooms.

To some this is just girls talking about their days, but to others this could be very useful. This could be a possible source for future Girl Staters. To prepare for Girls State, delegates can watch the video blogs and know what to expect from this amazing experience. The future delegates can learn the tips that only past delegates know of. This can create communication from the past delegates to the future delegates. Girls State has gone viral and it will never be the same.

# A Series of GS Haikus

**Meghann Mingle**  
& **Shelby Stringer**  
Pinon City Reporters

As we're short for time  
And I don't know how to rhyme,  
Here is a haiku.

All day long we scream,  
City advisors don't sleep;  
"Why the heck did we come here?"

A slow, long process,  
Filled with fishes and campaigns.  
And "thunder" and "rain".

Girls State is the best,  
One more poem for the day;  
With no time to rest.

# 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.

This year there were over 800 socks collected. A little down from last year but such a great amount. As we always say, every bit counts when it comes to donations and community service.

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.



# General Election Results 2011

## COCOPA COUNTY

COUNTY SUPERVISORS	
DISTRICT #1	Ridinger, Hannah
DISTRICT #2	Maurer, Courtney
DISTRICT #3	Leal, Arielle
LOBBYIST	
LOBBYIST	
JUDGE-SUPERIOR CRT.	Leinbach, Annelisa
CLERK-SUPERIOR CRT.	Diaz, Fernanda
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	Versen, Emily
COUNTY SHERIFF	Harrid, Angela
COUNTY TREASURER	Cornforth, Cassandra
COUNTY RECORDER	Brown, Lauren
COUNTY ASSESSOR	Mendoza, Krystina
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT.	Longanecker, Nicole
COUNTY ATTORNEY	Bonow, Rachael

## KAIBAB COUNTY

COUNTY SUPERVISORS	
DISTRICT #1	Goff, Vanessa
DISTRICT #2	Sorensen, Ranita
DISTRICT #3	Whitmore, Chrisa
LOBBYIST	Kweon, Christine
LOBBYIST	Robles, Danitza
JUDGE-SUPERIOR CRT.	Meltzer, Rose
CLERK-SUPERIOR CRT.	Adams, Jenny
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	Diaz, Yasmin
COUNTY SHERIFF	Ward, Bethany
COUNTY TREASURER	Stegemoller, Lindsey
COUNTY RECORDER	Navarro, Exel
COUNTY ASSESSOR	Laycock, Courtney
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT.	Salazar, Stephanie
COUNTY ATTORNEY	Sikora, Colleen

## PAIUTE COUNTY

COUNTY SUPERVISORS	
DISTRICT #1	Burrows, Aliah
DISTRICT #2	Jondall, Tayler
DISTRICT #3	Mir, Meezan
LOBBYIST	Harman, Emma
LOBBYIST	
JUDGE-SUPERIOR CRT.	Balthazard, Arielle
CLERK-SUPERIOR CRT.	Quatraro, Rachel
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	Hopper, Jeanette
COUNTY SHERIFF	Macdonough, Julie
COUNTY TREASURER	Knox, Kailin
COUNTY RECORDER	Bermudez, Amanda
COUNTY ASSESSOR	Stephens, Symone
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT.	Tanbal, Maryam
COUNTY ATTORNEY	Bui, Nicole

## SUPAI COUNTY

COUNTY SUPERVISORS	
DISTRICT #1	Weiland, Kayleen
DISTRICT #2	Welliver, Kendall
DISTRICT #3	Mills, Shannon
LOBBYIST	Eldridge, Lauren
LOBBYIST	
JUDGE-SUPERIOR CRT.	Steinker, Kirsten
CLERK-SUPERIOR CRT.	Cruz, Alexandra
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	Carranza, Denis
COUNTY SHERIFF	Badilla, Brandi
COUNTY TREASURER	Austin, Samantha
COUNTY RECORDER	Luna, Anajanessa
COUNTY ASSESSOR	Curfman, Nicole
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT.	
COUNTY ATTORNEY	Fox, Emily

## COCOPA COUNTY

### REPRESENTATIVES:

1 Cambrelin, Marion
2 Coopman, Sarah
3 Day, Emily
4 Johnson, Haylee
5 Kaitschuck, Angela
6 Lathrop, Paige
7 Nicklin, Natalie
8 Radda, Melissa
9 Secker, Kaitlin
10 Webster, Emily
11 Wilson, Kaitlyn

## KAIBAB COUNTY

### REPRESENTATIVES:

1 Avila, Kimberly
2 Hext, Dannielle
3 Kenney, Johnae
4 Mingle, Meghann
5 Ramohalli, Nikitha
6 Self, Kara
7 Smith, Windsor
8 Stopkey, Kelsey
9 Swenson, Emily
10 Ustariz, Alexis
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## PAIUTE COUNTY

### REPRESENTATIVES:

1 Cordray, Madeline
2 Dame, Andrea
3 Flores, Flor
4 Hernandez, Aleene
5 Hernandez, Maribel
6 Koski, Katrina
7 Harper, Samara
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## SUPAI COUNTY

### REPRESENTATIVES:

1 Gonzales, Nicole
2 Iheduru, Udechukwu
3 Malone, Carolyn
4 Newman, China
5 Pitones, Roxanna
6 Sanchez, Rosangelica
7 Sedgwick, Sarina
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## COCOPA COUNTY

### SENATORS:

1 Aguirre, Erika
2 Campbell, Savannah
3 Feeney, Sarah
4 Pritchard, Megan
5 Solis, Maria

## KAIBAB COUNTY

### SENATORS:

1 Hutchinson, Kayla
2 Mitchell, Shawndeen
3 Tran, Monique
4 Williams, Saige
5

## PAIUTE COUNTY

### SENATORS:

1 Colvin, Megan
2 Hafalia, Gabrielle
3 Larson, Kelsey
4 Leech, Brenna
5 Patel, Sarah

## SUPAI COUNTY

### SENATORS:

1 Brown, Sarah
2 Cheff, Irene
3 Doyle, Celine
4 Jeffers-Sample, Ashley
5 Wessel, Cassandra

## JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT:

### CHIEF JUSTICE:

1 <u>Aller, Margaret</u>	2 <u>Brown, Alison</u>	3 <u>Schwartz, Hayley</u>
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## SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:

Dahl, Emily

STATE TREASURER: Cai, Tina

STATE ATTY. GENERAL: Curran, Alexa

SECRETARY OF STATE: Maxson, Christa

GOVERNOR: Beckham, Shannon