

# Tomorrow: Election Day at Virginia Girls State!

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## Learning to lead by giving back to those who serve



Girls State's Blue Star citizens.

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Amanda Ault

Individual city governments began to take shape yesterday as newly elected councils, mayors and sheriffs took leadership of their localities. Citizens were heard all around Longwood's campus debating the validity of proposed ordinances and resolutions being put forth by their local government.

State wide parties held a final caucus to nominate candidates to run for

statewide governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general positions.

Those candidates will present themselves before all of Girls State today and tomorrow is Election Day in Virginia Girls State.

In the midst of organizing and running their governments, Girls State citizens had a moment to learn about other service opportunities that help drive the American Legion Auxiliary in its mission of serving the country's mili-

tary and veterans.

Karen Grimord, the president of the Landstuhl Hospital Care Project, discussed with the citizenry her project's goal to provide basic comfort and relief to those military personnel who are recuperating in Germany's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center or in field hospitals in combat areas.

Grimord's project provides basic necessities like pajamas, coats, blankets and towels to these

### Supporting the Landstuhl Hospital Care Project

Perhaps you represent a civic organization or school that wants to organize a drive or fund-raiser on our behalf. Church groups, Boy Scout troops, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and auxiliary units, and Blue Star Mothers groups have been regular organizers of such efforts. Please contact Karen Grimord, [LHCP.Pres@yahoo.com](mailto:LHCP.Pres@yahoo.com), for more information.

wounded servicemen and women.

Girls State citizens who have immediate family members currently serving on deployment were recognized as Blue Star Citizens. The Blue Star pin is a way to recognize those families who are supporting a loved one serving on deployment in the military.



# Girls State citizens won't let the heat stop them from leading

**CLARK CITY**  
Magdalene Hull

Yesterday we began designing our seal, and have begun appointing departments. Mary Green was selected as city manager.

The heat is crazy! We're all making sure to stay hydrated, and stay cool. We look forward to elections on Thursday, and wish candidates luck!

**CRUSH CITY**  
Morgan McCombs

Crush girls awoke Tuesday ready to take on the day! The girls were excited not only because they were in first place for cleanest lunch table, but because of the exciting day that lay ahead of them. Many of the citizens of Crush were moved hearing about the wounded warriors in need of clothes, personal items, and most importantly, our support. Some girls even donated additional money to the speaker as she said farewells at the lunch tables. After the inspiring afternoon assembly, Crush City retreated to their respective location and began to fill city positions. The positions of superhero

and villain were added to the mix! Crush City citizens are looking forward to the rest of the week!

**INGLES CITY**  
Shelby Ethington

In a conversation with my mother on the way up here, we discussed the oddness that surrounds bees. It sounds strange, but we couldn't wrap our head around the idea that all of the bees we have ever seen are male. This idea is now harder for me to comprehend as I look at the other Ingles girls. We have been as busy as bees so far, and as a wholly leader-oriented population we seem to be taking it in stride. I'm beginning to see that each and every one of us is a Queen Bee as the week progresses. As elections for state party candidate come to a close, I'm also learning that Queen Be is right: Girls really do run the world.

**MADISON CITY**  
Angelica Walker

By this point in the week, we are now into the full swing of Virginia Girls State. We as Madison City



Girls State Governor Jessana Westbrook with Flat Jess.

Photographer Cindy Kokernack

have bonded and truly become a family in just three short days. We rallied for each other during our party elections and that brought us even closer. Everyone knows how hard it can be to work with 43 other girls, but there must be something in the water here that just makes us work. We are so excited to continue on this journey of Virginia Girls State.

**POCAHONTAS CITY**  
Morgan Wood and Katelyn Morris

"I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as \_\_\_\_\_ to the best of my abili-

ties." Each city official, delegate, and senator said these words as they were sworn into office yesterday morning. As those elected started their training, the four girls from Pocahontas City running for positions in the Big 5 prepared their speeches and to campaign. We all backed each girl dutifully. "Leis for Lainie Martin," Nationalist nominee for Attorney General, "VA4VA," for Virginia Bulger, the Nationalist nominee for governor. Chi Chi, our Federalist nominee for governor, and Maya Garcia, our lieutenant governor nominee and winner for the Nationalist party. We are so proud of our princesses for trying

ing and promising. Each party took great pride in caucusing for their candidate and each candidate took great pride in representing their city and beliefs. The elected candidates glowed with pride and opportunity, while those not fortunate were still elated to have been given the chance to speak in front of more than 300 of their peers. We vivacious ladies of Vance look forward to hearing from elected officials.

and love our tribe!  
Vote Maya Garcia for lieutenant governor!

**VANCE CITY**  
Emily Borst

"Caucusing," a word heard echoing around Jarman Auditorium and Lee Dining Hall quickly became a crowd favorite during the Federalist and Nationalist party conventions. The word was at first greeted with titters but those quickly sobered up as each of the 14 delegates from each city came to understand the task before them. The convention proved to be a learning experience for each delegate - all the speeches given were excit-

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Ingles City Federalist at the party convention.

Photographer Joan Snowden

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