

## Tomorrow: Closing Ceremony

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## 2014 Girls State government elected



Attorney General-Elect Ahn-Tho Vu, Lt. Governor-Elect Rosie Clifton, and Governor-Elect Mbiye Kosanga.

Amanda Ault

**I**t was a split ticket election at the 67th annual Virginia Girls State. The 625 citizens turned out in Curry Commons to cast votes on authentic voting machines provided by the town of Farmville.

The citizens' voices were heard and Gov. Jessana Westbrook announced that the 2014 Attorney General-elect is Ahn-Tho Vu, Lieutenant Governor-elect is Rosie Clifton and

Governor-elect is Mbiye Kosanga.

Virginia's Gov. Terry McAuliffe visited Girls State yesterday and encouraged the citizens to continue on the path of public service. He had time for only a few questions before he left to travel to Radford to visit with the citizens of Virginia Boys State.

The afternoon was filled with activities, the band and chorus concert and the MIA/POW ceremony.



Virginia's Gov. Terry McAuliffe.

Photographer Amanda Ault



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

**CLARK CITY**  
Magdalene Hull

Six-thirty comes early, let me tell you. The Clark City Chicks prevailed, however, and were soon on our way to Jarman to hear the governor of Virginia speak. After a lot of dancing and singing, we were off to vote! Three taps and you're done!

We then sent up our own Emily Baker for Girls Nation, and are excited to see the results. Clark also wishes to congratulate our governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

**CRUSH CITY**  
Megan Church

It's unanimous: The women of Crush are tired. After a particularly long night for the Nationalist Party followed by a city meeting on Tuesday night, Wednesday morning was rough. Here is a list of woes from the citizens of Crush City:

\* "I put my pants on backwards."

\* "My roommate fell out of bed."

\* "I forgot to shower... it had been two days."

\* "I fell asleep and drooled on my phone."

\* "I got lost on my way to Wygal, after just being there."

\* "I spent over ten minutes standing in the shower unable to turn it off. Someone else had to turn it off for me."

\* "I caught a Charlie horse and was stranded on the floor."

\* "Ran into a dresser and tried to walk through a closet door."

\* "Couldn't open my eyes and dropped my lip-stick in the toilet."

\* "I walked into the shower with my PJs on."

Despite a rough start, Wednesday was great for Crush City. Unlike Tuesday, Wednesday's activities ended early, and the women of Crush had a refreshing night of free time.

**DRAPER CITY**  
Alex Smith-Scales

As I stand at the podium and look out to the audience, my nerves are instantly killed. My city gives me hopeful looks and I think to myself, "I love these girls." Over the past few days, I've developed an unbreakable



A Girls State citizen receives her "I Voted" sticker from a Girls State election official.

support system with the dynamic ladies of Draper. I cannot express in words the appreciation I have for my fellow citizens that have carried me through my party chair campaign, Girls Nation speech, and most importantly, Girls State. I love you guys!

**INGLES CITY**  
Shelby Ethington

Selfies with the governor, almost-official voting, and a sobering MIA/POW ceremony. The girls of Ingles have done a lot this week, but today felt almost like the finish line. A year ago, I never would have dreamt that I would experience a week like

this, and I think I speak for all the Ingles ladies when I say it has been a wild ride. We've learned not only about the government, but about compromise, leadership, and ourselves. We have learned that like ourselves, there are girls out there ready to change the world, and they could be as close as 20 minutes away from our hometown, sometimes closer. We are Ingles proud, Ingles strong, and as the week comes to a close, we are ready to take on the world a bit better than before.

**MADISON CITY**  
Angelica Walker

"Ohana means family and friends means nobody gets left behind of forgotten." - "Stitch"

This quote is so true for Madison City. As we come to a close of one of the greatest weeks of our lives, we will always remember the memories we made here at Girls State. The laughter, the tears, the jokes are all memories we will take back home and cherish forever. Here in Madison, nobody is forgotten or left behind. The bonds we made this week are truly incredible. As we remembered our veterans and missing soldiers,

we also were thankful for all of their sacrifices. This week was truly one of the greatest of my life and none of you will ever be forgotten. Thank you Madison City.

**PRESTON CITY**  
Emily Barritt

The fifth floor of Frazer buzzed as multiple alarms failed to wake the exhausted leaders from their slumber. Sheriff Imani McFarland braved the noise and woke up the sleepy girls.

The girls enjoyed the opportunity to be spoken to by Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe. The girls proceeded to the polls to vote in their very first election. Preston girls' support for Lt. Governor candidate Rosie Clifton proved to be a success. Preston City, as well as all the other cities, roared in cheering on the election results.

The newly elected state officials were celebrated with beautiful music by the Girls State Band and Chorus.

The night ended on a powerful note with the MIA/POW assembly. Preston girls were reminded

that they not only take pride in their city, they take pride in their country. God Bless America.

**POCAHONTAS CITY**  
Morgan Wood and Katelyn Morris

The many members of Girls State got the chance to meet the great governor of Virginia, Terry McAuliffe. He spoke to us about the rewards of taking chances and living life to its full potential and to our own potential. Yesterday, Del. Scott Gattarr said, "The world is run by those who show up." Those people are the risk takers and go-getters who accomplish something in life with their nature to take chances. These are the leaders of the world and the next generation of great leaders will start with minds full of brilliant ideas and a heart full of Pocahontas Pride!

We's also love to give a huge congratulations to Maya Garcia for all her hard work and dedication in her campaign for Lt. Governor. We give you all our congratulations.

We give the utmost gratitude to the many

men and women who served and protected this country - those who have returned and those who have not. Our hopes and prayers go out to all of those families.

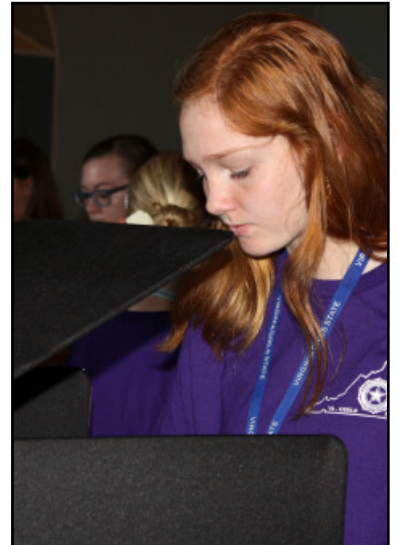
**TYLER CITY**  
Elma and Katie

After the exciting and emotional party conventions on Tuesday night, the city of Tylens are proud to have Mbiye Kasonga, a fellow Tylerette, as the official nominee for governor for the Nationalist Party. Wednesday was a very busy day for the Tylerettes as we went from city sessions, legislature meetings, talent show tryouts, and finally out much anticipated and exciting assembly for platform speeches from the big three candidates. If it was possible for Girls State to get even more exciting, Thursday morning brought a whole new level of spirit to the experience when we enjoyed the opportunity to listen and ask questions to the honorable Gov. Terry McAuliffe. After spending many fantastic days together at



# Snap Shots

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Longwood, the Tylerettes will have a hard time saying goodbye to each other Saturday morning, but look forward to all the activities still left in this amazing week at Virginia Girls State 2014.

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