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## Meet Governor Sophie Spier

Reese Duncan, Torri Virtue  
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Friday morning, erupting cheers broke the tension of the gubernatorial race after the announcement of the 2023 South Dakota ALA Girls State Governor, Sophie Spier.

When announced as the official Federalist candidate on Thursday, Spier built her brand for all delegates by stating "let's get this loaf, vote for Soph."

Throughout the platform discussions, Journalism City panel and poster creations, she campaigned her way into the hearts of delegates.

With her Lieutenant Governor Elsa Friesen by her side, Spier accepted her position and quickly acclimated herself to the shoes she will learn to fill.

Prior to the start of the week, Spier formulated her plans to run for Governor because of her natural draw to leadership roles; however, she soon realized

that the position is far different than anything she had experienced before.

"I knew that I wanted to run for Governor...I'm in several leadership positions that I honor and value. I was treating this as another one. Then I came here, and on the first night, I met so many people. Regardless if I knew about Girls State, about the scholarships or about literally anything of any benefit associated with [being] Governor, I would want [to become] one because I just love helping people."

On top of this, the role of Governor in a fast-paced environment like Girls State requires someone who can swiftly adapt to the events around them. Spier is no exception to fulfilling this demand, and it has already altered her definition of leadership and personal standards for the future.

"The more I do it, the

more I realize as a leader, it's not about me," said Spier. "I'm going to listen, and I think that's really important."

Spier refrains from taking all of the credit for the success of her campaign; rather, she credits her fellow delegates, especially those belonging to the Federalist Party, for her political support.

"Anybody that made any poster for the Federalist party, not just for me, [helped me]... I went into [the dorms], and there was this big stack of posters. After a while, we hung them up and there were still more left over. That's how many posters people made out of the generosity of their hearts," said Spier. "It's just a piece of paper, but every drop of ink and every hand cramp that went into those posters just fulfill every need I can have."

Now that she has achieved her position, the new Governor can take action to work with the communities around her and satisfy her desire to help the individuals surrounding both Girls State and South Dakota itself.

"I'm very excited to get involved more with the Auxiliary, but I'm also excited to go home and tell everybody about this," said Spier. "I'm most excited about people, anything involving them."

Despite her hometown being the most populous city in the state; Sioux Falls;

Spier recommends that delegates avoid their hometown friendships to grow their interpersonal skills and confidence in new situations as she did.

Although it may be challenging, she encourages others to push through that anxiety to reach a point of true connection and long-lasting friendships within the short span of Girls State.

"Don't talk to your friends," said Spier. "[Girls State] is just a representation of how big the world is, and you're gonna find someone that you just click with. You can be nervous. Everybody is going to be nervous, but don't let that stop you."

As Spier looks to the future to develop new policies and work with the state community, she is grateful that the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors delegates to eliminate the possibility of financial trouble for delegates.

Furthermore, Spier connects this to the greater representation of students throughout the state, thus ultimately promoting extended leadership opportunities to all girls throughout the state.

"I'm most thankful [that] this is free. I got to meet all of you guys for free and didn't



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Governor Sophie Spier at inauguration Friday night



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Governor Sophie Spier

pay anything to come here," said Spier. "A lot of these things can seem like a transaction...and I strongly believe that financial issues should never be inflicted on something that you want to do. Girls State is an opportunity for anybody from anywhere."

In the end, Spier has earned her role as Governor through dedication to personable connection with other delegates; her leadership will carry on the communal involvement and statewide representation of Girls State through to a bright future.

"The beauty of Girls State is that you realize the world is just so much bigger than these little towns we live in," said Spier.

# CITY WATCH

## New York

**Most positive:** Megan Gustafson  
**Hardest worker:** Ashley Crouch  
**Most well-spoken:** Ashley Crouch  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Caroline Irvine  
**Caffeine addict:** Emma Brewer  
**Best hype-woman:** Nicole Steffenson  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Elle Johnson  
**Most accident-prone:** Emily Marshall  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Nadia Logue

## Miami

**Most positive:** Alakiir Gak  
**Hardest worker:** Emily Hua  
**Most well-spoken:** Diony Barja  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Shae Rumsey  
**Caffeine addict:** Juell Twite  
**Best hype-woman:** Anna Baite  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Megan Reiner  
**Most accident-prone:** Mikennah Oleson  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Madalyn Tuttle - Shakira  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Morgan Schelske  
**Most sarcastic:** Elyse Torsney  
**Most likely to commit arson:** Jesse Agnew

## Cleveland

**Most positive:** Lexi  
**Hardest worker:** Aubrey  
**Most well-spoken:** Coryn  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Reagan  
**Caffeine addict:** Siyanne  
**Best hype-woman:** Ani  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Ava  
**Most accident-prone:** Kylie  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Shadia

## Chicago

**Hardest worker:** Hannah  
**Most well-spoken:** Skighe  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Tesfanesh  
**Caffeine addict:** Everyone  
**Best hype-woman:** Hannah  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Sofia  
**Most accident-prone:** Tesfanesh  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Caitlyn - Ashley Lilley  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Gabriella  
**Most likely to lock the rest of their city in the bathroom:** Ava and Caitlyn  
**That one sheriff who ran from the law:** Anna  
**Group compass/riot DJ:** Piper  
**Most likely to be MIA:** Joesphine  
**Purchased the most Starbucks:** Rayna  
**Gives that 70’s vibe:** Jenny  
**Most likely to have secret superpowers:** Lanie  
**Most mischevious/best shoes:** Ava  
**Best power walk:** Kiara  
**The devious duo:** Emily and Matti  
**Favorite Ginger:** Ella  
**Puts the C in Chemistry:** Morgan

## Detroit

**Most positive:** Anna Leuning  
**Hardest worker:** Sage Wilson  
**Most well-spoken:** Emma V  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Rylie Gossen  
**Caffeine addict:** Emerson Wermers  
**Best hype-woman:** Alyza  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Quinn Terkeldsen  
**Most accident-prone:** Taylee  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Nicolette Hoffman - Kristi Noem  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Camryn Kurtz  
**Most delulu:** Camryn and Yareni

## St. Paul

**Most positive:** Claire McElroy  
**Hardest worker:** Ella Kessler  
**Most well-spoken:** Jerica Stark  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** April Phillips  
**Caffeine addict:** Daniela Lee  
**Best hype-woman:** Amber Pisano  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Daniela Lee  
**Most accident-prone:** Amber Pisano  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Savannah Rawden - Gigi Hadid  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Jenna Connot  
**Most likely to bring the bacon:** Leah Staben

## Journalism City

**Most positive:** Chloe Petersen  
**Hardest worker:** Reese Duncan  
**Most well-spoken:** Kennedy Blechinger  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Tamia Oliver  
**Caffeine addict:** Anais Castro  
**Best hype-woman:** Olivia Hunhoff, Emerson McClure  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Torri Virtue  
**Most accident-prone:** Shelby Timm  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Sarah Schmidt - Paige Schmidt  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Maria Feiock, Nadia Roux and Emma Zimmerman  
**Most likely to jig:** Kate Matthes

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## Boston

**Most positive:** Aspen Hickey  
**Hardest worker:** Hannah Beyers  
**Most well-spoken:** Breanna Wollman  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Itani Hernandez  
**Caffeine addict:** Alexa Comes  
**Best hype-woman:** Sienna Klein  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Eva Madsen  
**Most accident-prone:** Eva Madsen  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Elsa Friesen  
**Kindest:** Jalyssa Bird

## Los Angeles

**Most positive:** Valerie  
**Hardest worker:** Rose  
**Most well-spoken:** Delanie  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Heidi  
**Caffeine addict:** Sadie  
**Best hype-woman:** Mariana  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Sydney  
**Most accident-prone:** Emily  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Payton - Bella Thorne  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Heidi  
**Best hair:** Lauren

## Minneapolis

**Most positive:** Grace Robb  
**Hardest worker:** Neveah Rusher  
**Most well-spoken:** Audrey Akkerman  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Ari  
**Caffeine addict:** Laney  
**Best hype-woman:** Bridgett Lemmel  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Mattie Duffy  
**Most accident-prone:** Kristyn  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Greta - Sadie Sink  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Rylley  
**Most likely to lose her voice:** Natalie  
**Most likely to fall asleep during general assembly:** hadley  
**Most likely to get lost:** Jessa  
**Best hair:** Elyssa  
**Most likely to become a professor:** Laura  
**Best presentation:** Carissa  
**Most generous:** Becca  
**Early bird:** Mackenzie  
**Never ready:** Rose  
**Most sarcastic:** Brooke

## Washington

**Most positive:** Sophie Spier  
**Hardest worker:** Morgan Fuller  
**Most well-spoken:** Hannah F  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Kate Barbush  
**Caffeine addict:** Faith  
**Best hype-woman:** Brooklyn L  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Peyton Noem  
**Most accident-prone:** Faith  
**Best celeb lookalike:** Jadeyn Reiner - Dwayne the Rock Johnson  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Kate Barbush

## St. Louis

**Most positive:** Shahed Wahbi  
**Hardest worker:** Ellie Cruz  
**Most well-spoken:** Sapphire Wyatt  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Alexa Morin-Baxter  
**Caffeine addict:** Becca Feldhaus  
**Best hype-woman:** Megan Raschke  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Megan Raschke  
**Most accident-prone:** Maddie Cross, Sarah Juelfs  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Emma Kraft - Charli Damelio  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Alexa Morin-Baxter  
**Future boss:** Josee  
**Cutest glasses:** Rain  
**Relaxing voice:** Emily  
**Most swag:** Morgan  
**Future best mom:** Shahed

## Seattle

**Most positive:** Clara Carlson  
**Hardest worker:** Quinn Alt  
**Most well-spoken:** Lavin Maddox  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Kaia Day  
**Caffeine addict:** Jaden VanPelt  
**Best hype-woman:** Chloe Carder  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Dakota Flanery  
**Most accident-prone:** Sara Thyen  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Chloe Carder - Roshan Ice Age  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Sarah Cremer  
**Best Batman:** Quinn

## Baltimore

**Most positive:** Elsie Thomas  
**Hardest worker:** Ruby Wyatt  
**Most well-spoken:** Maryjane Clark  
**Most likely to become an influencer:** Cassidy Woerner  
**Caffeine addict:** Bina Nelsen  
**Best hype-woman:** Cassidy Ewing  
**Most likely to become a pro athlete:** Akasha Gorecki  
**Most accident-prone:** Coara Somsawat  
**Best celebrity lookalike:** Sonnet - Selena Gomez  
**Most likely to have their own TV show:** Jenea Christensen  
**Quietest:** Emma Schultz



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# Dusty Johnson Joins Delegates

Kate Matthes  
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On Friday morning, U.S. House Representative Dusty Johnson paid a visit to Girls State to speak to delegates on issues such as partisanship, the farming industry, women in politics and more. Johnson has served in Congress for four years as South Dakota's only representative in the House, and he recently supported the passage of a bill that would delay the national debt limit. Like all political actions within Congress, this bill required the support of both parties.

"We're in the age of divided government," said Johnson. "Democrats hold the Senate, Republicans hold the House...so if we're going to get anything good done for the country, we've got to be willing to work together. That used to be a far more common approach than it is now, we're in a pretty polarized time."

Johnson believes that social media may play a role in this phenomenon by giving more heated voices a bigger platform, but that younger generations can combat polarization by getting involved and registering with a party.

"Most folks are angry with both the Democrats and the Republicans. Certainly I am too. I think both parties are deeply flawed," said Johnson. "But, it's like anything else, if you want to make the Spanish club better, you have to join the Spanish club...from the outside there are real limits to how much you can improve



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an institution or organization. And so I think if we want a better system, we've got to get engaged in the system."

With the House of Representatives being such a large institution, it can be a challenge to collaborate with every member; however, Johnson prioritizes his role as a representative to write and pass legislation that will benefit the country.

"The house is bigger, and that makes it, I think, a little bit more of a political rather than a collaborative environment. But, we're not building best friends here, we're trying to run a country so even if there's somebody that I don't like, if we can do something together to improve the country then I need to," said Johnson.

Johnson often focuses on agricultural issues as a Congress member and believes that small farmers in South Dakota can be supported by the protection of free markets within farming industries. With recent changes to climate patterns and the development of hotter global temperatures, Johnson believes technology will aid farmers in maintaining crop production despite potential unfavorable conditions.

"Technology and innovation are going to solve most of these [climate related problems] and we have seen strains of drought resistant corn get much, much better over the course of the last 30 years," said Johnson. "We would have a much better chance of feeding the world, even in an age of uncertain climate, if we were more open to the incredible role that technology can play."

Johnson urged delegates to get involved in the government process not just as officials but as citizens, he also spoke on female engagement in politics.

"[Having female managers] wasn't about hitting a quota number. It was about acknowledging that at least half of the most brilliant people in South Dakota are women, and if we're not making sure that they're in leadership positions, we're making a mistake," said Johnson.

# To Honor the Veterans

Maria Feiock, Nadia Roux,  
Emma Zimmerman  
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citizen Carissa Scheel was given the opportunity to participate in a tour of the Washington D.C. Memorial monuments with over 80 veterans, ranging from ages 70-94, who had never fully gained closure from their time in the military.

Scheel's passion for helping veterans stems from her family as her grandfather served and currently her aunt and uncle are serving.

Scheel said she had previously been to D.C. but missed three important monuments. During her trip with the veterans, she was able to make up for that even in the single day they were there. Seeing the monuments was not the best part for her, but rather the emotions and gratitude shown by the veterans.

The veteran she was the guardian for, Ron Gilbert, said "you guys just really make me want to cry," expressing the emotions he was feeling.

Arguably, the most impactful memorial was the US Vietnam Memorial. Many of the vets on the trip served during the Vietnam War. At the memorial, the veterans received thank you cards from young children and were able to scratch off names of

friends they had served with during their time.

Throughout the trip, the veterans were given air-mail from their friends, families, and kids across the country. At the airport, the veterans were greeted by a motorcycle parade saluting them. The guardians tricked the vets into thinking they were taking a long way home, only to surprise them with a welcome home ceremony with friends and families in the convention center.

Scheel emphasized that this was for the veterans. She felt more connected after the trip and plans to continue focusing her philanthropy efforts on veterans.

For her senior year project, Scheel plans to interview veterans and give the thumb drive to their families to listen to after they pass. Scheel believes that talking to a stranger about their experience will be much easier for the vets than talking to their family. She also believes that it is important to hear these stories and know what they went through.

Scheel helps us realize what we can do to help our veterans, by volunteering or raising money or even helping them see memorials for their lost friends.

# SDPB visits with future journalists

Chloe Petersen  
Sacajawea Scroll Journalism City met with Kara Brodsky,

the brand and marketing manager at South Dakota Public Broadcasting. She enjoys her job because no day is the same.

Brodsky said to be a good broadcaster, one must be a collaborator. Most of the broadcasting business is sponsored and supported by collaborators.

Brodsky said that an internship is important because while you're doing normal tasks like making coffees or helping other people around, you're also learning about the workplace environment and how it functions.

Brodsky touched on being a woman in the broadcasting industry. She said that when she joined the team as an intern, the field was man dominated.

However, it's changed. Now, around fifty percent of her workforce is women and Brodsky noted that it will only get better as the time moves on.

Now, I can only assume the question you're wanting to hear is if Brodsky works with PBS Kids, our favorite channel from our childhood. Sadly, when we asked, she said that she doesn't work with the network, but has talked to the creators of some shows.

So, we're getting closer... hopefully.



# Voting: your right and privilege

**Abigail Saylor**  
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As the masses of delegates have been making their way to the voting booths, it is important to remember the significance of this political process. Voting allows citizens to choose whomever they feel will best represent their ideals, and protect their rights.

The elections during Girls State not only elect officials, but aid in the process of promoting political activism among young girls. Voting is a fundamental part of a democracy; it's what gives power to the people. Unfortunately, there has been a consistent decrease in this form of political involvement.

The Electoral Knowledge Network states the US has seen a concerning lack of voter turnout during elections. The culprit? Young adults. Only 40% of people aged 18-29 say they consistently vote. This is much lower than the national average which sits around 60%. Why is this the case?

Common reasons young voters are hesitant to jump the gun on voting is a lack of knowledge surrounding the political process, distrust in the government system, and fear of discrimination. In bringing these issues to light, it is the goal that these issues are resolved, allowing every citizen to be heard.

Not all hope is lost when it comes to suffrage movements. The requirements to vote have drastically changed throughout the course the time to get to what they are today.

When The United States of America was founded in 1776, the constitution allowed only free, landowning men to cast their votes. It wasn't until The Fifteenth Amendment was ratified, following the civil war, in 1870 that African American men were granted suffrage.

Still, barriers such as literacy tests and The Grandfather Clause were put in place to prevent this new demographic from voting.

Finally, nearly fifty years later (1920), the passing of The Nineteenth Amendment gave women the right to vote; a feat some would never have imagined to be possible.

While Lyndon B. Johnson was in office, he initiated a series of civil rights acts to restructure the voting process. These acts made huge strides in removing discrimination against race, gender, and religion.

As you can see, The United States has undergone a painstakingly long process to get voting rights to where they are today. While this progress is great, there is still a long way to go. Regardless, it is because of these progressive accomplishments, we can find hope for this generation to continue to break down barriers.

Now more than ever this country needs its young men and women to exercise their voting rights in order to create the future they wish to see, so please, go out and vote!



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Delegates exercise their rights by voting for Girls State governor.

## Overcoming SWAT Superstitions

**Kennedy Blechinger,  
Sarah Schmidt**  
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Only about a dozen fortunate delegates were privy to Friday afternoon's presentation, a demonstration from Sergeant Buechler and Officer Olson of the Yankton Police Department. The meeting was held in Aalfs Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. and refuted many of the age-old myths about SWAT and SRT teams.

SWAT stands for Special Weapons and Tactics. SWAT teams are categorized by highly trained individuals and high-tech equipment like armored cars and helicopters. SRT, or Special Response Team, is quite similar but lacks some of the expensive equipment. However, SRT is more than capable of responding to critical situations even without advanced technology.

Sergeant Buechler, who has been with the Yankton Police Department for nearly 25 years, informed the girls about some of the equipment used by SRT officers and helped debunk some of the wrongful stereotypes from the media.

Girls State delegates admitted that most of their knowledge of SWAT teams was

based on movies and television shows. Most of their first impressions included breaking down doors, busting out of vans, and running into dangerous situations.

J. Olson, a Yankton PD officer since 2009, showed off some common equipment like door rams, hooligans, flashbangs, bullet-proof vests, and pepper spray capsules. Both officers shared their experiences using said equipment in a recent hostage situation last month.

At the end of the presentation, they dressed up a brave volunteer, Carissa Scheel from Minneapolis, in the equipment they'd described. Beyond the fun of playing dress-up, Sergeant Buechler reminded the delegates of the true importance of a uniform. "We do everything we can for a peaceful resolution, which is why we have this protection and equipment."

"A lot of SWAT teams have gotten a bad reputation in the last few years," Buechler acknowledged. "But I can assure you that our training and operations have come tenfold in the last twenty years."

## The Debt Ceiling Situation in DC

**Kate Matthes**  
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As of Thursday, both bodies of congress had voted to pass a bill concerning the debt ceiling after weeks of back and forth debate.

The bill, which would delay the debt limit, passed 413-117 in the House Wednesday and 63-36 in the Senate on Thursday evening.

South Dakota's own senators, Mike Rounds and John Thune, voted in favor of the bill, unfortunately having to cancel their visit to Girls State. The bill's next stop will be President Joe Biden's desk where it will likely be signed into law.

The proposed bill, which has been hailed as a bipartisan achievement among members of congress, is the result of the U.S. national debt approaching an unprecedented

high. The debt limit, or ceiling, is the amount of money the U.S. government is allowed to borrow in order to fund various government agencies such as Social Security and Medicare. As of this year, the national U.S. debt has reached the debt limit of just over \$31 trillion, forcing congressmen to convene in order to reach a solution.

The debt ceiling has been raised and suspended many times throughout the nation's history and the alternative is a default, or failure to pay, which would have drastic negative impacts.

This year's bill will suspend the debt limit until Jan. 1, 2025 which will buy the government time to pay bills. Those who oppose the bill argue that it could result in reduction of welfare programs for the

poor, harm those with student loan debt or raise taxes. Those in support of the bill believe that failure to suspend the limit would cause catastrophic economic trouble for the U.S. including a recession, inflation and an impact on global markets.

Government spending and national debt are ongoing debates among politicians as leaders try to balance the needs of different government programs and discretionary, or optional, spending. Several factors determine national debt including a nation's imports, exports, spending on programs and tax money collected from individuals and businesses. Most importantly, compromise between political parties is necessary to ensure action can be taken.

# Proud of the red, white & blue

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**Sarah Cremer**  
Seattle



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Cleveland



**Heidi Olson**  
Los Angeles



**Shadia Dakam**  
Cleveland



**Payton Kemnitz**  
Los Angeles

*“Which celeb has the best style?”*  
“Selena Gomez”

*“Which celeb has the best style?”*  
“Emma Chamberlain”

*“Which celeb has the best style?”*  
“Taylor Swift”

*“Which celeb has the best style?”*  
“Kaiti Yoo”

*“Which celeb has the best style?”*  
“Lainey Wilson”

# Meet J-City

If you could be any age forever, which would it be and why?

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**Reese Duncan**  
“30; you are old enough to be respected in a workplace and as an adult, but you can still enjoy being young and free.”



**Emma Zimmerman**  
“23; it’s a nice middle age and your brain is fully developed. Plus, there are a lot of opportunities.”



**Torri Virtue**  
“27; then I can travel and still reant a car.”



**Chloe Petersen**  
“23; it’s young, but I can do stuff and it’s the prime of your life.”

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# The Fear of Lost and Found

**Kate Matthes**  
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Throughout the week delegates who have lost items have been subjected to Governor Nyapal Chuol's lost and found punishments, which range from runway walks to imitating a velociraptor on stage. Chuol's creativity has made Girls State shake with laughter, and also with fear leading them to wonder, what excruciating punishment could be next?

Chuol has tried to come up with fresh new ideas for delegates, incorporating some of her experiences.

"It's either things that I would not want to do on stage or something slightly embarrassing," said Chuol.

Here are some possible upcoming agonizing punishments to be weary of:

1. Get onto your dorm bed in front of everyone, unassisted
2. Lie on your rock hard mattress for 24 hours straight
3. Try to get Raya the police dog's chew toy away from her in under a minute
4. Recite the words to an Ice Spice song, in spoken word poem format
5. Say three insults about Taylor Swift
6. Sing the Girls State song backwards
7. Draft your own debt ceiling bill on stage
8. Wake up at 5 AM to deliver Journalism City's papers
9. Fist fight the entire city of Detroit onstage
10. Singing competition against Rylie Huff

Be careful not to lose anything! The consequences could be severe.

## Pet peeves of the week

**Anais Castro,  
Chloe Petersen**  
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While this week has been filled with so many fun activities and events, we have put together a list of pet peeves all participants have experienced, or could probably relate to.

Firstly, the beds. Many delegates have had complaints throughout the week about how uncomfortable the beds are. A poll was posted to Journalism City's social media account, @alasd.sacajawea.social, that asked what things that were softer than their beds. Some people replied "a rock," "my ego," and "the

concrete floor."

A couple older counselors even said that they would rather sleep in their cars than in their beds!

An odd pet peeve was also confessed. An anonymous girl in the city of New York, said there were "people rubbing their feet all over everything," which is an interesting observation and isn't seen on a daily basis.

Another pet peeve has been that the water is too cold or too hot. A few girls in the Olson block have expressed a dislike to their extremely hot water, while others have only dealt with

very cold water. It seems that everyone prefers to shower at night, which is probably a large part of why the water is so cold.

Another anonymous girl from Journalism City said their roommate has a snoring problem. Due to the snoring, the anonymous confessor has been throwing pencils and other inanimate objects at her roommate. This has only created another pet peeve to form from the annoyance of being woken up by flying pencils being thrown at them.

## Saturday, June 3 Horoscope

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Communication is key! Drama may be headed your way, make sure to negotiate boundaries. You may also feel more confident, and look for the right opportunity to do the things you love.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Today is going to be joyful. You are going to slay the day away. Nature is definitely on your side. A walk through nature will clear your mind.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21): Today is great! Something you have been wishing for will come into the picture. It's our last day at Girls State, make the most of it!

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22): You don't need to travel far for what you're looking for. It's not about the destination it's about the journey.

**Leo** (July 23-August 22): You will be the center of attention for social events. This will boost your confidence 100x.

**Virgo** (August 23-September 22): Your health is going to be great. You have nothing to worry about. You may be feeling good but missing family.

**Libra** (September 23-October 23): Financially you will make great amounts. Be more open to new experiences in your life.

**Scorpio** (October 24-November 21): Be gentle on your heart, someone from your past will be on your mind. Think about your family.

**Sagittarius** (November 22-December 21): A day in your personal life looks strong. You will build more long-lasting relationships.

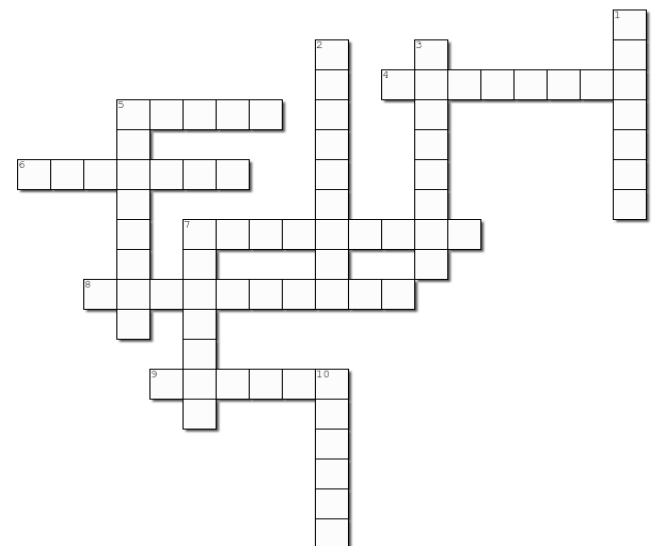
**Capricorn** (December 22-January 19): Today is the day to try and do a new workout. Especially online. Keep going and do your best.

**Aquarius** (January 20- February 18): A nice dinner with close friends will definitely make your day better, so hang out with people you love.

**Pisces** (February 19-March 20): You are going to feel powerful emotions and you are going to turn those emotions into something powerful. So keep your head up and keep going girly!

## President Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle below



### Across

4. first left-handed president
5. current U.S. president
6. Honest Abe; the stovepipe president
7. drafted the Declaration of Independence
8. first president of the United States
9. had '\_\_\_villes' named after him for allowing people to live in impoverished slums in the Great Depression

### Down

1. 'Father of the Constitution'
2. Two presidents had this last name
3. died only 31 days after his inauguration
5. the only president who never got married
7. first president to be impeached
10. was shot by an assassin in 1981

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Delegates engaged in a Citizens Forum with South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner Kristie Fiegen.





# Guests of Girls State

**Sarah Schmidt,  
Kennedy Blechinger**  
Sacajawea Scroll

This week at Girls State, the delegates were blessed with a myriad of different speakers.

Important figures such as Representative Dusty Johnson, Attorney General Marty Jackley, and many others all provided unique learning experiences that the delegates can carry with them after Girls State.

Unfortunately, there were also a few speakers who couldn't make it due to external circumstances.

Most notably, Governor Kristi Noem was absent from Thursday evening's General Assembly. Though there's some speculation as to why she was unfortunately detained, Governor Noem is certainly very sorry to have missed out on the

opportunity to speak with the Girls State delegates.

Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds were another set of missing speakers from Friday morning's General Assembly, but they were kind enough to send videos to connect with those who were eager to meet them.

Both were absent for the debt ceiling Senate vote on Wednesday evening, and they offered their sincerest apologies for their truancy.

In his digital message, Senator Rounds encouraged young women to go out and make the world a better place through community service but still hopes that the girls will return to their homes in South

Dakota. Finally, Dr. Tracy "Doc T" Diefenbach was meant to be one of the first speakers at Monday night's assembly.

Founder and clinician of MRMS and DTOM Veterans Ranch in Warner, South Dakota, Dr. Diefenbach has helped rehabilitate two Alzheimer's patients along with countless other veterans. In a video from last year's Girls State, Doc T inspired the girls to "take something tragic and make it beautiful."

Overall, ALA Girls State is fortunate to have so many influential guest speaker presentations, whether they be in-person or via video messages.



REESE DUNCAN | SACAJAWEA SCROLL  
Girls State choir performs at Friday night's inauguration.



ABIGAIL SAYLOR | SACAJAWEA SCROLL  
Delegates vote for their new governor.

# Journalism City



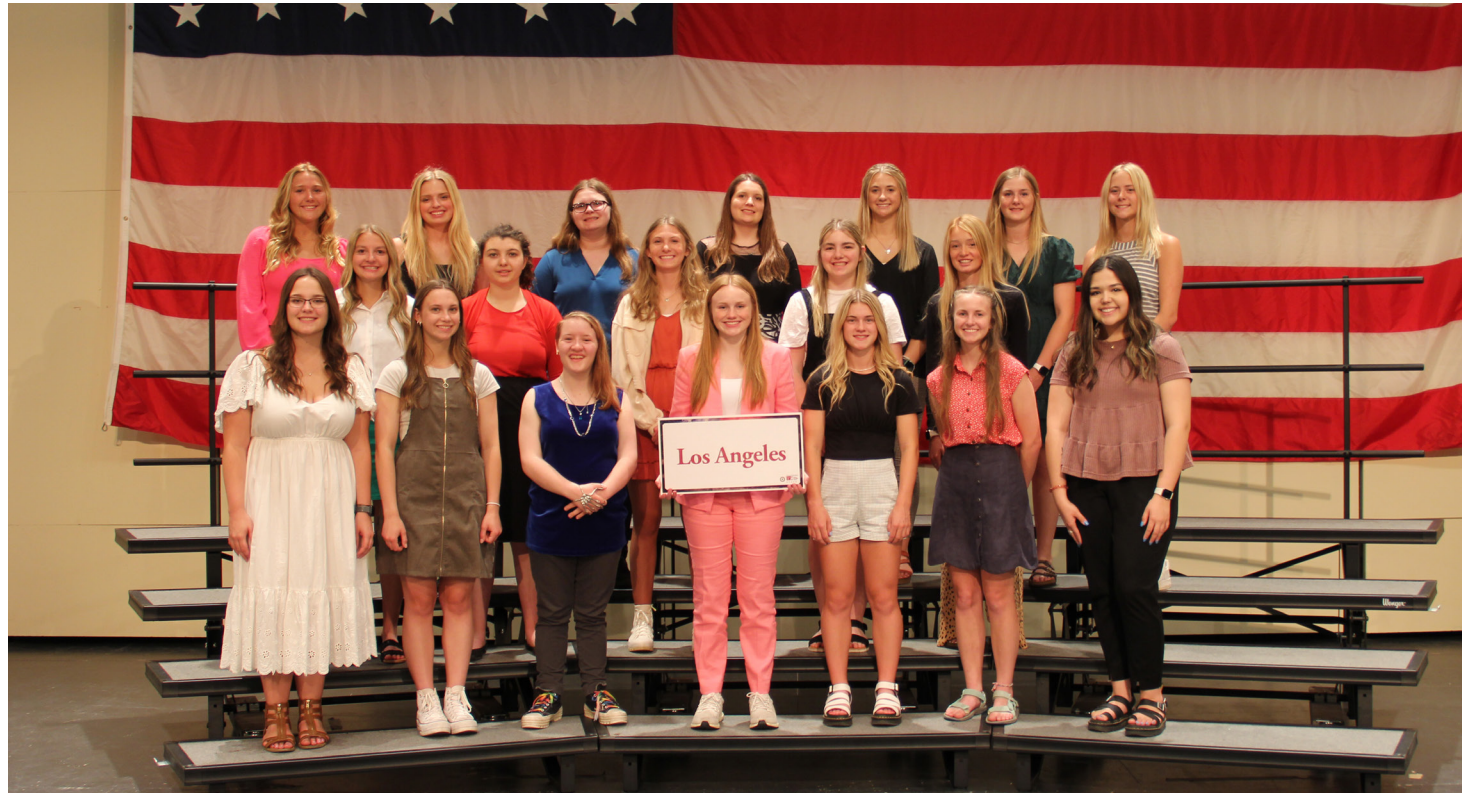
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Third Row: Nadia Roux, Emma Zimmerman, Maria Feiock, Kate Matthes, Abigail Saylor, Chloe Petersen



# Los Angeles



First Row: Kaytlyn Hilligas, Allison Schwarz, Mariana Pitlick, Heidi Olson, Valerie Norby, Malayna Hemmen, Alyssa Feather

Second Row: Mariela Hyzer, Lillie Eide, Emily Clark, Payton Kemnitz

Third Row: Sydney Olson, Danica Heibult, Ashlyn Bittner, Madelyn Hinkelman, Sadie Ellingsen, Lexy Fauhaber, Lauren Marcuson

# Miami



First Row: Julia Hemelstrand, Evelyn Tran, Jessie Agnew, Emily Hua, Anna Batie, Juell Twite, Mikennah Oleson

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Third Row: Morgan Schelske, Shae Rumsey, Megan Reiner, Alakiir Gak, Anna Lail, Diony Borja Montoya, Emily Borkowski



# Minneapolis



First Row: Gretta Larson, Elyssa Bartelt, Laney Spencer, Ariana Georgescu, Nevaeh Rusher, Brooke Schwagel, Kara Meisenhoelder

Second Row: Natalie Smith, Hadley Luke, Grace Robb, Rebecca Bich, Jordum Clevenger, Rose Lane, Laura Ge

Third Row: Carissa Scheel, Rylley Behrens, Kristyn Kranz, Jodessa Wiehr, Mattie Duffy, Bridgett Lemmel, Mackenzie Hollenbeck, Audrey Akkerman

# New York



First Row: Tayah McGregor, Alanna Wiedrich, Emily Marshall, Ashley Crouch, Nicole Steffensen, Caroline Irvine, Mya Dejong

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Third Row: Mya Determan, Nadia Logue, Sidney Garcia, Emma Brewer, Megan Gustafson, Sydney Reimers, Mackenzie Bentz, Maria Quale



# Philadelphia



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# Seattle



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# St. Louis



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Second Row: Sapphire Wyatt, Emily Torgerson, Jayna Handel, Emma Riggs, Sarah Juelfs

Third Row: Alexa Morin-Baxter, kailey Thompson, Madeline Cross, Emma Kraft, Megan Raschke, Shahed Wahbi

# St. Paul



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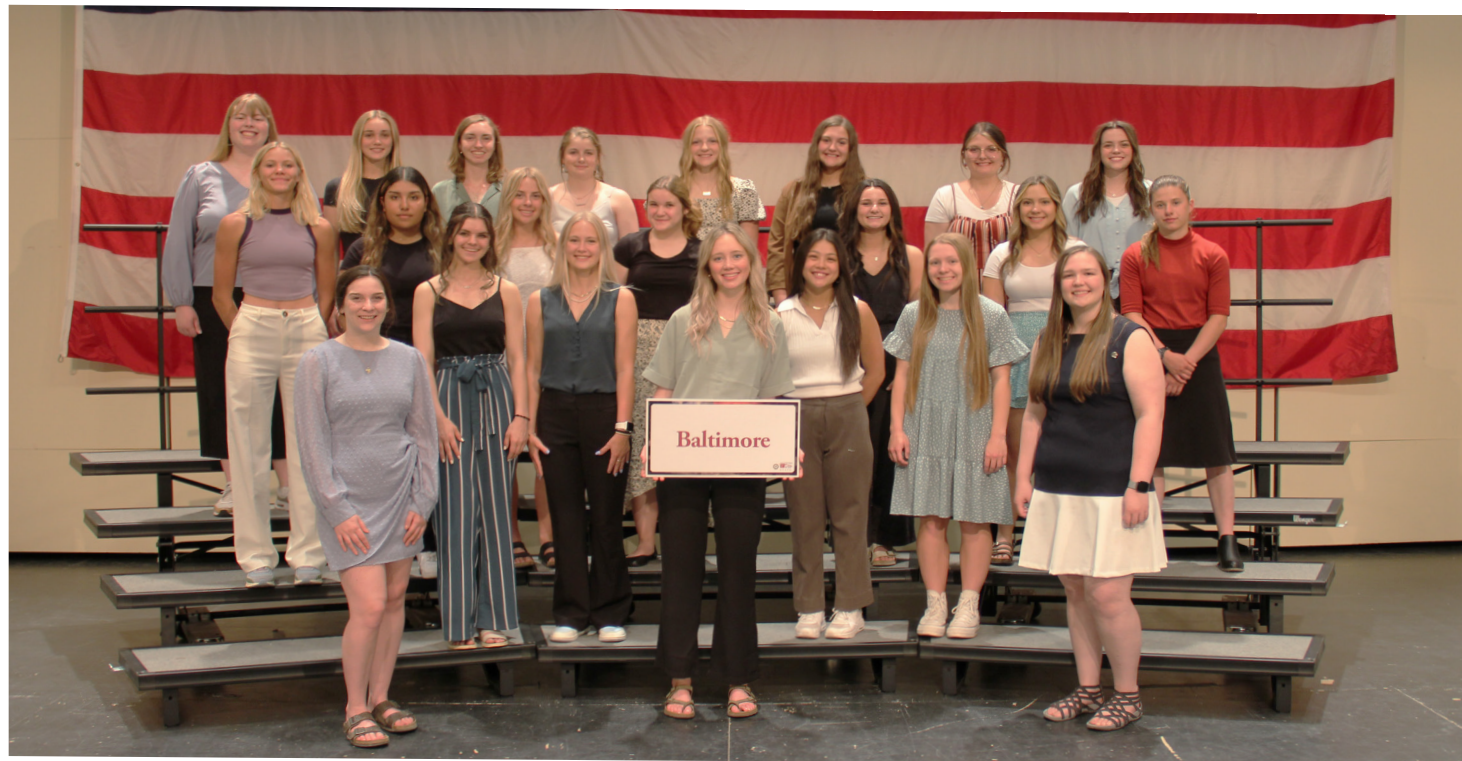


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# Baltimore



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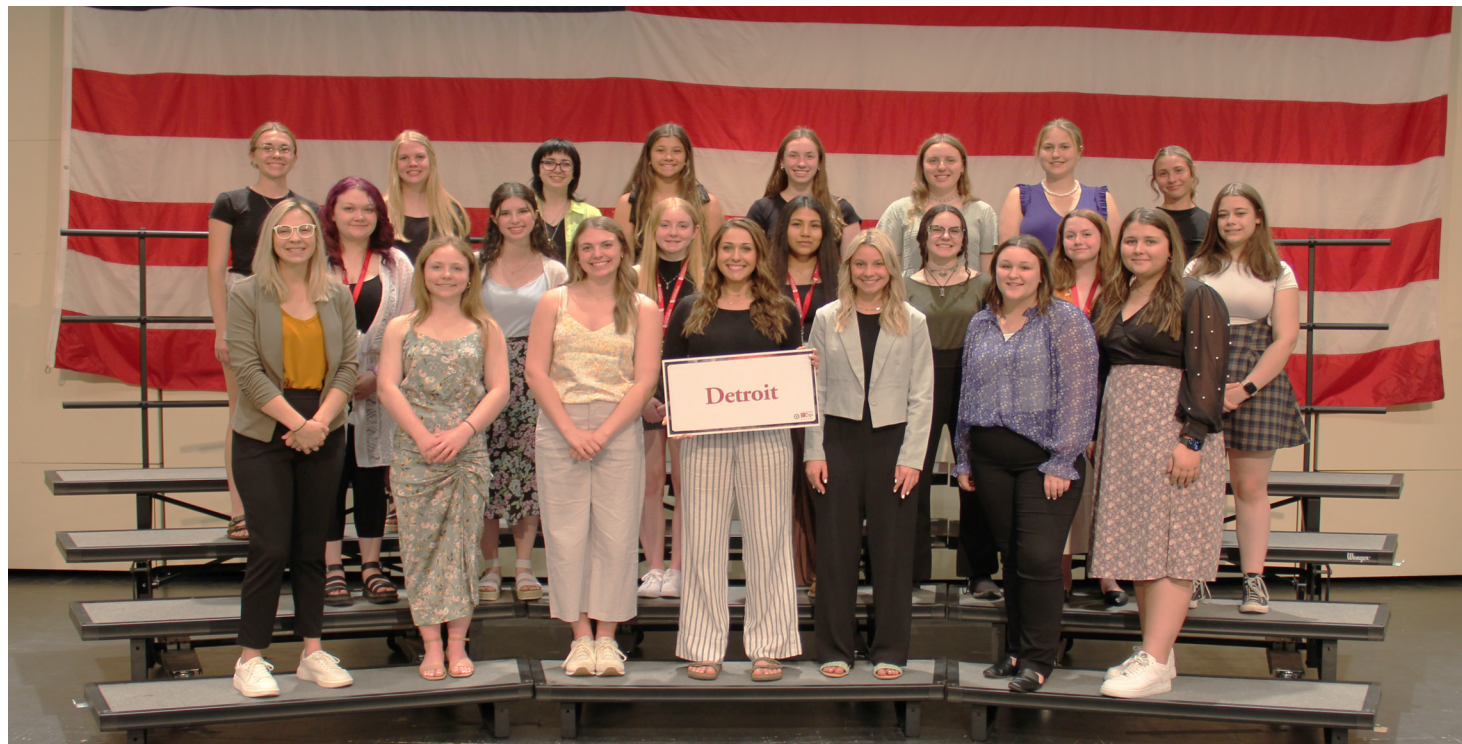


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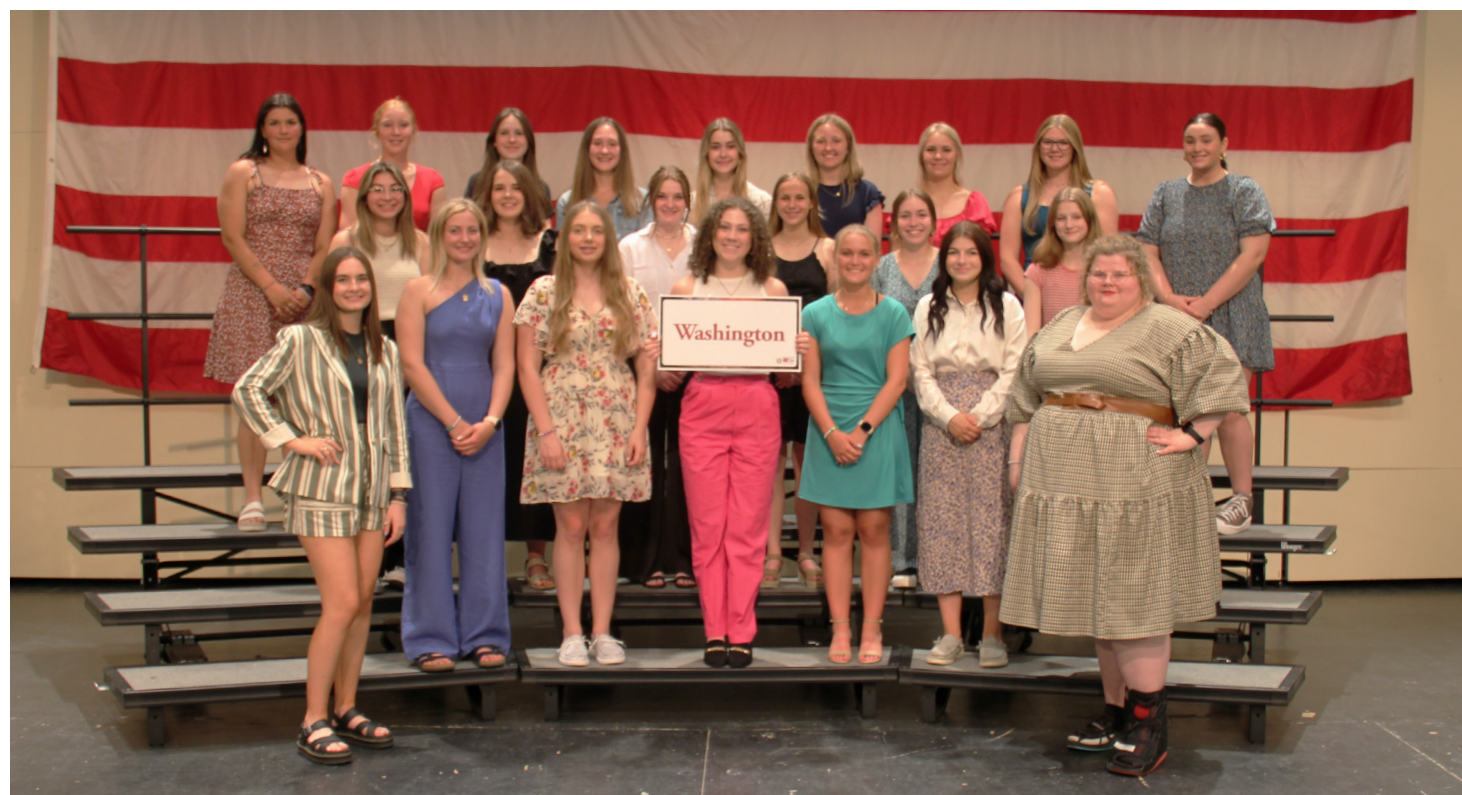
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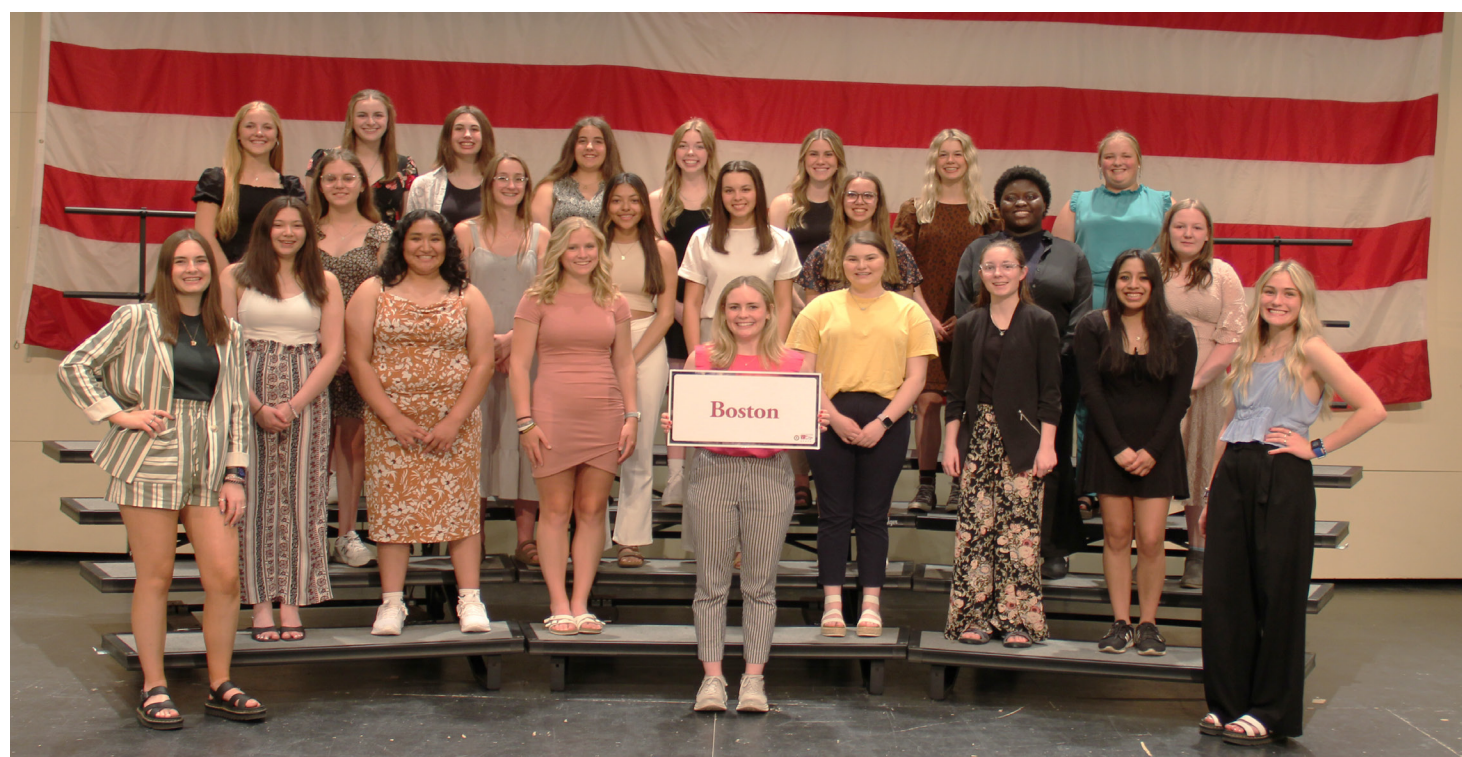


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# Boston



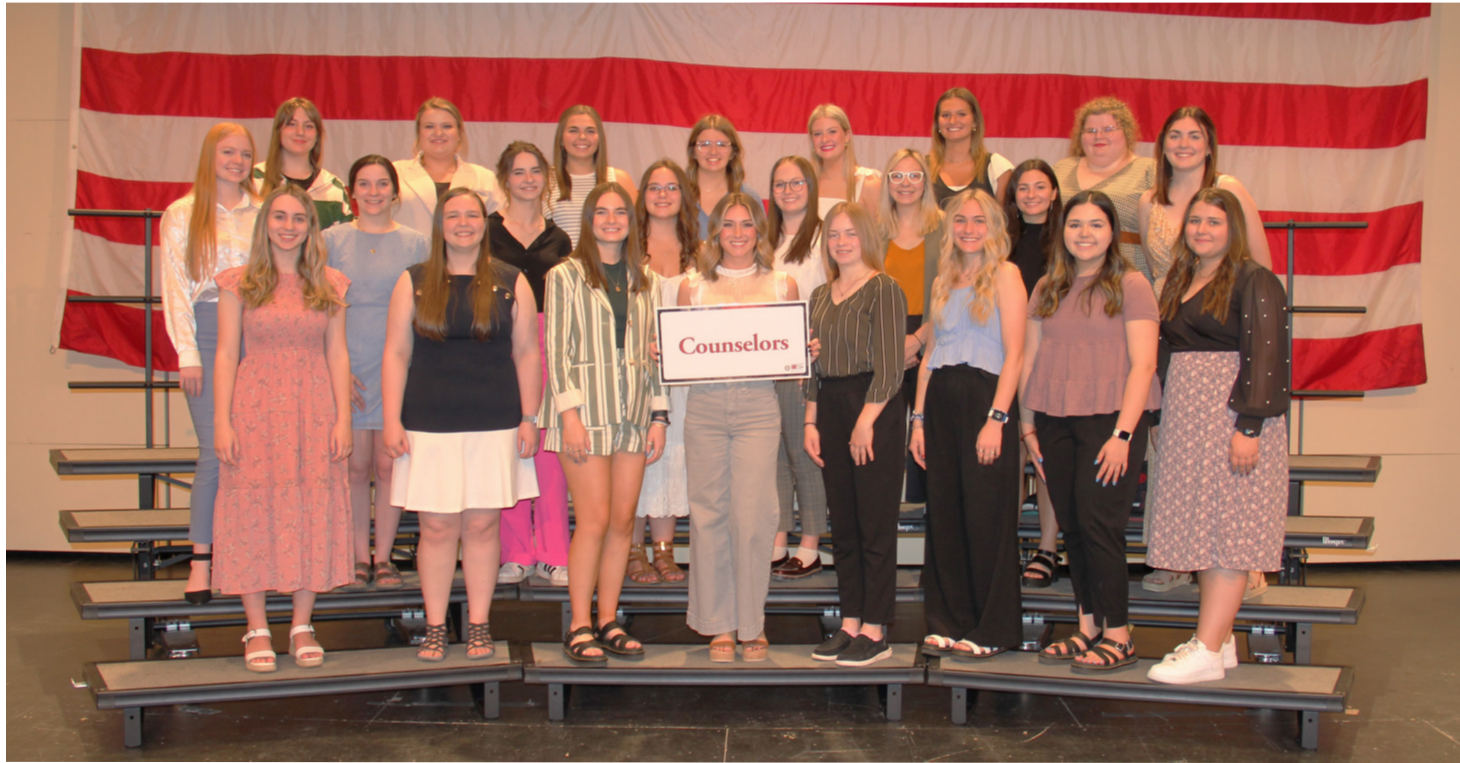
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