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SYDNEY DAVIS MOTIVATES DLEGATES

Claire Engel
Sacajawea Scroll

At the Monday morning general assembly, Girls State delegates were able to listen to Sydney Davis who is a South Dakota state senator for District 17. Davis got involved in politics through her state professional work association. Her involvement showed her how the policy process works and how bills become laws. She became involved after seeing there was a lack of health care workers and young family voices in our government.

As a senator Davis has a busy day starting at 7:45 A.M. with bill hearings that last from 1 to 1½ hours. She then has a committee at 10 A.M. that will last up to two hours and then lunch that she will usually spend talking to visitors and other politicians. After lunch she has Caucus which is an hour of closed discussions with the republicans. When the Caucus is finished she has a session to vote on bills for health, roads, and law enforcement for 1 to 2 hours. Growing up Davis paid close attention to state and local politics. She liked to watch them because the politics closer to you affect you more. She feels that better decisions get made when more people are involved. Davis said that decisions get made when people show up.

“If it’s not you, then who?” said Davis.

Her background in health care has helped her show other legislators the importance of details in the bills, teamwork, and keeping everyone involved. Being from South Dakota has left her with a deep sense of appreciation and she is very grateful that she didn’t have to leave to pursue higher education and obtain a masters degree. Davis was also grateful to be able to get a job in South Dakota to stay close to family.

Davis has a lot of gratitude that

someone laid out opportunities and made sure to preserve them. She says that it is not impossible to have our next generation want to stay in South Dakota and have job opportunities if we make sure to be mindful about our investments in our economy and education.

Her advice for girls who want to get involved in politics is to volunteer for internships and to seek out a mentor involved in politics who you know and trust. Some advice she has for delegates at Girls State is to never underestimate yourself. It is tough for girls to step into these positions because they feel like they don’t have the skills to do it, but Davis emphasizes to go for it.

“If I can do it you can do it!” said Davis.

Davis said that if young people want to make a difference in their community they need to get involved. Some ways to get involved are to volunteer at a nonprofit organization in your community, be a legislative page or intern, or volunteering for a campaign to see how the government works and how to make a difference there.



HANNAH CUTSHAW
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ERIK MUCKEY ENCOURAGES GIRLS STATE

Jayda Tadlock
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On Monday morning, the Democratic representative, Erik Muckey, came to talk to the Girls State during the general assembly. He spoke along with the mayor of Vermillion, Jon Cole and the republican senator, Sydney Davis. During Muckey’s speech he talked about the importance of Girls State and why it can be beneficial for younger generations to be involved.

As well as during the general assembly Muckey, Davis and Cole were asked several questions by the panel of citizens from New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. The first question asked: what has been your proudest accomplishment while in the legislature? Muckey’s answer involved healthcare and making accommodations for Medicare. He also talked about providing full access healthcare for everyone.

The second question was regarding their opinions on immigration and how that will be impact South Dakota. His answer was that the federal laws were almost getting too strict. Muckey’s opinions on the matter were that immigrants needed a fair chance and were necessary for the economy and employers.

The third and final question was: what did the democrat, republican, and mayor all have in common and what was a common goal for all of them. Muckey said giving the next generation a variety of opportunities and to make life for people better, in the sense that people would have a fair chance for the

future.

That finished up the democratic representative, republican representative, and mayor’s portion of the general assembly. Afterwards, Muckey was asked a couple of questions about his goals and what he envisioned for the future in the legislature. Muckey was first asked who inspired him the most when being in politics. He was mainly inspired by his parents, who are both teachers. He was also inspired when he started college and learned more about politics and how it all worked. Getting to see more of that side of things and being able to have majors to get a feel for politics was key to him.

He was then asked what advice he would give to girls thinking about going into politics. His advice was to take action and not to wait for permission. He had to say that many people in politics might feel discouraged or looked down upon because of their age. The overall message of his advice was for younger parts of politics and for them to not be afraid to speak out and to have independent ideas.

Muckey also discussed his experience in South Dakota and how that may have affected his career. “Living in different places gave me a lot of perspective; Washington D.C, Sioux Falls, and Minneapolis,” Muckey said. Many of these places gave him insight on the different populations and locations in each of these places.

To close the interview, the last question was: what could young people do for their communities? In response, Muckey said looking for problems and what you can do for solutions. Young people have the chance to find what they don’t like about their communities or what they can change about it. “I had recently visited the non-profit organization a group of friends I had started when I was 18,” Muckey said.

Many young people may find it beneficial to look for accommodations they can make for their communities and what they can change. That wrapped up the Monday morning interview from Erik Muckey, who was kind enough to come speak at this year’s Girls State.



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CITY WATCH

Baltimore

Mayor: Anna Ebbing
Auditor: Jessica Ung
Treasurer: Macey Duffy
Attorney: Elili Taye
Chief of Police: Regan Bruns
PR Director: Aspen Schaaf
Health Commissioner: Savannah Berg
Fire Chief: Rilyn Thury
Policewoman: Brooklyn Schlimgen
Councilwomen: Shaelee Parrish, Layla Brouwer, Alejandra Vasquez, Emerald Wyatt
Recreation Director: Ashlynn Fergen
Door Holder (DD): Sophia Eichler
Fashion Police: Rozlynn Thooft
Jester: Bailey Lake

Boston

Mayor: Brielle Kolling
Auditor: Rylee Zylstra
Treasurer: Chloe Mammenga
Attorney: Claire McMahon
Chief of Police: Amelia Sjurseth
PR Director: Karalyn Koerner
Health Commissioner: Caitlyn Mudgett
Fire Chief: Kaylee Loy
Policewoman: Madilyn Cooper
Councilwomen: Isabell Wiegand, Liv Hendrickson, Hope Wagner, Gracelynn Decker
Door Woman: Cassidy Williams
Door Woman 2: Brooke Bain
Food Runner: Meredith Weber
Fashion Police: Emmy Spencer
Hype Woman: Jenessa Carda

Chicago

Mayor: Lily Osmundson
Auditor: Kaitlyn Fiddelke
Treasurer: Haley Harkness
Attorney: Isabelle Hotchkiss
Chief of Police: Hudson Fouberg
PR Director: Ella Weber
Health Commissioner: Teagan Hanten
Fire Chief: Hadley Gjerde
Policewoman: Sierra Boyd
Councilwomen: Luna Siddens, Jillian Olson, Arabella Deysel, Caroline Carcumo
Recreation Director: Stella Rath
City Dog Walker: Patricia "Ruthie" Pyne
Register of Deeds: Laura Zimmerman
Coroner: Adrianna Cutschall
City Stylist: Rianna Red Bear
City Artist: Alayna Lambert

Cleveland

Mayor: Brynn Samson
Auditor: Abby Thimgan
Treasurer: Summer Koch
Attorney: Jewel Geraets
Chief of Police: Alexis Sodren
PR Director: Cydni Mosey
Health Commissioner: McKenna Beck
Fire Chief: Morgan Schillerstrom
Policewoman: Charli Paulsen
Councilwomen: Taylor Thrift, Kaylynn Paule, Alexis Sodren, Zoe Colgrove
Girls Girl: Carmen Meyers
Photographer: Kaylie O'Connor
Animal Control: Megan Marko
Meteorologist: Trinity Shrake
Drama Detective: Madison Waltman
Assistant Drama Detective: Ingrid Ready

Detroit

Mayor: Lauren Ronshaugen
Auditor: Brooke Heumiller
Treasurer: Evelyn Akkerman
Attorney: Rachel Brown
Chief of Police: Hannah Sandgren
PR Director: Chyla Tvedt
Health Commissioner: Evie Foss
Fire Chief: Taylor Vetter
Policewoman: Vivian Johnson
Councilwomen: Paisley LaFave, Charlotte Hanson, Jayden Hofer, Marissa Leonarg
Princess Duct Tape: Kezy Mulnen
Fashion Police: Katie Morgan
Platypus Detective: Wriley Johnson
Compliment Queen: Delilah Rasmussen

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Auditor: Julia Bauer
Treasurer: Kaelyn Bertsch
Attorney: Hannah Cawthorne
Chief of Police: Colby Niehoff
PR Director: Sophia Havard
Health Commissioner: Alexis Christensen
Fire Chief: Lucy Swanson
Policewoman: Abbigail Hegge
Councilwomen: Chesnie Heim, Ginniveve Ward, Mackenzie Zubke, Madelyn Jensen
Dog Walker: Grace Cleland
Weather Woman: Olivia Ryan
Fashion Police: Chloe Taggat
Positive Princess: Madison James
GPS: Cadence Jorgensen

CITY WATCH

Miami

Mayor: Emma Andrews
 Auditor: Autumn Clark
 Treasurer: Bella Unser
 Attorney: Kelsey Fischer
 Chief of Police: Reegan Davis
 PR Director: Ava Rosenau
 Health Commissioner: Lindsey Ohling
 Fire Chief: Naomi Hanson
 Policewoman: Grace Lemmer
 Councilwomen: Ava Rosenau, Anna Kraft, Addison Muller, Mia Moon
 Line Leader: Joclyn Vargason
 Weather Woman: Izabella Lander
 Night Show Host: Shayla Rath
 Recreation: Mickayla Kavanagh
 Board Eraser: Shayla Rath
 Human Alarm Clock: Averi Gergen

St. Louis

Mayor: Michaela Kingma
 Auditor: Lola Wells
 Treasurer: Breanna Hento
 Attorney: Kaidence Bulgin
 Chief of Police: Annie Connot
 PR Director: Kadence Olberding
 Health Commissioner: Israel Teseda
 Fire Chief: Debrianna Hicks
 Policewoman: Elsa Aarbo
 Councilwomen: Kolbi Vincent, Macie Roth, Norah Waysman, Phoebe Veerman
 Choreographer: Isla Rhode
 Baewatch: Shae Uttecht
 Party Planner: Molly Harty
 President of Member Attendance: Katie Stahl

New York

Mayor: Emerlee Jones
 Auditor: Alla Van Loan
 Treasurer: Elaina Bushkofsky
 Attorney: Cassidy Korzan
 Chief of Police: Tessa Helland
 PR Director: Lilly Jacobsen
 Health Commissioner: Kaylee Schmit
 Fire Chief: Lexie Fousek
 Policewoman: Tessa Swanson
 Councilwomen: Tayler Vetter, Morgan Lemme, Sienna Wieman, Emma Shelstad
 Recreation Director: Grace Hansen
 Labubu Liason: Malia Buchanan
 Fashion Police: Marlie Swanson
 Count-Off Coordinator: Mia Reiner
 Alarm Clock: Alexis Moore

Philadelphia

Mayor: Kenley Berning
 Auditor: Alexis Hoffman
 Treasurer: Miley Adams
 Attorney: Lily Harkema
 Chief of Police: Laura Robinson
 PR Director: Natalie Weinkauff
 Health Commissioner: Alexis Kellogg
 Fire Chief: Ava Fox
 Policewoman: Alexi Fluke
 Councilwomen: Kasey Johnson, Tessa Mollet, Julianna Grady, Madalynn Lorang
 Environmentalists: Madalynn Holma, Anna Bayle
 Hype Woman: Bryn Schooler
 Mascot: Camdyn Peterreins
 City Decorator: Emma Eckmann
 Fashion Police: Lander Bell
 Recreation Director: Clair Loofbourrow
 Weather Woman: Elsie Ostler

Seattle

Mayor: Isabelle Beeson
 Auditor: Emeri Hofeman
 Treasurer: Kaehlor Hanson
 Attorney: Kiara Fields
 Chief of Police: Alyssa Thompson
 PR Director: Cassidy Smith
 Health Commissioner: Memphis Altena
 Fire Chief: Grace Roth
 Policewoman: Maeve Waysman
 Councilwomen: Claire Heil, Makayla Hunter, Katelyn Bond, Kira Clocksene
 Alarm Clock: Aggie Olson
 Crier: Jillian Knipping
 Emotional Support: Alyssa Herrmann
 Grammar Police: Gracie Ses
 Sports: Nikki WanDerWerff
 Hype Woman: Lillian Niles

Washington

Mayor: Holly Olson
 Auditor: Emily Moritz
 Treasurer: Quynn Nealson
 Attorney: Addison Paul
 Chief of Police: Ann Connor
 PR Director: Adrianna Alspach
 Health Commissioner: Lilly Neu
 Fire Chief: Jocelyn Rumpca
 Policewoman: Bailey Schwagel
 Councilwomen: Clara Hincgen, Joselyn Wagner, Mystic Ericson, Kelsey Sowards
 Weather Watcher: Rebecca Armstrong
 Fashion Police: Kenlyn Hart
 Meower: Abbigail Simpson
 Caffeine Coordinator: McKenzie Fredrickson
 City Alarm: Madilyn Jones



Importance of Flag Etiquette

Tamara Imhof & GraceLynn Jongeling
Sacajawea Scroll

Treating the U.S. flag respectfully is extremely important. The simplest way to do this entails following the rules set by the American Legion Auxiliary. The first rule describes the flag always being illuminated. Displaying the flag at night requires you to have a light illuminating the flag.

The second rule to respecting the flag is it must be shown in clear weather. This rule helps the flag stay in pristine condition, preventing any unnecessary damage from rain, snow,

and hail. This helps people to see the flag clearly, and show patriotism to the U.S..

The third rule to respecting the flag is not to ruin the stripes and stars. This third rule entails coloring, tearing, burning, etc. Doing this to the U.S. flag ruins the design making the flag unusable.

The fourth rule of respecting the US flag is to not purposely dirtying the flag. This is the result of purposely dropping, stepping, and dragging the flag through the dirt. When you do this act, it is

disrespectful to the time creating the flag and the meaning of the design.

With all of these rules to respect the flag, you should know how to fold a flag. First remove the flag off the pole, and be careful you don't drop it. Then fold the flag in half two times hot-dog style. Next, take a corner and place it on the edge of the flag. Finally, fold the flag in a triangle shape diagonally thirteen times. When you have a fully folded flag the rule is to always face the star side up.

Red , White and Girls State

Allie Hoekman
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Each morning at American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, delegates gather united to begin the day with one of the program's most meaningful traditions, the raising of Old Glory. Before the ceremony begins, delegates follow proper etiquette, creating a moment that reflects the unity, pride, and full patriotism shared with the girls throughout the week. Two delegates are selected from the city of the day with one helping to raise, and another assisting with lowering later in the evening. As Old Glory slowly rises above the campus grounds delegates look up and admire the glory of the flag. Once the flag reaches the top, delegates proudly stand together and sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" in a glorious melody that echoes all throughout campus.

Along with the patriotic ceremony, each city brings its own spirit and energy through creative chants made by the delegates themselves. As each city is called out, cheers and chants fill the atmosphere, showcasing teamwork that intensifies throughout the

week. While every city has its own personal style, the chants reflect the excitement while also still honoring the importance of the moment.

The morning flag raising is more than just a daily routine. It serves as an important reminder of the opportunities and freedoms represented by the American flag and all the sacrifices made by individuals who have served our country. Delegates participate with full pride, while also understanding the importance of honoring a nation we once fought for and its values it represents.

At the end of each day, delegates gather once again for the lowering of Old Glory. As the sun begins to set, the atmosphere becomes more reflective while still carrying the same level of unity and pride. Cities once again are called out and perform their chants, and celebrate the bonds formed during Girls State and the memories that will last a lifetime.

During the lowering ceremony delegates unite again to sing "America the Beautiful," creating a calm and peaceful ending to the day. The song snag, after the careful lowering of Old Glory, brings everyone together in

a moment of appreciation for the country and all the experiences shared throughout the program.

The daily flag ceremonies the past 80 years have become one of the most memorable traditions of Girls State. Through respectful flag etiquette, patriotic songs, and the spirited chants made by the delegates and their cities create the feeling of citizenship, unity, and leadership. The ceremonies not only honor the American flag but also symbolizes the shared experiences and connections that make Girls State a truly meaningful and unforgettable experience for young women across South Dakota.



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Mayor Jon Cole: Leading Community Forward

Allie Hoekman & Dena Tarrell
Sacajawea Scroll

Mayor Jon Cole spoke with ALA Girls State delegates Monday morning, inspiring the next generation of leaders to not give up on your vision, and always seek to embrace change towards common goals.

Vermillion mayor, Jon Cole, recently spoke with ALA State delegates about community impact, leadership, embracing change, and his experiences with serving the city of Vermillion as mayor since 2022. Cole's passion for always wanting to help others and encouragement from the people around him are what originally inspired him to run for mayor.

"I have always had a passion to serve," stated Cole. "I wanted to continue giving back to my community for what they gave to me."

Before his time as mayor, Cole was a sworn police officer for 17 years. He served his community by providing the outlet citizens needed to feel safe. As a police officer, Cole learned how to become a mediator for problems and help others find solutions. His problem solving ability is something that Cole has brought into his role as mayor, as well as other areas throughout his life.

Later Cole served as the South Dakota chairman of the Special Olympics board. This was an experience that he described as "meaningful," because not only did it allow him to help others, but it helped him strengthen his leadership abilities. Cole encouraged Girls State delegates to continue pursuing leadership opportunities and to not give up when facing difficult challenges.

"If you have a vision and get told no, keep working towards it," said Cole.

In 2026, Cole is hoping to gain reelection as the mayor of

Vermillion in order to continue the momentum of improvements he has built in the community. The vast majority of citizens living in Vermillion feel that the improvements that Cole has made have benefited everyone and made the town a better place, establishing himself as a worthy candidate for reelection. The improvements that Cole continues to create are credited to the ideas he receives from the citizens of Vermillion, combined with his ability to listen and collaborate with those around him.

"We're gonna continue that momentum and continue that transparency, and that communication with our citizens," stated Cole.

Cole has been a returning speaker at Girls State for numerous years, providing wisdom for future leaders. He continues to provide encouragement for following one's dreams, especially when trying to make a difference. With his time at Girls State, Cole has seen the impact the program continues to have on South Dakota. The leadership, collaboration, and overall social skills that have been gained are present throughout the state and continue to create a positive influence in the community.

"The best leaders aren't the smartest leaders. They just surround themselves with people smarter than them," said Cole.



ALLIE HOEKMAN
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FROM CLASSROOM TO COURTROOM

**Marlee Bowers
& Hope Starwalt**
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During the morning learning classes, one of the options was to attend a law and court procedure class, and take the bar examination that came with it. These delegates went through an hour-long class where they learned all they needed to know for the exam.

The class was led by Teri Bern, a circuit court judge. She taught them all about Law 101. Some of the components she covered was the importance of the constitution, Bill of Rights, the three branches of government, and what roles the state, circuit, and supreme court each hold. Teri explained that they were "learning the basis of the knowledge of the law" and that they would use their skills "if they had any interest in the law

or just to have general knowledge because it is a good thing for any informed voter or any informed citizen to have."

Before they started the test, there were mixed feelings amongst the delegates. Most of the delegates were overwhelmed by the amount of information given in such a short amount of time. The delegates also felt like they learned great useful knowledge that they will use later on in life. Michaela Kingma stated that she "absolutely" would use these skills later on in life because they "would be a great tool to use."

"The notes were very insane, they were very hard to keep up with," said Girls State delegate, Amelia Giese.

After they finished their class, and finalized their notes, they proceeded with the test. This test was not timed and it consisted of twenty-seven questions pertaining to the class, and they were able to use their notes.

After the test, some delegates thought the test went well and they considered it "easier than expected." On the other hand, some delegates thought the test was "harder" than expected. There were also some delegates that thought this whole process was a fun experience; including the test.

"There was definitely no test anxiety, like there normally is," said Girls State delegate, Madison James. "I'm usually a nervous test taker, but this was pretty fun." Whether these delegates plan on making a career out of this information or not, it is safe to say they will all have useful knowledge to use for the remainder of their life. This information will carry these delegates to places they never thought they would ever go. Some will use this information to become judges, while some will use this to become an informed citizen. So delegates, which path are you planning to take?

BEHIND THE BADGE: LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASS & EXAM

Peytynne Clevenger & Bethany Jespersen
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The first full day of South Dakota Girls State held a deeper meaning on this year's Memorial Day. With the intention of honoring and mourning the military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces, Memorial Day corresponds with the values of Law Enforcement and public service recognition. Accordingly, delegates could take part in Monday's 60-minute Law Enforcement Class and subsequent exam, taught by USD CJUS Adjunct Faculty Member, Retired Lieutenant and Yankton Police Department Officer Micheal Burgeson.

"I've been teaching at Girls State for close to 15 years now, and this is the first Memorial Day [I have] done... Memorial Day is about sacrifices; people that didn't come home... A lot of our law enforcement community are veterans. A lot of our law enforcement community have seen and done things that nobody talks about, [including] going overseas," said Burgeson.

After paying tribute to late veterans and LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) veterans, Burgeson began his detailed presentation including basic law enforcement vocabulary, history and eras of the police, juxtaposition of English and U.S. policing experiences, the structure and procedures of modern police, politics/corruption in law enforcement, a global scope of police forces and more. The class placed a special emphasis on women in law enforcement, with statistics supporting female police officers' contribution to domestic cases and their decisive mindset in situations of violence.

"In my opinion, our police forces should look like our communities... 50 percent of our staff should be women," said Burgeson.

Furthermore, community engagement is crucial for LEOs to effectively understand and address

the needs/concerns of the citizens they serve. On a local level, building strong relationships with community members helps de-escalate conflict before "use-of-force" is necessary, mitigate department issues and create a safer environment for all.

"If you can talk, you can make about anything happen," said Burgeson.

Following the conclusion of the lecture, the participating delegates transitioned to the second portion, an 18-question multiple choice exam over the presentation's content. The results of the exam dictate one's eligibility to run for Girls State LEO positions. Delegates, such as Clara Hintgen, a delegate from Washington and student at Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, had individual motives for participating in the class.

"I am going to run for a Senator or House of Representatives [position]...and I really felt like law enforcement would be fun to

Note for the Banquet

Wednesday night, please take a moment to look at the plaque on your table at the formal banquet. They are the people who have made it possible for you to have this banquet, and we are extremely grateful for their generosity!

Weather Woman's Forecast

Claire Engel
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Good Morning! The weather for today is going to be hot with a high of 93° Fahrenheit! It will be 66° Fahrenheit at 6 A.M. and 85° Fahrenheit by noon. Drink water, stay cool, and have an amazing day!

learn about because I already know about court procedures from Student Council," said Hintgen.

In order to be elected as a part of the Forensics team, a delegate must obtain one of the top two Law Enforcement test scores from their county. Hintgen's score allowed for her campaign and election to the team, opening the door for her curiosity in crime scene investigation.

Journalist's Wisdom: Girls State Advice

Allie Hoekman

- Be fully present at all times and enjoy every moment that passes by you. Even on the early mornings and long days, because those will be the memories you will miss the most.
- Start everyday with a golden heart, and always be willing to open your doors to new friends you meet, because who knows they could become your life-long bestfriend, maid of honor or even a future godparent to your children.
- Always be willing to move outside of your comfort zone, listen, learn, ask questions as everyone has a different story and perspective on things and get the most out of what you can.
- Always remember it's not about what you get, it's about what you give. Give as much as you can to everyone around you as you may never know when the last time you'll see that person is and that is the things they'll remember about you.
- It's the small acts that matter most.
- Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.
- Go out there everyday and be fabulous! You go girl!

The Honest Opinion

Gabrielle Raasch & Brielle Tesch

Media of the Day: *Michael*

The movie *Michael* is a biographical drama that follows Michael Jackson's rise from child star in the "Jackson 5" to the acclaimed "King of Pop." The film explores his childhood, his quest to stardom, his complex relationship with his father, and the creation of his iconic music.

We rated it a 8.5/10.

Even though the movie got mixed reviews from critics, we had so much fun watching it. Every music scene was full of energy and had us completely locked in. The performances were easily one of the best parts of the movie and remind us why Michael Jackson is the "King of Pop." It captured the iconic style and energy that made Michael unforgettable.

We do think the movie was a little too fast-paced at times and wished they had slowed down more and went deeper into Michael's life and experiences instead of rushing through certain moments. It also felt like they held back a bit when talking about his childhood and some of the harder parts of his life.

Overall, the film does a beautiful job honoring his legacy and his name.

Certified favorite songs from yours truly:

Gabbie: "Ben"

Brielle: "Dirty Diana"

Question of the Day

Carly Borkowski

What is your Starbucks drink of choice?

"A venti caramel macchiato with extra caramel" - *Sophia Havard, Los Angeles*

"A chai latte" - *Caitlyn Mudgett, Boston*

"A caramel frappe" - *Maeve Waysman, Seattle*

"A strawberry acai refresher" - *Mickayla Kavanagh, Miami*



CARLY BORKOWSKI
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Red, White, Blue What Does Today Have In Store For You?

Bailey Brown &
Jocce Krebs
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Today, delegate, you will "Be All You Can Be", as Susie Learing said. The Waxing Gibbous is the moon phase upon us and it symbolizes many things for your Girls State journey. Your energy and drive are peaking, determination will bring opportunities to follow your desires and expand your knowledge. Your time and passion devoted this week will bring great success for you. The time and passion you put into this expedition will allow great advancement from within. Girls State will be a great opportunity for growth in the excelling mind.

The Waxing Gibbous not only means you will experience growth in understanding but also in relationships, the girl to your right is important in this journey, as you will support each other. The Waxing Gibbous is the moon phase of development and things coming into fruition. This week you'll come to understand that perfectionism is only a myth and the end goal is so much bigger. As a woman, hope is only the first step, with dedicated drive and consistent community, you will reach your version of a full moon just like the Waxing Gibbous is about to be.



Pun of the Day

GraceLynn Jongeling

What do you call the door to a meat counter?

A deli-gate!

Meet the Journalists



Carly Borkowski

Custer

Carly's favorite movie line is, "Can you ever just be, like, whelmed?"
- Ten Things I Hate About You



Marlee Bowers

Clark

One thing Marlee can't live without is her dogs.



Bailey Brown

Rapid City

If Bailey could be any animal, she would be an orca.



Peytynne Clevenger

Custer

Peytynne's favorite movie line is, "It's okay to fear the answer, but you can't avoid them." - A Wrinkle in Time



Hannah Cutshaw

Clear Lake

Hannah's celebrity crush is Tom Holland.



Claire Engel

Gregory

One thing Claire can't live without is church.



Allie Hoekman

Mellette

If Allie had a superpower, she would like to have the power of speed.



Tamara Imhof

Gregory

If Tamara had a superpower, she would like to have the ability to time travel.



Bethany Jespersen

Sioux Falls

If Bethany could be any type of animal she would be a flamingo.



GraceLynn Jongeling

Estelline

One thing GraceLynn can't live without is her headphones.



Jocce Kebs

Rapid City

If Jocce could be any animal, she would be a duck.



Gabrielle Raasch

Castlewood

Gabbie's celebrity crush is young Ralph Macchio.



Hope Starwalt

Scotland

One thing Hope can't live without is her sister Faith.



Olivia Hunhoff

Yankton

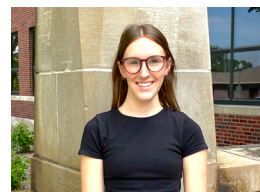
If Olivia could be an animal, she would be a house cat.



Jayda Tadlock

Beresford

Jayda's celebrity crush is Stephen Kalyn.



Dena Tarrell

Sioux Falls

Dena's favorite movie line is, "Hello, Katharine, make anyone cry today?"
- Ten Things I Hate About You



Brielle Tesch

Hayti

Brielle's favorite movie line is, "You can't lose something you never had"
- How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days



Ellie Boerhns

Sioux Falls

Ellie's celebrity crush is Ryan Gosling.

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Miami
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Baltimore
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Kenely Berning
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Philadelphia
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Los Angeles
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Castlewood
Detroit
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Mitchell
Boston
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Molly Harty
Philip
St. Louis
Nationalist



Rachel Brown
Emery
Detroit
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