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Boys State Provides Similar Opportunities

Sports, schools, can Legion, which includes jobs and maturity are competitions between boys and girls. Boys and girls compete constantly for whose the better sex. Boys State took place last week and left some girls comparing Boys State to Girls State.

Although both programs have the same purpose and goals, the two organizations are very different regarding schedule and recreation time.

Boys State is sponsored by the Ameri-

can Legion, which includes veterans who served during the following period: The American Legion Auxiliary also sponsors Girls State. The two organizations are separate but similar.

Boys State is a day longer than Girls State. This provides the boys more time to spare, so they are able to have a religious session on Sunday morning and play sports.

"The volunteers of Riley.

Missouri Girls State are already taking a full week off work," said Mrs. Natalie Riley, Girls State Director. She said, "Girls will not likely extend because the staff and delegates are away from home for a week."

Boys State has more scholarships and more attendees because Boys State has been more active in fund-raising according to

"The American Legion Auxiliary would need a stronger alumni base that would be willing to donate financially to allow for more scholarships and bring in additional speakers," said Riley.

The Boys State and Girls State are both an opportunity for young adults to learn about the government and meet new people. In the end, both Boys State and Girls provides chances to excel in their futures.

Boys State is more active in fundraising, according to Director Natalie Riley

2010 MGS Governor

When I first came here I had the typical teenage fear that I would be all alone when I ate and no one would like me and that I would be wishing I was home by the first night. As the week went on and I got to meet new people, I realized that this was one of the first times when I could hang out with people and get along with them. I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and supported me. I would like to keep unity amongst fel-



low Missouri Girls State. I would like to thank those Pershing Pirates for uplifting me and putting me back onto my feet when I felt like I was nothing. Your support was amazing and everyone else's support was amazing as well! All you girls are fantastic and we can do anything together. We are the future leaders of America.

Anitra Evans, 2010 Governor

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Women Behind the Scenes

by Haylee Rethman & Charlea Finley Benton City, Barton County

Behind every great production lies not only the actors & actresses you see on stage but also a great stage crew. Yesterday, two women who have spent their lives working in the “stage crew” of the political field inspired the citizens of Missouri Girls State. The two crew members: Tracy Preary and Stacy Newman, self-proclaimed “Stacy & Tracy Show.”

Tracy started off the “Stacy & Tracy Show” with a truly inspiring quote, “If you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman.” She continue to explain to us everything she was part of. For example, Tracy wrote speeches for Lori Holden (Bob Holden’s wife), worked behind the scenes for the city/state. She is currently Senator Bray’s “ears and eyes” to keep her in the loop. Tracy went into detail that everybody has

something to give and there are the “four P’s” to be more specific. She stated that professionalism, promptness, positivity and preparation are what we need to succeed in any life style we desire.



Four P's. Mrs. Preary and Mrs. Newman are two women who work behind the scenes for politics. They came here to tell the girls they ALL can make a difference even if there behind the scenes.

Mrs. Preary also talked to us about volunteering and its importance. She stated this quote, “Its not fair to ask of others what you’re not willing to do yourself” by Elanor Roosevelt.

Stacy Newman took the floor

and told us just a few of the things she’s done. Mrs. Newman has been an executive director, wife, mother, teacher, voter and former candidate, to name a few. To her, the key to success in any career is finding something you are passionate about. Hers is focusing on increasing the number of women in political office. But whatever path you choose, find something you care about.

Stacy and Tracy both proceeded to tell us that we can ALL make a difference and told us how. They told us to take into going to law school, to be a leader, volunteer, use your power, dress professionally keep a clean background, and believe in what you do not what it is. “Behind the scenes is really where some of the actual power is.” Behind the scenes get things done and takes care of the business.

Culture within a Culture

by Brittany Stanley & Delaney Ross; Coontz City, Dewitt County

When most girls think “Missouri Girls State,” they automatically assume each delegate, and staff member is a “Missourian.” However, in many cases 2009 delegates aren’t born in Missouri, and there are even a few among us who currently don’t live in Missouri at all!

From Perry, Oklahoma, Joanne Snodgrass is an American Legion member who served as a past department director and who was also a Missouri Girls State director for five years. She’s lived in Texas in addition to Oklahoma and Missouri- what brought her to the show me state? Her husband, an Air Force 1st Lt. led her to Missouri, they’ve been married 54 years.

Jenna Wong- an MGS citizen of Coontz City, is also not Missouri born. She moved to Missouri from Fort Riley, Kansas and although she’s spent her life in the states, her family history isn’t all stars and stripes. During WWII Wong’s grandfather fled from the Japanese invasion of China. After seeking refuge in the jungle, he and a friend were able to escape to the U.S. To this day, Jenna’s family celebrates the Chinese new year.

Smith City assistant counselor Kathleen Blatt was born in Huntington, West Virginia and now lives in Proctorville, Ohio. She made her journey to MGS 09 with good friend and Coontz County

Asst. counselor Stephanie Barnes. Blass is of German and Hungarian descent. Her “claim to fame” comes from a distant relative who, during the crusades drove the carriage for Ulad the Impaler (also known as Count Dracula!)

Of South Korean heritage, Soo Yang from Linn City, is a 2009 MGStater. When she was young, Soo’s parents, business owners in South Korea, decided to move to the United States because, they “wanted to start fresh.” Living in America, the Yangs are duelly involved in their community as well as in the South Korean culture.

Election Results, Girls Nation, Outstanding Political Citizen & Highway Patrol Superintendent Announced

State Officers *Girls Nation Senators*

Governor: Anitra Evans (N)

Lt. Governor: Katie Martin (N)

Secretary of State: Kathleen Barbosa (N)

State Treasurer: Leandra Patochek (N)

Attorney General: Lauren Bragg (N)

State Auditor: Lori Schlatter (N)

Supreme Court: Leanne Mathew (F) Michael Applegate (F) Kathryn Johnson (F) Brittney Barrick (N) Nola Johnson (N) Sierra Kensinger (N) and Kara White (N)

Marilyn Wang & Elizabeth You

Alternates: Leandra Patochek & Molly Shumaker

Highway Patrol Superintendent

Meredith Brick

Outstanding Political Citizen

Sara Ramsey

SAMSUNG Scholarship

Jennifer Brown

A Mother & Daughter Alumni Dinner

by Lydia Buck; Anthony City, Barton County

At last night's picnic, special guests from previous Missouri Girls State session shared an alumni dinner with the 2009 Missouri Girls State.

The alumni dinner invited anyone who had previously been apart of any past Missouri Girls State session that had registered.

Miss Kathy of Benton City, an alumni Girl Stater of 2003 was able to eat dinner last night with her mother, Mrs. Dayla Schwartz, who was an Alumni of the MGS session in 1976. Hugging her daughter, Schwartz admitted to coming because of her daughter.

When asked how Girls State had changed over the years, Schwartz said, "It's a perspective of real life." She also went on to talk about how having the access to receiving college credit while attending and the level of activity was fantastic.

"I'm dismayed about the lack of civic knowledge," said Schwartz, "I think MGS is such an important program that teaches girls about what our government is."



Alumni. Over 40 alumni guests attended the Missouri Girls State Alumni dinner last night during the picnic and state fair. Some alumni even joined everyone at last night's talent show. After Saturday, all MGS delegates will be eligible to register to be an Missouri Girls State Alumni. *photo by Karly Jones*

A Night To Shine

Talent Show Participants

True Men, Truman State University - 4 Mics
 Taylor Spiers & Jennifer McCoy - Dance
 Olivia Jones - Singing
 Taylor Renfroe - Piano
 Madison Burke - Dance
 Justine Acton - Colorgurad Routine
 Mary Roach - Piano
 Marissa Steimel - Monologue
 Aura Smith - 2 stand mics, voice & guitar
 Elysa Delaney - Girls State Rap
 Alexandria Holder - Singing
 Abbey Ray - Singing & piano
 Hope Waters - Dancing
 Lynnae Wilkins - Singing & playing piano
 Kara Rowden - Singing
 Kathryn Schanzmeyer- Piano
 Angela Seley - Singing
 Madeline Hawes - Flashdance
 Megan Wamser - Singing
 Jenn Wesley - Singing
 Tess Stephens - Fiddling



Magic. The talent show started off with seven boys from the True Men that performed a few songs for Missouri Girl Staters. Many girls had a ton of courage to get on that stage and perform in front of all the girls last night but their talents shined through. *photos by Karly Jones*



Delegate Memories in the Spotlight

by Dana Lange; Smith City, Scott County

Sarah Kitchen



Crowder City, Dewitt County
What was your best memory here at MGS?

“The True-Man!”

What’s one thing you are going to take away from MGS?

“Thinking more about my long-term goals”

What’s the first thing you will do when you home?

“Un-pack and do my laundry, I love the smell of clean clothes”



Pershing City, Scott County

Tally Bren Lenger

What was your best memory here at MGS?

“The boys from Truman”

What’s one thing you are going to take away from MGS?

“All of the people I met!”

What’s the first thing you will do when you home?

“Sleep!”

Adreon City, Johnson County



Abigail Gibson

What was your best memory here at MGS?

“The boys at the talent show!”

What’s one thing you are going to take away from MGS?

“A lot of new friends and a lot a lot of information about government”

What’s the first thing you will do when you home?

“Go find my Grandpa!”



What was your best memory here at MGS?

“Meeting new people, making friends, and doing yoga.”

What’s one thing you are going to take away from MGS?

“Even when you fail, get up and try again”

What’s the first thing you will do when you home?

“Sleep in my own bed.”

Catelyn Chism

Smith City, Scott County

Six Words For A Lifetime

by Kayleigh Ellison and Lilly Johnson; Crowder City, Dewitt County

In the communications and media class on Wednesday, guest speaker Mary Kay Blakely challenged delegates to summarize their life into six words. After class, when asked to write her own six word autobiography, Mrs. Blakely confessed she did not have one at the time and

would e-mail a response later. She emailed two responses actually and they were: “Still alive when remarkable family forgave me,” and “Tombstone inscription: She laughed a lot.” She also added that she “thoroughly enjoyed the remarkable young women she met.”

A few of these remarkable women also had responses to her challenge: “You can do anything you dream,” - Anitra Evans
“Always look forward, never look back,” - Kayliegh Ellison

So Long, Girls State Missouri Girls State

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This was a very good experience for me. I really enjoyed being here this year and seeing everyone go through this experience. I really enjoyed my experience last year and there's no other experience in my life that I remember more than Girls State. Being elected as Governor was an unforgettable experience and I've never had an experienced that made me feel so honored. Being back this year and watching these girls go through the same thing as me is a great experience. I feel so honored for being able to meet some of you and hopefully inspiring you to be the best you can be. Remember in your life to laugh and enjoy the situations you are in.

Katie Brewer



photo by Karley Jones



Wow, where did the week go? I finally get my suitcase unpacked, and it's time to go home. As they say, time flies when you're having fun & we had some fun. We have kept you busy here at Missouri Girls State but, I hope that you have had time to stop and smell the roses too. Hopefully, you have gotten to experience one of those "Aha" moments that Oprah talks about. One of those special moments that takes your breath away. For the rest of my life when I hear the National anthem, I will remember how sweet the sound of 766 girls voices can be. I want to thank the outstanding group of young reporters that shared our pages this year. May you all find great fulfillment in what you have accomplished at MGS. Thanks to my special "Amber Alert's." Thank you, thank you. You will never know how much I appreciate all your hard work. We come together to make a better world, even if it is only for a short period of time. We will take away memories of smiles, hug and laughter that will sustain us till we meet again.

Friday Ramsey, Publisher

Saturday's Menu

-Breakfast: Cold Cereal, Assorted Pastries, Bagels, English Muffins, Assorted Juice & Whole and Cut Fruit

Weather in Warrensburg

Saturday, June 27



Isolated Thunderstorms

High: 96° F

Low: 69° F

Remember to stay HYDRATED

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