



WELCOME TO SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE 2018

Being selected as a delegate to attend the 2018 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a great honor. Congratulations! As President of the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary, I want to welcome you to enjoy a week of learning about our government and how it works in City, County and State situations. The Auxiliary's organization is the World's Largest Women's Patriotic Organization.

This year is the 72nd annual ALA South Dakota Girls State.

During your week, you will have the opportunity to be part of a democracy and government exercise. You will gain experience and knowledge that will help you in your government class of your senior year and throughout the rest of your life. You will have the opportunity to run for all the offices needed to run a City, County or State. If you do not succeed in your first try, run for a second office. Many of the girls have used what they learned this week at ALA Girls State to go on to be leaders in their communities, teachers, senators, lawyers, doctors or governors.

My theme for this year is "Thanks to our Veterans, Freedom Rings in South Dakota". You will make lasting friendships with girls from across the state. Enjoy your week here. I look forward to visiting with many of you throughout the week. Congratulations again on being a delegate to ALA Girls State.

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