



Dear 2018 SD ALA Girls State Citizens,

Congratulations on beginning your journey towards becoming a 2018 South Dakota ALA Girls State delegate! Your strong sense of character and curiosity has presented you with an opportunity of a lifetime. During SD ALA Girls State you will have the chance to grow alongside phenomenal women in a positive, relaxed environment. As you learn more about state and local government, the responsibilities you have as an American, and how to be an effective leader, you will be inspired by the perspectives your fellow delegates illuminate.

In order to absorb all that SD ALA Girls State has to offer and increase your impact as a leader, seek unique experiences that inspire growth. From my experience, the delegates who are authentic and approachable make the most meaningful connections. Be receptive to other's point of view and take the time to share your own story. This is a great platform to share unique aspects of your own community. Although you may be nervous, be mindful that this is a new experience for other delegates as well. You are not alone! I encourage you to walk into the week with grace and enthusiasm. I am excited to share an enlightening week with you!

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2017 SD ALA Girls State Governor