

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Summer 2017

Dear American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Citizen,

Congratulations on your selection to attend 2017 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. Attending ALA Girls State is an opportunity afforded you because of your accomplishments at school and in your community. ALA Girls State presents, not only a learning experience, but a chance to meet other students with the same high expectations for their future. The American Legion Auxiliary unit that sponsored you has the greatest confidence in your ability to excel at ALA Girls State.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is a fast-paced immersion into experiencing government; city, county and state. Your participation, in every aspect this program offers, is imperative for you to meet the highest expectations for yourself. Others who have gone before you and excelled in life include a Secretary of Homeland Security, governors, a Wing Commander for the U. S. Air Force, an NBC broadcast journalist, lawyers and even Miss America. Since this is a once in a lifetime opportunity, I encourage you to embrace this experience to learn and grow.

As the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, the American Legion Auxiliary is an organization based on the military service of our family members. America's veterans, and those serving currently in the military, are our true American heroes; the sacrifices they and their families have given continue to allow us to live free. Your week at ALA Girls State will change the course of your life; it has the possibility to open doors for scholarships, entrance into military academies and colleges across the country. Make the most of your week and embrace all opportunities, and you will leave with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Congratulations, citizen of ALA Girls State. Have a wonderful week and remember to take pride in our country and its form of government and, most importantly, in yourself.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary E. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary E. Davis

National President

American Legion Auxiliary

*In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country*