

# A NEW DAWN, A NEW DAY: AN EXCITING START TO GIRLS' STATE

GREIMAN CITY

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SHIPPENSBURG-- This afternoon, enthusiastic American Legion members welcomed new citizens to the 2018 Girls' State program at Shippensburg University. Red, white, and blue garland adorned the walls as eager young women filled the halls, nervous but excited to begin a week of learning.

Despite initial doubts, strong mentorship, fun icebreakers, and a group dinner allowed the girls to quickly make new friends.

"I was really nervous before coming here," delegate Alina Arechiga admitted. "But at the end of the day, I already felt like I knew the other girls in my city".

Later, nighttime city elections offered the citizens an opportunity to learn more about each other. Through candidate speeches, the girls practiced their own presentation abilities and discovered shared areas of interest. Many citizens bonded over similar extracurricular activities, such as Mock Trial, Model United Nations, and Student Council, but also more individual experiences, like travelling abroad and living as a military child.

Armed with impressive backgrounds in leadership, writing utensils, and an open mind, the citizens arrived ready to tackle challenges.

# AN EVIL CLONE IS AMONG US

KELLY CITY

RYLEE ARENSEN

A shocking discovery has just been made at the Shippensburg University research center. A secret science experiment was being conducted by professors and students during the school year and it has escaped just as the Keystone Girls State was put in effect on June 17th, 2018. The experiment was said to be a female human clone that favors corrupt government, and is now acting as a girls state participant. No hints have been made as to who the clone is but beware citizens! There is an evil clone

among us, and they want to destroy the civil government system that allows us to live productive lives. If you have any hints as to who this evil clone may be contact your city's state troopers.

# A SHORT HISTORY OF SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

ROSS CITY

FAITH SWARNER

Shippensburg University was originally founded under the name Cumberland County Normal School in the year 1871. It took two years for the school to be officially recognized as a university, and the first class started later that year on April 15th with many new bright minds to start the school off right. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania bought the University in 1917 after seeing the great potential the school had for all of their state. Many years after the schools establishment, the state governor passed Senate Bill 506, that made Shippensburg University as state school, and came into effect in 1983. The college only grew from there and now offers 100 undergraduate courses for everyone, as well as different sports and clubs for student to join as well!

# BREAKING

KELLY CITY

ELIZABETH MACERI

World renowned neurosurgeon, Derek Shepherd, from Grey-Sloan Memorial Hospital located in Seattle, Washington has recently discussed the intriguing Kelly City during a news interview. The current chief of surgery in one of the nation's best medical institutions mentioned his "ferry-boat" scrub cap when asked what his good-luck charms during surgery are. "First and foremost, my wife, Meredith Grey, and daughter, Zola, remind me why I do what seems to be the impossible every day. However, beyond the lives that have touched me, my surgical ferry-boat cap has proved to bring me success time and time again. Honestly, I spent the majority of my life fearing the water, unwilling to swim in or travel on it. My entire disposition changed when I was asked to come to Kelly City, located in Pennsylvania, to aid a potential brain cancer patient. Unexpectedly, the young girl became in dire need of immediate medical attention, and the most efficient way for me to arrive at the hospital was by crossing the Delaware River via a ferry-boat. In the midst of crossing, I realized how alive I felt. I was fascinated by the vehicles beautiful motion as it cut the current, and it introduced an immense feeling of inspiration I had never quite felt before. Not only that, the day concluded with me extracting a malignant tumor from my patient and saving her life. Ever since that day, I have ridden my local ferry-boat to Grey-Sloan and currently wear a scrub cap decorated with them during surgery. Ferry-boats are a symbol of luck, of overcoming fears, and are my daily reminder as to why *it is always a beautiful day to save lives*. I truly believe I have Kelly City and its hopeful, trusting people to thank for my exceptional success in medicine."



# CITY ELECTIONS FLY BY

SEIFERT CITY

KAYLA GAUGHAN

City elections flew by, many elections were unanimous. While some had many candidates, others had only one. Each candidate was allotted 20 seconds to give a brief speech as to why they were the right choice. While many candidates made good points in this time, for others this short time slot posed a challenge.

Seifert resident Skylar Bauer said “For the most part voting in the city was easy, but some of the major roles had multiple candidates which required several, separate elections.”

Megan, another Seifert resident said, “The election process was fair, and all those who were elected were seasoned in their given positions.” Overall, residents seemed satisfied with their positions, and many are looking forward to run for advancing positions in the coming days. After some trouble with voter registration, elections were able to take place. After this minor setback, elections were able to take place, and continued on smoothly. While this first round of elections did not involve intense campaigning, many citizens are looking forward to the challenges that are yet to come.

# FIRST DAY IN ACTION!

ROSS CITY

DELORA BLOOM, NEWSPAPER REPORTER.

Today marked the first day of Keystone Girls State. Many events went on and Ross City was on top of their game. Ross City’s citizens decided to do the nitty gritty jobs first, such as coming up with plans to solve the city’s problems. The first official city plan was written up after a very nice introduction to all the girls. There were ice breakers and all of the girls became fast friends with everyone.

There are nineteen citizens occupying Ross City. All citizens have contributed to the city in one way or another when it comes to ideas and creativity. Congratulations are in order for those who were appointed and/or elected as city officials. Congrats go

out to Jane Fiore who was elected as the prestigious Mayor of Ross City, Samantha Schulteis who was appointed City Manager by the mayor, and Lauren Hoge who was appointed Custodian of Records by the mayor. Other elected officials are: Jenna Thomas and Abigail Peichel as our two Councilwomen, Emma Woerle as our Director of Homeland Security, Jessica Stepp and McKena Foor as Ross City's two Keystone State Troopers, Kiya Jenkins as the President of Commerce, Alexandra Gilchrist as City Business Manager, Faith Swarner as Health Commissioner, Chloe Hysore as City Prosecutor, Saige Stevens as City Public Defender, Aubree Narus as Public Relations Director, and Carli Little as City Magistrate.

Overall the day was successful for Ross City as all the strong young women of the city came together and elected those who seem to be the right fit for the job. Voting is an important part of the city infrastructure which is why this was such a big event. As a citizen of Ross City, I can see that the next week will be productive with all the ladies within my city.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF SUNDAY

ROSS CITY

AUBREE NARUS, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Sunday was the first day of Keystone Girls State held at Shippensburg University. Numerous young girls arrived, eager for the upcoming week and events to follow. Upon arrival, we were directed to our floor and became citizens of Ross City, named after Ree Ann Ross (Department President 2008- 2009). I, like most girls, was extremely nervous and overwhelmed with the concept of KGS, but after I became settled in and introduced with my counselors and peers, I became relieved and at peace. We decorated name badges together, participated in ice breakers, and all laughed together like old friends would. From my observation, all the Ross City citizens are intelligent, caring, and genuine young women. They are all overachieving and I can tell that this week will be filled with productivity and fun. The girls split into groups to discuss issues that were presented in the Ross City history and examined them in great detail. Dinner with the first cheer of the week by Ross, the Flag Lowering, and Welcome Ceremony followed after. Ross City's day concluded with another city meeting that consisted of the creation of a flag and song, establishment of ordinances, and writing of the city newspaper. Today was a successful introductory

day where the citizens of Ross City quickly became sisters with one another. Keystone Girls State should be alert for the girls of Ross City and exemplary work to follow.

## FROM DRILL TO BILL

MCKAY CITY

KENDALL WHITE

Twenty Four Hours Ago, I was saluting Drill Sergeants and making sure my Platoon was in proper formation before dismissal. Today I was greeted with cookies and warm friendly smiles welcoming me to a fun and active week. What a difference a day makes.

Last week I was a Junior Counselor for the American Legion, National Guard, State Police Youth week that is held each year at York College. It is a camp that teaches leadership through discipline. While grueling PT-Physical Training, and adhering to commands and orders build character and grit, some people are not able to see past those challenges to get to the core of the lesson. I work well with structure and tend to do well in militant environments. I also understand the role of leadership and respect in that world.

Today I arrived at Shippensburg University for a different style of leadership camp. The Keystone Girls State Camp. The Girls State group of leaders have us building a working community and showing us that each leader's role is important in making the city work. The job of a District Attorney, within the city, is just as important as the job of the Council Woman. They are both in service to their community. I serve my own hometown as a Junior Borough Council Woman and am learning a lot by working with our Mayor and Elected Borough Council Members.

Both Leadership Camps focus on Leaders as Servers of their community and country. I admire that because I was always taught that in order to lead, you have to serve. When a leader comes to a project table, they are looking to improve on a situation and they are looking to involve others who share the same end goal. They build relationships with people, listen to ideas, sometimes give solutions, but more importantly help guide them to find the right answer on their own.

The two camps may have a different approach, but both have proven success and I am honored that I had been selected for both of them.

# GIRLS STATE FUMBLE

SEIFERT CITY

EMILY TASKER

A few girls within Seifert had plenty of trouble arriving on campus today. Both the trip to Shippensburg and finding Naugle Hall left certain Keystone Girls State attendees confused. A lack of proper signage and maps of only parts of the campus directed some drivers into a tailspin.

“I had to pull over at a gas station and ask a state trooper for directions,” said Seifert councilwoman Megan Teagarden.

Some students had even thought that registration was being held on Monday, causing plans to change so they could rush to the university on time. But even with the inconveniences, the citizens arrived with enough enthusiasm to spare.

# SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS

GREIMAN CITY

JADA LANDIS

SHIPPENSBURG-- As the first day of Keystone Girls State closes, new citizens settle in, reflect on the day’s experiences, and look ahead. The week will be filled with great learning, friendships, and most importantly, food.

The first dinner at Keystone Girls State was full of delicious options. There was a great selection for everyone including vegetarian egg rolls, chicken legs, hamburgers, hot dogs and fries. The new citizens sat together by city. Greiman citizens enthusiastically defended their new home as chants erupted between competing tables.

The dessert was great. Alongside all of the main course options, the buffet offered choices of soft serve and scoopable ice cream of many flavors. One citizen, Jacqueline Johnson, opined that “the ice cream was the best part”.

Overall, dinner was a great experience and all of us at Greiman City are looking forward to the meals still to come.

# THE FIRST DAY

MCKAY CITY

SAMANTHA PHILLIPS

Today as the first day here at Shippensburg, everyone is seeing new faces and meeting new people. Before coming here, I was a nervous wreck, but I guess that was for nothing, talking to people I think I'd never talk to and soon, keeping them as good friends even after this camp. Everyone around sharing why they wanted to join this program; meet new people, getting involved, something that was recommended, using this as an opportunity to get a headstart on their future careers in this field, and so many more reasons. Part of the McKay City, my group is pretty amazing, having crafty ideas, good speeches during the elections, and making jokes, and it's only the first day. Surely, every city is like that and hope everyone here will make great memories through many activities that will be presented to us throughout this week.

The welcoming ceremony was impressive, to me anyway. I participated in all the chants and cheers, singing the anthem, and heard inspirational thoughts. Especially hearing Sophia Wang's speech was something that kind of stuck in my mind. Speaking of the Military Child Table, I heard about the days military children won't see their parents as they serve their duty. The picture that sits on the table, serves as a daily reminder as a memory to keep their parents close to their heart. But that speech didn't just make me think of just the parents, but of my own family who served or who currently is serving. So I want to give her a thank you for that speech and hopefully, it inspired others.

As of the end of the day, voted to be a newspaper reporter, I'm looking forward to write each day of what I witness and of everyone's experience.



# WELCOME TO KGS

STRINE CITY

SAM PETZOLD

Today between 11am-1pm, all of the 2018 Keystone Girls State Citizens arrived and checked in with the helpful women of the American Legion Auxiliary. After bringing in all of their items they would need for the eventful week, they said goodbye and thanked the guardians who brought them. After check in, the girls unpacked and met their new roommate for the week.

In Strine City, the girls sat in the decorated and comfy lounge and did some great ice breaker games to get to know their fellow city members. They laughed, talked and ate some Reese Peanut Butter Cups (except for Aditi...). Sarah Young says the ice breaker games went really well. "People really tired to make an effort, even the people who don't like the games. The counselors really made an effort to try and get the girls feel more welcome and they definitely created an awesome environment." After warming up to each other, they started to work on their city song and flag and once they were satisfied with their work, got ready to go for dinner.

At dinner time, they girls were led to the busy cafeteria and decided what to have for dinner between the many choices of food. Strine City had their own table and had a great time talking and eating with their City. The senior counselor, Grace Shevchenko, even gave them some inside details about the ice cream (that you have to get there before the boys get a chance). Thanks to Grace, the Strine City members enjoyed the delicious ice cream provided for us.

After dinner, the City was led to the Flag Lowering Ceremony and respectfully watched the former Keystone Girls State citizens lower the flag, fold it, and hand it to the women of the American Legion Auxiliary. After the lowering of the flag, the citizens walked to the Memorial Auditorium and was introduced to the custom chants. The citizens had a blast learning them and after the energetic counselors taught the chants, they handed the stage over to the chairmen of the American Legion Auxiliary who talked to the citizens about being here and enjoying themselves. The citizens learned about the Thank-Yous they are going to write to their sponsors and to Veterans Table, which is put on display to remind us about the sacrifices that are made everyday by people who are fighting for the country. All in all, the opening ceremony was informational and inspirational.

After the opening ceremony, the girls went back to their City lounge and held elections. The girls campaigned and voted for the people who they think would hold

the best positions. Once the girls were satisfied with the results, they worked hard to complete all the needed tasks before lights out.

It was a long first day for the girls at Keystone Girls State, but they had a great time meeting new people and learning how this exciting week will go.