



2009 Girls' Day at the State House

Participant comments

"I think Girls' Day is a tremendous experience that we are lucky to have experienced. It provides Maine girls with the confidence and knowledge needed to empower ourselves to become a predominant part in improving our state, and our country." Johanna, Poland

"This was an amazing experience, and it was a great trip. If I had another opportunity, I would do this again!" Emily, Mechanic Falls

"It was so much fun, I learned a lot, I want to be a Representative when I grow up." Katie, Fairfield

"You should offer it to girls in 9-12 next year – I would love to come back." Katie, Hermon

"It was really fun!! Good job!" Brittany, Charleston

"I think this day was very valuable to me to learn about government and politics." anonymous

"I had a great day and learned that I can really step up and go after my dreams. I would love it if I could come back next year." Reneigh, Wales

"Today was super fun! I would do it again. This got me more interested in politics/making a difference." Eileen, Kittery Point

"Girls' Day was a great opportunity for me to learn about my government, and I enjoyed every minute." Kaitlyn, Skowhegan/Farmington

"This was a good experience to get to know what goes on inside the State House. It helped by getting a hands-on perspective." Jessica, Hermon

"I think that a lot of girls should do this... It isn't all about having to know big words and everything about government." Olivia, Newport

"I think it was a great opportunity to get a chance to meet Governor John Baldacci. I really enjoyed it – to meet all these important people – and hope this tradition continues." Bryanna, Wales

I learned...

"Today I learned women hold important places in the legislature, and I can do it too." Paige, Poland

"... a lot about the government and how women didn't used to be a part of it. But now, many inspirational women *are* a part of it." Emily, Mechanic Falls

"... that I can be a Representative when I grow up, and anyone can." Katie, Fairfield

"... about a woman's role in the government. They actually do a lot more than I thought." Katie, Hermon

"Today I have learned that the vast range of leadership positions in the state of Maine are held somewhat by women, but women could definitely play a larger role – more women should run!" Johanna, Poland

"Women are equal to men and should be treated that way..." anonymous

"... that women can do anything they want. That legislators are fighting for girls' rights." Abby, Portland

"... that anyone, even women, can run for office. I also learned the process of how some things are run in the State House." Brittany, Charleston

"... that you can be what you want to be in life." Jessica, Milo/Brownville

"... about the role of women in government and how to get a start in politics." anonymous

"... a lot about public hearings. I also learned about different women who made a difference. I learned that I can make a difference as a woman." Reneigh, Wales

"... a lot about how the state government is run... This was a really fun experience." Lydia, Matinicus Island

"... that there are many steps involved in writing/passing laws. They are totally picked apart." Eileen, Kittery Point

"I really enjoyed this and would definitely do it again. I learned that women have rights just as well as men do." Bryanna, Wales

"... it's hard work, but it's worth it. You do so much for others." Liza, Northeast Harbor

"Today I learned how to debate, I learned how they turn a bill into a law, and I learned that being equal is being fair." Kellie, Swanville

"... what takes place at a mock public hearing. I also learned to believe in myself, and I can do anything if I try." Jessica, Hermon

"I learned how much women can make a difference in politics. I also learned that it will take some courage and believing it's possible." Sarah, Westbrook