



2010 Girls' Day at the State House

I learned...

"...so much I don't know where to begin! Although, overall, I learned that I (yes me) and anyone else can do anything! Follow your dreams and believe in yourself." Maggie, Bar Harbor

"...women, too, can make a difference. Even if you're shy, you can be a leader." Amber, Biddeford

"...maybe some day, I (might, might) want to be a Senator for Maine. It could be fun." Chantal, Cyr Plantation

"...girls can do anything they want to." Courtney, St. Albans

"...no matter who you are, you can run for office. I also learned how public hearings and press conferences work." Miranda, Farmington

"...anyone can be in office, no matter their gender. Women have more power than people think." Brionna, Brooklin

"...I can be anything I want to be." Elaine, Sangerville/Guilford

"...it is important to try new things and to speak your mind about political things that affect you." Chloe, Kennebunk

"...there were a lot of women in the State House that didn't start out knowing what they wanted. Most of the time it was fate that lead them to where they are now, and they're happy." anonymous

"...girls can be anything they want." Alyssa, Acton

"...more girls should be involved in politics, and I learned more about the House and the Senate." Kayla, Hamlin

"...women can be really powerful." Cassidy, Fairfield

"...girls can run for anything." Summer, Linneus

"...it takes a lot of people, debating, and researching to pass a bill." Amanda, Machiasport

"...women can make a difference." Shevelle, York

"...women are really powerful." Jade, Fairfield

"...the importance of women in government." Haley, Woolwich

"...I can do anything I set my mind to." Dorathy, Orrington

"...women have come a long way." Eimile, York

"...about how to pass a law and other awesome stuff!" Shannon, Portland

I learned...

“...a lot about press conferences and hearings. I learned about some of the women that work here. I learned that you can do anything you want if you work hard.” Hanna, Industry

“...if I try, I will become successful!” Gabriella, Bangor

“...much about how to get into office, how it works, a bit of history, and current events.” Anna, Madawaska

“...no matter who you are, you can do whatever you want.” Cassandra, Jefferson

“...women can become Senators and legislators and anything they want.” Ero, Portland

“...about how women can have a voice in government.” McKenzie, Sidney

“...more Maine women should run for office.” Erica, Orrington

“...women can do anything.” Bekah, Appleton

“...even girls have a choice in decisions that are made.” Mikayla, Orient

“...girls and women can really do anything they set their minds to.” Jamie, Old Orchard Beach

“...girls can make a difference in politics.” Caitlin, Poland

“...be who you are, and you will blossom with finesse.” Sadiee, Wales

Participant comments

“The day was exciting, fun and educational! Learning about our government, (etc.) I hope will help me introduce others to the way our state is run. This was an awesome experience, and I hope to do something like this again.”

Maggie, Bar Harbor

“I think that this is a great idea and hope you continue to do it.” Carolyn, Cherryfield

“This was really fun and educational!” Emma, Eastport

“The State House ROCKS!!! I love the State House.” Summer, Linneus

“It was a fun day to learn about politics in a way that made me interested in it, and before, I thought it was boring.”

Rebecca, Poland

“It was a great time. I had fun with my group and have made a lot of friends. I wish every girl could get the chance to do this. It was AWESOME.” Elaine, Sangerville/Guilford

“I think that you should keep doing this no matter what.” Sadiee, Wales

“I think this day was really cool and fun.” Chloe, Kennebunk

“Awesome! I wish I could do this every year!” Shannon, Portland

“This was a great experience for me. It really helped me understand how the government works by actually being a part of it and not just reading about it in a book.” Miranda, Farmington