



Girls Nation


For Elk Point-Jefferson senior Meghan Schenk, one of the highlights of her final year of high school took place before the summer was even over. Schenk was chosen to represent the State of South Dakota at the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation held in Chevy Chase, Maryland (near Washington, D.C.) this past July.

"I was ecstatic and so very surprised to be selected," Schenk said. "This year, the only state that didn't have a representative was Hawaii. It

was just such an amazing experience, from the mock trials to getting to take a picture with President Obama and all the field trips. It was very fun."

Schenk said that participants are known as "senators" and are selected from the 49 Girls State sessions held across the country.

At the state level, the focus is on responsible citizenship and the study of local, county and state government processes. Two outstanding



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