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2021 Reservations – Due October 1st

Hello Fellow Suffragettes!

Thank you to President Kathie for inviting me to continue to serve as Department Girls State Chairperson. ALA CA Girls State 2020 was a “year like no other” and this year will be interesting as well.

Of the 514 schools originally registered for the 2020 session, 507 delegates (99%) participated in the first-ever virtual Town Hall. The three delegates who did not have access to technology were mailed materials.

- All 504 delegates with access to technology joined their Google Classroom.
- 483 (96%) reported that they viewed the Town Hall webinar.
- 468 (93%) attended their City Meet and Greet.
- 497 (98%) submitted information about service projects they completed in their community.
- 499 (99%) submitted the exit survey.
 - 295 (59%) did **NOT** know about the ALA prior to being selected as a delegate.
 - 429 (86%) are interested in continued involvement with ALA CA Girls State.

It is truly remarkable what Chief Counselor Kimberly MacKinney and her staff accomplished in so little time. A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers that made the Town Hall a success! Though we hope to be able to return safely to an in-person session in 2021, we now have a foundation on which to build if we need a virtual session.

Reservations for the 2021 session will open September 1.

- **The preferred method of submission is via Google Form** at <https://forms.gle/3PhMxT2ZFnn8JMxPA>. By using this method, you will familiarize yourself with the process the selected candidates will use to complete their online application.
- The second-best method is to submit the 2021 ALA CA Girls State Reservation Excel Form.
- Finally, a PDF fillable form can be used.

The Google Form greatly facilitates the tedious process of tracking the 600 reservations in contrast to the submitted PDF forms which require re-entering information.

Please refer to the Suggested Calendar for Unit Girls State Chairpersons for a 2020-21 timeline.

The Girls State Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 23-25. At that time, we will finalize the dates and location of the 2021 session, review our code, evaluate our budget, and discuss processes and procedures. We may not know until May 2021 whether we can safely hold an in-person session. Though we did not collect fees for the 2020 Town Hall, if we need to hold a virtual session in 2021, there will likely be some fee to cover expenses. We will determine fees for both a virtual and an in-person session at our Committee Meeting.

- Please decide how you can safely raise funds during the pandemic to sponsor your delegate(s).
- Please also determine now how you will safely interview candidates for the 2021 session.
 - Consider using Google Meet or Zoom.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way!

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