



ALA GIRLS NATION: A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS



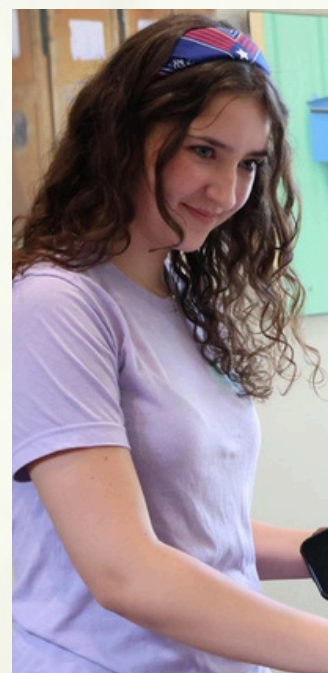
DAY ONE: JULY, 18 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Arrivals
- Orientation
- Opening Convocation





ARRIVALS & ORIENTATION!





OPENING CONVOCATION



High school students from across the country have arrived at the ALA Girls Nation 2026 session! The day was filled with participants connecting with one another and taking their first steps in the ALA Girls Nation journey. After settling in, they attended the opening convocation and took the Senate Oath, making them official ALAGN senators!



Convocation was filled with fun and educational topics to prepare for the week ahead. A meaningful moment shared with the 2026 participants was the annual poppy ceremony, where senators learned the significance of the poppy and helped create a poppy wreath. This wreath will be laid upon the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery by four senators.

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THE START OF A JOURNEY



**102
PARTICIPANTS**

**30
VOLUNTEERS**

**5
NHQ STAFFERS**

THE MAJORITY PARTY IS....





HEAR FROM THE SENATORS



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I'm just really excited, especially considering my time at ALA Girls State. I had such a good time. So, I'm so excited to have the opportunity to meet with a ton of different girls from different states.

— AARSHA, MICHIGAN

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I'm excited to see everyone's passion. It is so fun to see girls get, not heated, but very excited and just so passionate about what they love and what they find really important to those around them. It's also really cool to see that everyone cares about someone else. These laws aren't for ourselves; they're for our communities, for those we love and care about. So, it'll just be incredible to watch these girls get on the floor of the Senate and just go towards something they really love.

— MADELEINE, VIRGINIA