

## GHS senior headed to Girls Nation in D.C.

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The summer before your senior year can be an emotional, exciting and anxious time.

Some kids are having senior pictures taken or are away at camps. Many teenagers are staying up late, gathering around bonfires with friends or spending time at the lake in the last free weeks of summer.

However, one Gothenburg senior will experience her last high school summer differently.

July 20 through July 27, Carlin Daharsh will travel to Washington, D.C., for American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation.

About 400 girls competed for the two positions at Girls State in Lincoln, June 1-7. She was elected secretary of state by her peers.

Before the election, Daharsh campaigned the eight floors of Abel Hall on the campus of University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

“Each of the floors represented a town, and the next four represented counties,” Daharsh said. “All together, the dorm we stayed in represented a state.”

To be eligible for Girls Nation, she ran for senate. Daharsh was on stage with 50 other girls and received enough votes to qualify in the top eight, she said.

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The top eight individuals were interviewed again about current events and government policies before selection.

While in Washington D.C, Daharsh and another girl from Nebraska will be among 96 other girls from across the country participating in mock senate sessions ranging from personal to political issues.

Much like at Girls State, campaigning for elected offices at Girls Nation is part of the experience.

Daharsh will campaign for secretary of state.

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