As part of the Take Your Daughter to the Capitol Day initiative, we have compiled fun and interactive activities intended to increase the exposure of young girls and boys to opportunities of leadership and public service. Specifically, we hope that your children will learn about the legislative process, grow their interest in government, and feel empowered to consider careers in public service and elective office.

Studies show that young women are less likely than young men to consider a career in elective office and public service. We want to change this perspective and open the realm of possibilities for all children.

Through a grant from the Halliburton Foundation, we are able not only to inspire young girls to dream bigger through civic engagement but also to empower them to pursue those dreams. We hope you and your future leader enjoy the worksheets.
Our State Governments are modeled after our federal government in structure. States also have three branches: legislative, executive, and judicial.

3 BRANCHES of GOVERNMENT

Constitution (provided a separation of powers)

Legislative (makes laws)
- Senate
  - 100 elected senators total; 2 senators per state
- House of Representatives
  - 435 elected representatives total; representatives based on each state’s population

Executive (carries out laws)
- President
- Vice President
- Cabinet
  - Nominated by the president and must be approved by the Senate (with at least 51 votes)

Judicial (evaluates laws)
- Supreme Court
  - 9 justices nominated by the president and must be approved by the Senate (with at least 51 votes)
- Other Federal Courts

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Do you know your Oklahoma State leaders?

Use your state capitol legislative directory guide to answer the following questions about state leaders in Oklahoma! Fill in the blank with the letter that answers the questions below!

1. The Governor of Oklahoma is ________________
   A. Bob Stoops          B. T.W. Shannon
   C. Mary Fallin           D. Noma Gurich

2. The Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma is ________
   A. Todd Lamb                B. Janet Baressi
   C. Brian Bingman          D. Pistol Pete

3. There are _____ members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
   A. 600                       B. 101
   C. 54                         D. 200

4. There are _____ Women in the Oklahoma House of Representatives
   A. 74                        B. 85
   C. 2                          D. 16

5. There are _____ members of the Oklahoma Senate
   A. 24                        B. 65
   C. 48                          D. 92

6. There are _____ Women in the Oklahoma Senate
   A. 12                        B. 29
   C. 4                          D. 8
Facts about the Oklahoma State Capitol and its leaders

Answer the questions below by circling “true” or “false.” If the answer is “false,” write the correct answer in the space provided. You can find the answers by touring the capitol, asking legislators and capitol staff members, or looking through your legislative member guide.

1. Mary Fallin is the third woman to be governor of Oklahoma
   True   False _________________________

2. There have been 18 women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Oklahoma
   True   False _________________________

3. The Lieutenant Governor’s office is located on the third floor of the Capitol
   True   False _________________________

4. Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Bingman’s office is located on the first floor of the capitol
   True   False _________________________

5. Rep. Elise Hall is the youngest person to serve in the Oklahoma legislature
   True   False _________________________

6. Oklahoma’s original constitution is located on the second floor of the state capitol
   True   False _________________________

7. The oil rig located South of the state Capitol building is still active today
   True   False _________________________

8. Two of the three Oklahoma Corporation Commissioners are women
   True   False _________________________

9. There are 13 members of the Oklahoma Supreme Court
   True   False _________________________

10. There are three women members of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals
   True   False _________________________
Visit the artwork on each floor of the Oklahoma State Capitol. Find the following historic Oklahomans and answer the questions about them in the space provided.

**Kate Bernard**
Why is she important?

_____________________________________________________

Where is her statue and picture located at the capitol?

_____________________________________________________

**Carl Albert**
Why is he important?

_____________________________________________________

Where is his portrait located at the capitol?

_____________________________________________________

**Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher**
Why is she important?

_____________________________________________________

Where is her portrait located at the capitol?

_____________________________________________________

**“The Flight of Spirit” (The five historic ballerinas)**
Why are they important?

_____________________________________________________

Where is their portrait located at the capitol?

_____________________________________________________

Capitol Art Scavenger Hunt
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Can You Find:

Mrs. Lamar Looney
Why is she important?

________________________________________________________________________

Where is her portrait located at the capitol?

________________________________________________________________________

Rep. Bessie S. McColgin
Why is she important?

________________________________________________________________________

Where is her portrait located at the capitol?

________________________________________________________________________

The Oklahoma Constitution
Why is this document important?

________________________________________________________________________

Where is it located in the Capitol?

________________________________________________________________________

The Guardian
Why is it important?

________________________________________________________________________

Where is it located in the Capitol? (Hint: it is located in two places)

________________________________________________________________________
The Oklahoma State Flag

The State flag features an Osage warrior's shield on a blue background. An olive branch and a calumet, or peace pipe, lay across the shield. Seven eagle feathers decorate the shield. Both of these items are symbols of peace. The design was officially adopted as Oklahoma's flag in 1925. In 1941 the word "Oklahoma" was added beneath the shield. (Source: The Oklahoma History Center, http://www.okhistory.org/kids/symbols).
These photos represent nine very important, trailblazing women leaders in Oklahoma’s government. They have important roles and make key decisions that impact all Oklahomans. See if you can recognize them by drawing a line to match their faces with their names.

Joy Hofmeister
Noma Gurich
Arlene Johnson
Yvonne Kauger
Vicki Miles-LaGrange
Dana Murphy
Clancy Smith
Rita Aragon

Joy Hofmeister
Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

Noma Gurich
Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals Judge

Arlene Johnson
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Yvonne Kauger
Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice

Vicki Miles-LaGrange
Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice

Dana Murphy
Secretary of Veteran Affairs

Clancy Smith
Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals Judge

Rita Aragon
Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner

Chief U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma
My New Shero

Think of a woman that you met or saw a picture of during your visit to the capitol. Draw a picture of the woman that you found to be most interesting and inspiring.

Who did you select?

___________________________________________________________

What made her most interesting to you?

___________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________
Picture Perfect Leadership

During your time visiting the capitol, has your parent, guardian, or chaperone taken pictures of you with any artwork or people that you found important or inspiring.

Answer the questions below and send 3 of your pictures/responses to Lauren Schueler, Assistant Director at lschueler@ou.edu for the chance to be featured on the Women’s Leadership Initiative website or social media pages!

I took a picture with ____________________________________________ 
(This person/artwork) inspired me because
_________________________________________________________________________________________ 

I took a second picture with ________________________________________________ 
(This person/artwork) inspired me because
_________________________________________________________________________________________ 

I took a third picture with ________________________________________________ 
(This person/artwork) inspired me because
_________________________________________________________________________________________ 

Find out who your senator or representative is and take a photo with him/her. It is important to know the person that represents you at the capitol.

My senator is ________________________________

My Representative is ____________________________
Want to Know More?

For more about Art at the Capitol, visit the Oklahoma Arts Council website:
http://www.arts.ok.gov/Teaching_with_Capitol_Art.php

For information about the Oklahoma Legislature:
http://www.oklegislature.gov/

For information about the federal government:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/
http://beta.congress.gov/
http://cole.house.gov/resources/students#all

For “Kid friendly” Career information, visit the United States Bureau of Labor:
http://www.bls.gov/k12/

For stories of Women who make a difference nationwide, visit the PBS “Makers” website:
http://www.pbs.org/makers/home/

For more statewide information, visit:
http://www.okhistory.org/kids/index
http://www.ok.gov/kids/Learn_About_Oklahoma/

For information about women in the Oklahoma legislature, visit the Oklahoma State University Oral History Project:
http://www.library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/wotol/legislators.htm

For information about the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame, visit the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women:
http://www.ok.gov/ocsw/

For student friendly research resources, visit the U.S. Census Bureau:
http://www.census.gov/schools/facts/index.html

For family related resources and upcoming events information:
http://www.metrofamilymagazine.com/
http://www.tulsakids.com/
Women’s Leadership Initiative

Educating, Inspiring, and Empowering women to become political leaders

The Appointments Project (TAP)

TAP encourages women to consider serving on public boards and commissions. A bipartisan effort, the committee gathers applications that are submitted to Governor Fallin for consideration.

Pipeline to Politics

This is a bipartisan and intense training targeted to women who are interested in running for elective office, working on a campaign, or being a community advocate.

N.E.W. Leadership

Since 2002, over 350 undergraduate women have participated in N.E.W. (National Education for Women’s) Leadership from colleges and universities, tribal nations, and communities of all sizes throughout Oklahoma. N.E.W. Leadership involves five days of skill-building workshops, trainings, and opportunities for one-on-one and group interaction with established women involved in politics and public service.

Girls’Voices

WLI Partners with different organizations that serve middle school aged girls to help encourage them to discover and use their voices to positively impact their lives, schools, and communities.

Social Media

Facebook: www.facebook.com/womensleadershipinitiative
Twitter: @W_L_I

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