

Three to attend Girls State

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Three Holyoke High School junior girls will participate in this year's Girls State June 10-15 in Gunnison.

Alyssa Cordova, Rachel Schneider and Erin Vieselmeyer have been chosen by Holyoke Unit #90 of the American Legion Auxiliary for the 65th session of Colorado Columbine Girls State.

Colorado Columbine Girls State is a statewide program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Held at Western State College in Gunnison, the 65th session has chosen the theme of "Believe!"

Colorado Columbine Girls State is a highly selective program, choosing only young women with superior academic accomplishment and decorum. The enrollment is limited to 300 delegates who have completed their junior year of high school with above average academic standing, have high moral character, have an interest in government and current events and possess leadership qualities.

The objectives of the Colorado High Schools Activities Association approved program is to develop a broader knowledge of the country's two-party system, instill greater understanding of American traditions, stimulate desire to participate in and maintain a democratic government while exposing the citizens to a college atmosphere and encourage a desire of higher education.

Alyssa Cordova is the daughter of Tracey Cordova. She has been a member of band and FBLA, garnering awards at both the district and state levels.

She has received the Spanish II excellence award, jazz band, pep band and concert band awards and outstanding performance awards in English, biology and TV production.

She has been on the principal's and superintendent's honor rolls and is a member of National Honor Society.

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Cordova has also served as class president, president of Student Council and been recognized as a Student of the Month. She is also an important supporter of the football team by serving as a manager.



Three HHS juniors attending Girls State this year are pictured from left, Rachel Schneider, Alyssa Cordova and Erin Vieselmeyer. —Enterprise photo

Schneider is the daughter of John and Lynn Schneider. She is interested in learning other languages by studying Spanish and German and receiving excellence awards.

She has participated in the NJC Math and Science contest and Holyoke bands. She has been on the superintendent's honor roll and served as class vice president her sophomore year. She is also a member of National Honor Society.

She is involved in the Spanish Club and Student Council.

Schneider has supported volleyball, basketball and track teams by serving as manager for each.

She participated in leadership sessions at NYLC and GYLC where she served as a mediator for a U.N. simulation.

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Locally she has volunteered at AWANA.

Vieselmeier is the daughter of Erik and Michelle Vieselmeier.

She is a member of National Honor Society. Her involvement in FCCLA has taken her to state and national competitions as a member of the parliamentary procedure team. She has also won the FCCLA Rose Award and is currently serving as chapter secretary.

Vieselmeier has been recognized as a Student of the Month and Athlete of the Week. She has participated in volleyball, basketball and track and was awarded All Conference Honorable Mention in volleyball.

Vieselmeier has volunteered in the community with highway cleanup, food drives, Christmas caroling at the Carriage House and packed boxes for Orphan Grain Train.

Along with her church youth group, she helped with cleanup of destroyed areas of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. She has worked with her 4-H club to clean up the fairgrounds before fair, plant flowers at the nursing home and gathered Christmas boxes for those in need.

Vieselmeier is also first aid certified and works at the Holyoke Swimming Pool as a lifeguard. She also helps her parents' seed business and drives tractor and grain cart for wheat harvest.

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