

**Tucson's League of Women Voters
Introduces High School Females to Civic Leadership**

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For the 16th consecutive year, the **League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson**, in conjunction with the **American Association of University Women, Tucson and Northwest Unit** chapters, and the **Tucson YWCA**, will host a “**Running and Winning**”. The workshop introduces high school junior and senior girls to politics and the possibility of their involvement in civic leadership.

This year's event will be held at **Desert View High School** on **Thursday, September 13, 2018**. Program events begin at 7:45 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. Desert View High School is located at **4101 E. Valencia Road, Tucson, 85706**.

The League has invited women who are running for office in the November 6th election, currently serving in elected office, and who have previously served. They will interact with over 30 students recommended by their school counselors and teachers. The invited guests will share their campaign and in-office experiences, and of course, answer participant questions. Next, students will work in small groups to create all the elements of a U.S. Senate campaign. Before the end of the day, each student group will present their campaign positions and materials to the entire assembled group other, choosing a “winning” campaign.

According to the **Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University**, despite the increase of women in public office over the past 40 years, their numbers still remain in the 20-30 percent range. This, despite the fact that women make up over half of our populace (United States Population. (2018-06-18). Retrieved 2018-08-17, from <http://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/united-states/>)

MEDIA NOTE: You are welcome to cover this event for print, broadcast and online media. Please contact Phyllis Carnahan at 520-429-7204 in advance, if possible, or ask for her when you arrive at the school. The campaign speeches are scheduled to start at 12:45 pm.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.