



Running and Winning

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Running and Winning is a workshop that the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson (LWVGT) with current co-sponsors of American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Tucson Branch, the AAUW Casas Adobes Branch, the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission and the UA School of Government and Public Policy have presented in Tucson area high schools. Junior and senior young women students have participated enthusiastically.

The short-term goal is to change young high school women's attitudes about politics and encourage their leadership abilities. The long-term goal is to increase the number of women running for office. **Currently, women comprise 51% of the population but only 20% of Congressional Representatives are women.**

Women elected officials from Tucson, Pima County and Arizona eagerly participate (one at each table with an "adult facilitator") in discussion with the students. In addition, the enthusiasm of UA Political Science Women Grad Students as facilitators provides inspiration as examples of women studying and achieving.

YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN ... IN SMALL GROUPS AT TABLES BECOME ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- § Talking with and questioning an official about her campaigning and duties of her office. Each young woman is given a binder with the session schedule and factual information. (Officials move from tables after 30 minutes. There are 2 or 3 sessions of this activity.)
- § Working cooperatively discussing an issue and reaching agreement on their opinions based on fact sheets (as PATRIOT ACT, Immigration, etc.)
- § Choosing one young woman at each table to be a candidate.
- § Dividing duties for the roles of speech writing, making a campaign poster, of being a publicist or campaign manager.
- § Giving the Campaign Speech to the entire group (the chosen Candidates) while another young women hold up their campaign poster
- § Listening and analyzing the various ideas presented.
- § Evaluating their day's activities and receiving certificates.

Running and Winning is an interactive day of discussion.

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