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# SDTARS Newsletter

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## TAR Spotlight: How TARs Changed My Life

*Former TAR Erin Schoenbeck currently runs Dusty Johnson's campaign for Congress. She describes her experience as TAR and how it's led to her success.*

I have to admit, my first TAR experience started off a little rocky. Upon rolling up to TAR Camp in my mother's minivan, I was expediently greeted by two senior campers and Dusty exclaiming cheers of welcome. I was so taken aback that I turned to my mother saying "I am not staying with these people." Little did I know that "these people" would turn into lifelong friends, character-shaping experiences, and start me on a journey that would shape the rest of my life.



*Erin Schoenbeck sits with her TAR friends at camp.*

It is through the experiences and friendships of Teenage Republicans that I now hold the great opportunity to be the 25-

year-old woman Campaign Manager for Dusty Johnson for Congress...all because I did not jump back into my mother's minivan. So what are these life lessons that TARs instilled in my young heart that has led me to my current role...

**1. Be open to new experiences** – Attend TAR Camp, TAR Days, TARs in Action, you never know who you will meet and what role they will play in your life.

**2. Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer** – I remember volunteering for Kristi Noem when she ran for the state legislature. My current position is a great example that one of the candidates you volunteer for may turn into your future employer.

**3. Strangers are friends you haven't met yet** – I still stay in contact with many of my TAR friends. The people you meet through TARs will not only be lifelong friends but lifelong professional connections.

**4. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** – You are the next generation of change makers. TARs provides the tools to form your

beliefs and create educated answers to questions. TARs taught me that I believe the best answers come from local communities, everyone should earn what they receive, and we must always defend life.

Thank you for being active in TARs. We need you out there creating change in high schools, on college campuses, and in your local communities. I look forward to meeting each one of you as Dusty and I travel across the state working to earn South Dakotans votes.

To contact Erin Schoenbeck with questions or to volunteer with Dusty Johnson for Congress email: [erin@dustyjohnson.com](mailto:erin@dustyjohnson.com)



# Who's Who?

Courtesy of Pat Powers, creator of South Dakota's #1 Political Blog, South Dakota War College

# Attorney General Candidates

## Congress Candidates



PUC Dusty Johnson



Secretary of State Shantel Krebs



Jason Ravensborg



Senator Lance Russell



Lawrence Co. SA John Fitzgerald



Deputy AG Charles McGuigan

## Governor Candidates



US Representative Kristi Noem



Attorney General Marty Jackley

### How to get INVOLVED AS a teen

- ⇒ Contact campaigns
- ⇒ Walk in parades
- ⇒ Go door to door
- ⇒ Register to vote!
- ⇒ Stay informed

# Why Did We Go to Pierre?

Senior TAR Haley Carbajal describes her experience as a page.

Being in Pierre as a Page was one of the greatest experiences of my life. Although it may sound cheesy, I can definitely say I made some life-long friends and memories I will cherish forever. The friendships were incredible, but the learning experience was even better. I learned first-hand how a bill becomes a law. I was able to watch our legislators hard at work, doing what they could to better our state. I became very familiar with Parliamentary Procedure, which is something I was not familiar with beforehand. It was great to see the debate and all of the difficult decisions that go into making our laws. It was a once in a lifetime experience that I would highly encourage everyone to participate in.

-Haley Carbajal, Belle Fourche



### TARS Who Paged

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Olivia Rasmussen, Viborg

Sydney Powers, Brookings

Allie Bradsky, Rapid City

Audrey Cope, Rapid City

Haley Carbajal, Belle Fourche

### Want to learn more?

Go to [http://sdlegislature.gov/Students\\_Page/Page/](http://sdlegislature.gov/Students_Page/Page/)



# Join Us at TAR Camp 2017!



Tar Leadership Camp 2017 is right around the corner! Experience exciting fun in the Black Hills with activities such as Watiki waterpark, karaoke night, grassroots campaigning, and much more! For more information, go to [sdtars.com](http://sdtars.com)







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