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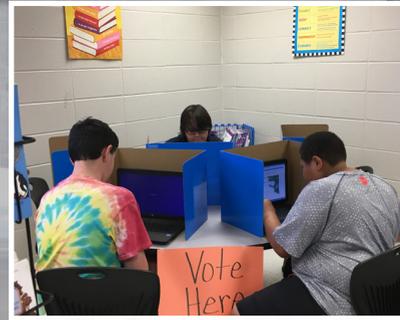
2016 Student Mock Election



Floyd Elementary School in Montgomery County



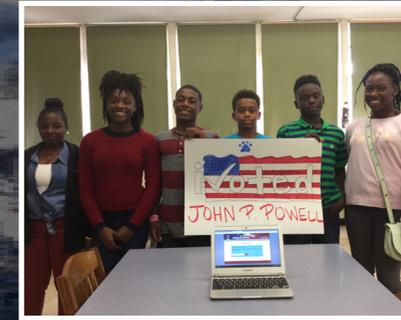
Gulf Shores Middle School in Baldwin County



Hackleburg Elementary School in Marion County



Hudson K-8 in Jefferson County



John P. Powell Middle School in Chambers County



Johnnie Carr Middle School in Montgomery County

Alabama's statewide Student Mock Election was held October 25th between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and closed with an impressive 174,125 total votes from 441 public, private, parochial/Christian, and homeschools from across the state. The youths elected Donald Trump to the presidency with 75,878 votes, 66,871 students voted for Hillary Clinton, and Gary Johnson and Jill Stein finished with 17,191 and 14,185 votes, respectively.

"I'm glad that so many students were able to participate in the Mock Election," Secretary Merrill stated. "We have a responsibility to our youth to educate and prepare them for the opportunities and challenges they'll face in adulthood, and I'm certain that this experience made a positive impact on their lives as they learned the importance of voicing their opinion in America's democratic republic."

Multiple schools submitted pictures of their students participating in the event, which can be viewed on the Secretary of State's FaceBook page: www.facebook.com/alasecretaryofstate. One principal from Chambers County expressed that the process was an exciting and rewarding experience for the students, while a teacher from Lee County commented on the amount of fun her students had while casting their votes.

If you would like to see how your county voted in this year's presidential Mock Election, visit <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/mockelection/statewideResults.aspx>, which is located under the "Mock Election Results" tab in our "Student Center" on the Alabama Secretary of State's website.



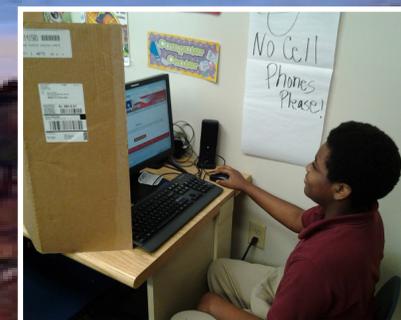
Jonesboro Elementary School in Jefferson County



Lee-Scott Academy in Lee County



Olive J. Dodge Elementary School in Mobile County



Revelation Christian School in Mobile County



Smiths Station High School in Lee County



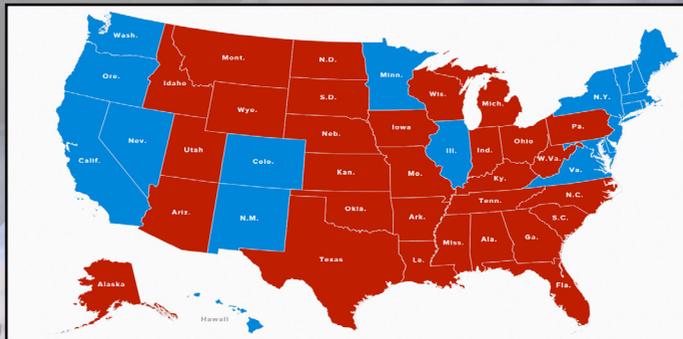
Wellborn High School in Calhoun County

2016 Presidential Election Results

The 2016 Presidential Election was held on November 8, 2016, and Alabama's polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. All 67 counties successfully reported their individual election results, which were published live on the Secretary of State's website under the Elections Division. The outcome of the election for Alabama is as follows:

- President-Elect Donald J. Trump – 1,318,255
- Hillary Rodham Clinton – 729,547
- Gary Johnson – 44,467
- Jill Stein – 9,391
- Various Write-In Votes – 21,712

Hillary Clinton received a majority of the country's popular vote with 65,844,954 (48.2%) votes, as opposed to Donald Trump's 62,979,879 (46.1%), but the latter obtained the necessary electoral votes to secure the position of President-Elect.



*Map courtesy of Politico.com as of 12/29/16

*Results courtesy of CNN.com & NyTimes.com as of 12/29/16

Popular Vote:

Hillary Clinton: 65,844,954 (48.2% votes)
 Donald Trump: 62,979,879 (46.1% votes)

Dec. 19th Electoral College Event Vote:

Hillary Clinton: 227
 Donald Trump: 304

Quarterly Accomplishments

- Secretary Merrill honored Jordan & Ashley Doufexis with the NASS Gold Medallion Award on October 7, 2016 for their many services to the State of Alabama.
- Throughout 2016, Secretary Merrill visited all 67 counties with 350+ individual visits.
- The turnaround period for business pre-filings has been successfully reduced from seven months to one day for 27 consecutive weeks., despite the 50% reduction in the workforce.
- As a result of Secretary Merrill's efforts to encourage voter registration amongst eligible citizens, 2,123,372 Alabamians voted in the November 8th Presidential Election, which is the highest voter turnout rate in the state's history.
- The 2017 Annual Report for the Secretary of State's Office will be released at the beginning of the year.



Secretary Merrill with Jordan & Ashley Doufexis



Secretary Merrill's County Visitation Map - Each dot = 1 visit

2016 Electoral College Event

Secretary of State John Merrill and his office hosted the 2016 Electoral College Meeting on December 19, 2016 at 12 p.m. The program took place in the Alabama State Capitol's Old House Chamber, and the event was open to the public, although a vast majority of the attendees contacted the SOS office to reserve seats. More than 150 people attended this momentous occasion, which included Constitutional Officers Governor Robert Bentley, Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey, and State Treasurer Young Boozer, and Congressional members Robert Aderholt, Mo Brooks, Martha Roby, and Mike Rogers.

The ceremony commenced with the Auburn High School Band's exuberant performance of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," as the members of Congress, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary Merrill, and all nine Electors filed into the Old House Chamber before an audience of dozens. The Electors chosen for the 2016 Electoral College include Perry O. Hooper, Jr. - At-Large Elector, Grady H. Thornton - At-Large Elector, Frank Burt, Jr. - First Congressional District, Will Sellers - Second Congressional District, James Eldon Wilson - Third Congressional District, Tim Wadsworth - Fourth Congressional District, J. Elbert Peters - Fifth Congressional District, Mary Sue McClurkin - Sixth Congressional District, and Robert A. Cusanelli - Seventh Congressional District.

Secretary Merrill, serving as the Master of Ceremonies, gave a warm welcome and opening remarks, and Lt. Governor Ivey led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a heart-warming performance of the National Anthem sung by Master Sergeant Donna Johnson, and an endearing prayer led by Mamun Siddiq of Re/Max Partners Realty. Governor Bentley and Congressman Aderholt delivered speeches, and spectators were pleasantly surprised when Founding Father Benjamin Franklin (portrayed by Dr. Richard Rhone) stepped out of the 18th century to shine his insight on the historical significance of the Electoral College. After the Proclamation of the Presidential Election results and an introduction of the Electors, the nine votes for President and Vice President were cast and canvassed, and the event came to a close upon the completion of the Certificates of Votes. President-Elect Donald Trump received all nine votes. A formal RSVP luncheon sponsored by the Alabama Republican Party and Mr. Gus' Restaurant was held in honor of the Electors at Archives & History's Milo B. Howard Auditorium.

"The Electors and all others in attendance were really pleased with the way the event turned out," Secretary Merrill stated. "I'm glad we were able to organize an exciting and outstanding program that the public was able to witness and enjoy. It was a momentous occasion in history that the state shall never forget."

The 2017 Presidential Inauguration Ceremony will take place on Friday, January 20, 2017.



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