

Senator Fischer and Callie discuss what it takes to be a leader.



A photo op wrapped up the interview.

Sen. Deb Fischer: **A Portrait in Leadership...** **and Kindness**

Callie Swenson, a senior at Omaha's Central High, interviewed Senator Fischer for Girl Scouts of the USA's Portraits in Leadership, a series of interviews with female members of the United States Congress. Girl Scouts across the country sat down with their Congresswomen to learn about their leadership journey and discover what inspires them. You can find Callie's interview at GirlScouts.org, search: Advocacy.

Hello! My name is Callie Swenson, and I have been involved in Girl Scouts since I was in the first grade. This summer, I was granted the opportunity to interview United States Senator Deb Fischer and to positively represent the Spirit of Nebraska Council. I was given a list of possible questions to ask her, and I was instructed to come up with questions of my own. The entire interview only took about forty-five minutes, and it took place in her Omaha office. I admit that I was intimidated at first, but as soon as she walked in the room, I immediately felt better because her positivity radiated.

In that short forty-five minutes, I would say that I grew as a person and learned some helpful information from Senator Fischer. For my personal question, I asked if it was intimidating to work in a predominantly male environment, and her answer is something everyone needs to know: She said that it can be very intimidating at times, but when she remembers what she is working for and what she believes in, those morals fuel her and allow her to remain strong.

I will carry this experience with me forever and remember how I was able to keep calm and composed even though I was really nervous.