Sierra Lucht has successfully competed and won in the Law Day competition, starting as an elementary school student and participating throughout high school. She graduated from Ankeny High School in 2014 and received her bachelor’s in science for computer engineering from Iowa State University in 2017. Hear about the impact Law Day has had on her and find out her advice for students interested in competing.

How did you get involved with Law Day?
I got involved with Law Day due to my mom. She is an attorney, so I always heard a lot about government and law growing up. After I won the first year, of course I kept coming back to compete again!

What did you learn as a Law Day winner?
Just by competing in Law Day I learned a lot. Researching the theme every year helps inform you on topics that you may not have considered looking into before. At the actual Law Day event, you get to hear from attorneys, judges, and all kinds of interesting people.

Can you explain the impact that the Law Day program has had on you?
Law Day was a great experience that taught me not only about important topics but writing and entering contests was great practice when it came to scholarship essays and college classes. Law Day helped me refine my existing skills, but also pushed me out of my comfort zone. I created visual art, wrote poetry, and composed raps about government and history, all new and different skills for me. Law Day also helped foster an interest in the law, one of the reasons I decided to take an Engineering Law class in college.

What advice do you offer to other students who are considering participating in Law Day?
I would definitely advise students to go for it! At the very least you will learn new things about an interesting topic. In the best case, you will win prizes! Law Day is a great opportunity to learn new things and flex your creative muscles.

Where do you see yourself in five years?
In the next five years, I plan to continue enjoying my current work, leading teams of developers to build new and exciting things. I would also love to become involved with local volunteer groups and to learn more about emerging technologies.