

# 2013 New Mexico Boys' State

## State Election Results

Governor: Douglas Ottino (F)  
 Lt. Governor: Jacob Lutz (F)  
 Secretary of State: Thien-Dang Vu (N)  
 State Auditor: Joshua Thurn (F)  
 State Treasurer: Mason Howells (N)  
 Judge, Court of Appeals:  
     Wyatt Christensen (N)  
     Dakson Byle (F)  
     Cullen Gasparlin (F)  
 Attorney General: Daniel Wilson (N)  
 Commissioner of Public Lands:  
     Kevin Stewart (F)

Public Regulatory Commission:  
     Tyler Morris (N)  
     Joshua Jaquez (N)  
     Christian Rivera (F)  
     Michael Descheeny (F)  
     Robert Libby (N)  
 Justice of the Supreme Court:  
     Jeffrey Garcia, Chief (F)  
     Matthew Zubrod (F)  
     Tylan Tapley (N)  
     Banyan Claussen (F)  
     Edgar Chavez Caraveo (N)

## Message from the Governor -Douglas Ottino

Hello everyone this is your Governor Douglas Ottino.

I would first like to start out by congratulating all of our officers at all the levels of government for their great achievements. This session of the New Mexico Boys' State has been a huge success due to you, all the people that make the democratic process work.

To keep you all up to date on my business and keep my promises to the people, I have already signed a same-sex marriage law, an educational reform law, and a proposition to dedicate this session to all the victims of mass shootings and disasters from this past year.

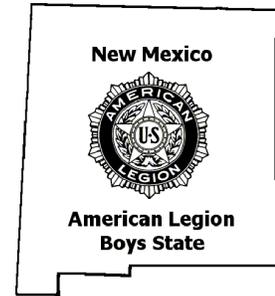
Another issue that has come across my desk is the economic disaster in DeCastro County. The governor's office is currently helping DeCastro County with its faulty bond sales. I have personally spoken to the county treasurer and signed a bill granting DeCastro County emergency relief funds.

Finally, I have just finished appointing my cabinet, which has been approved by the Senate. My cabinet consists of Ramon Fasano as the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Devon Thompson as the Secretary of Economic Development, Tucker Berry as the Secretary of Education, Daniel Ahrens as the Secretary of Finance, and Issa Wilson as secretary of tax and revenue. I also appointed to my cabinet my Chief of Staff, LJ Horan, and the Attorney for Governor's Office, Cole Scott.

I would again like to thank you all so much for this great opportunity, I will not let you down.

Yours Truly,

The Honorable Douglas Ottino  
Governor, Boys' State NM '13



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# ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

-Daniel Ahrens

Armijo managed to finish second in the board races, continuing their rise to the board walking championships this year. The practice has really paid off. Sweaty bodies, pouring rains, and high winds, were all an integral part of Armijo's tough training regimen.

### Armijo REPRESENTS!

Armijo had almost all of its candidates who won the primary make it to the state government. Kevin Stewart, Thien-Dang Vu, Daniel Wilson, Tyler Morris, Tylan Tapley, Wyatt C., Robert Libby, Josh Jacquez, and Jacob Lutz, are representing the fine city of Armijo at the state level. This made the city of Armijo a little lonely.

After solving the superhighway conflict with Castillo, after they solved their feral dog issue, we declared a city wide holiday. The Holiday celebrated Jose Armijo, who bravely fought at the battle of Michael Alexandria against a

Spanish invasion. His famous last words? "It's that kind of party."

Last night we met the Secretary of State Dianna Duran and our Secretary of State, Dang, almost passed out. They joked around, it is a secretary of state thing.

Shout out to the chefs who served us all and hosted a great banquet. Everyone agreed it was the best meal all week, and some even asked how the chefs made the turkey so great. We heard a wonderful speech by our newly inaugurated governor, and the scholarship awards were given out. Around \$5000 dollars were given out, helping to send some talented youth to college.

Boys State has been great and no one initially expected it to go as well as it has. A few people I have talked to have even considered changing

their careers because of a newfound passion for Public Service.

Thank you to the American Legion, ENMU, and everyone who puts on Boys' State.

## 2013 BOYS' NATION U.S. SENATOR CANDIDATES



Alternate  
Daniel Ahrens



Senator  
Tucker Berry



Senator  
John Guetersloh



Alternate  
Nick Becklund

# Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

Chris Ramirez

Day 4 of New Mexico Boys state brought us a complete new set of staff for our State Government. With our newly officials, we saw a complete change in the overall landscape of our state, all the way down to the city governments.

In our small village of Castillo, we have had to start doubling up on our city positions. Although our city is now quite small, we still have enough people to fully run our government, and continue passing city ordinances, and things such as collecting taxes.

Currently we are working on the inter-city problem, working to resolve this issue. In order to solve the issue, the Mayors and Councilmen of each city are meeting today during the city work time, in order to finalize a deal, and sign it so that we can take the proposal to the Su-

preme Court. The deal will include Armijo giving back the water rights to Castillo, who in return will give water to both Trujillo (for crop farming) and Cortez (for the hydro-electric dam. Cortez will then in turn sell Castillo power to power its casino, and Castillo will donate funds to Armijo to build the State Highway around the monument, further creating commerce and tourism.

Today we are very excited to have our City of Castillo party, paid for by us for us. The party will include chips, pizza, and soda. We would also like to thank our councilors for going and getting the supplies for the party, as this would not be possible without them.

Also, at this time as this is the last day we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to

the American Legion, and the volunteered support of the councilors. Without them and their support, we could not attend this important and amazing opportunity to participate in government and learn so much about democracy. Boys State has taught us a remarkable amount about the true importance of public office, and the importance of voting and participating in elections.

# Trujillo

City of Integrity

## County of DeLeon

## Gabe Gallegos

Ladies and Gentlemen, we now have a state government! This is an important and exciting time at Boys State. Today is going to be a long day and long night for some. Let's get to work!

Yesterday opened with one of the most important traditions of Boys State: the Great Debate. Tensions ran high as the gubernatorial candidates debated the issue. Mud was slung, one-liners thrown, but the debate brought up valid points on each side of the issue.

Trujillo is represented very well in the state government, with several of our citizens elected into state office. Trujillo's very own Douglas Ottino was elected Governor of the 2013 NM

Boys State. Watching my fellow young men of Trujillo swear into the office they hold was amazing. They spoke with pride in both the office they hold and the important role they hold in this 66th session of Boys State.

Much thanks to the NM Secretary of State Dianna Duran for taking time out of her busy schedule to come speak to us and observe us running our government!

In other news, Trujillo's teams in the basketball tournament lost. Both games were hard-fought and our spirits endured despite the loss. Great job, Trujillo, and good luck to those teams in the championship.

A court case is the talk of Trujillo right now. Counselor Mike is being tried by the city for texting. The case was tabled until today because Mike requested an impartial judge and jury.

As our session closes, I would like to personally thank The American Legion and NM Boys State for one of the best weeks I have ever had. This has changed many of us, and the direction of our lives.

It's been an honor serving as the Trujillo News Reporter.



Governor  
Douglas Ottino



Lt. Governor  
Jacob Lutz



Secretary of State  
Thien-Dang Vu



Attorney General  
Daniel Wilson



# New Mexico Boys' State 2013

# Cortez

City of Hope

## County of DeCastro

## Jake Coombes

Today boys prepared themselves to vote for the big chair in the state as the gubernatorial candidates along with their lieutenant candidate and party chair.

Boys from Cortez came in last place for the board races again but were determined to finish till the end as other cities cheered on the late-comers. After breakfast the boys got to watch a spicy debate between the two parties vying for the executive office. The latter end of the debate was marked with serious tone and both candidates firmly believed that they were best for the state. In the end Douglas Ottino (F) defeated

Devon Thompson (N) for the office. The governor got to a busy start by approving the senate's gay marriage bill and the house's education reform bill, written by one of the house members from Cortez. Ottino was sworn in by New Mexico Secretary of State Diana Duran, from which afterward Governor Ottino presented The Secretary of State with a pin commemorating Boy's State 2013.

For the rest of the day legislatures and courts went into full swing. The senate and house began to work on bill and work with each other to get bills on the fresh Governor's desk. During

the day the candidates for Boys Nation were presented and our very own Senator Jeremiah Johnson (F) and Mayor Nick Becklund (N) were named candidates but only Becklund is to pass on as a candidate as Johnson was awarded the Bronze Citizen award along with Senator Judeaman which signifies that they would not continue on to the polls tomorrow. Also Cortez wants to congratulate their basketball team and we hope you win the tournament tomorrow.



**Mudgett Scholarship**



**Gordon/Hidalgo Scholarship**



**Santiago Hidalgo Scholarship**



**Samsung Scholarship**



**NM Boys' State Staff**



**State Government**