

# 2014 New Mexico Boys' State



## Message from the Executive Director

*Ralph Kemp*

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May 26, 2014

GENTLEMEN:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2014 session of New Mexico Boys' State.

Remember that the staff will assist you in any way we can, but Boys' State is ultimately your program. Just as in everyday life, the level of success this week will be determined by the level of commitment and enthusiasm that each of you puts forward.

It is great to see the pride that you are developing in each of your cities! Keep up the good work and this may very well prove to be the best Boys' State session in recent memory.

Congratulations to all of the recently elected and appointed governmental officers. I would also like to thank every young man that campaigned for an office and encourage each of you to do so again.

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State of NM

# ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

**City Election Results:**

- Mayor– Haden Maloney (F)
- Councilman– Jonathan Delgado (F)
- Councilman– Josue Damian-Martinez (F)
- Councilman– Jonathan Schueler (N)
- Councilman– Donovan Chase (N)
- City Clerk– Trey Daniels (F)
- City Treasurer– Dominic Dunlap (F)
- Municipal Judge– Kendall Aguilar (F)

Back Row: Donovan Chase, Haden Maloney, Jonathan Delgado, Jonathan Schueler

Front Row: Dominic Dunlap, Trey Daniels, Kendall Aguilar, Josue Damian-Martinez



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# Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

*Skyler Murray*

Yesterday was day one, and I didn't know anybody from my city of Castillo. We all met our roommates and our counselors, but we still don't know anyone else. I ran for party chair of the nationalist party, and we began forming our party platform on which to stand. Also I ran for city mayor as well as municipal judge, both of which I lost to my opponents. As for position holders I just want to wish them the best of luck, unless they are a federalist, I'm just kidding we need our cities to be bipartisan with all the different views making the city more cohesive and coherent in it's government. A tip of advice, if you have not already, run for everything you can. This has been Skyler checking in, till tomorrow goodby.

**City Election Results:**

- Mayor– Jared Antonio (F)
- Councilman– Drake Williams (F)
- Councilman– Grayson Reeves (F)
- Councilman– Victor Jury (F)
- Councilman– Patrick Smith (F)
- City Clerk– Robert Castillo III (N)
- City Treasurer– Hiram Olvera (F)
- Municipal Judge– David Chacon (N)

Back Row: Cevin Clarke (City Atty), Victor Jury, Patrick Smith, Drake Williams, Grayson Reeves, Esteban Ramos Villarreal (Fire Chief), Eric Fouratt (Police Chief)

Front Row: Jared Antonio, Hiram Olvera, David Chacon, Robert Castillo III



# Trujillo

City of Integrity

At First Glance

A large campus, a friendly man and a boxed lunch. This is what members of Trujillo city were met with upon arrival at Boy's State.

The only clues we were given about how the program was going to be were vague descriptions from teachers, previous participants and optimistic websites. But could it be? Could learning about government a few days after school let out really be appealing? At the first glance from today, Trujillo city answers yes. Back to first arriving, boys drove around or were driven around, searching for the right building to complete the simple task of signing in. Enter the kind old man. Waving his arms, he flagged the more confused looking cars down and asked if they were looking for Boy's State, proceeding to give direction in signing in. Getting a photo ID taken, turning in forms, getting lunch, getting t-shirts for daily wear and how to find our rooms, all this in a matter of minutes, and our first minutes at that. Needless to say, the straightforward nature of Boy's State became apparent right away, and we liked it.

After completing these first few tasks as directed by the older man (Another thing that must be mentioned, no one quite knows each other's name, but it does not matter, everyone still respects each other as friends) we Trujillo Citizens, lounged about, meeting new people and spending time in a dorm room, that we and a partner get to share and take care of all on our own, a very cool experience many of us have never experienced before.

Then two o'clock came, and it was time to come together as a city for the first time. Told to meet by a pine tree, we scanned the area, found a tree, named it "Frank the Tree of Life", and proceeded to become friends with each other faster than we have ever become

## County of DeLeon

friends with someone before. Our counselor informed us that our city would be know as "The City of Integrity", and that we have the potential to become the best city.

Forming up and heading to our next location, we sat in a group with the other cities and learned about many things, the highlights being the American Legion, how mock trials work and which politicians to trust. A man named Vern, when asked how to tell the difference between a truly noble politician and the politician who only acted noble to get votes, told us "there are crooks even in church." Such a true and wise statement, everyone could not help but laugh at the sincerity. After these seminars, Trujillo's citizens were granted the right to go to supper first, for being the city with the loudest cheer.

This was not our only victory however, because later in the night the council chairmen elected for both political parties, Jet Murphy and Doug Brandt, turned out to both be citizens of Trujillo City.

Tomorrow, we have another day, and come more elections, and one could bet that Trujillo city plans to meet them head on.

## Coleman Nelson

### City Election Results:

- Mayor– Douglas Brandt (N)
- Councilman– Benjamin Chase (F)
- Councilman– Nicholas Montano (F)
- Councilman– Brandon Breedlove (N)
- Councilman– Steven Triste (N)
- City Clerk– Coleman Nelson (F)
- City Treasurer– Justin Chavez (F)
- Municipal Judge– Joseph Armijo (N)



Back Row: Justin Chavez, Joseph Armijo, Douglas Brandt, Nicholas Montano, Benjamin Chase

Front Row: Steven Triste, Coleman Nelson, Brandon Breedlove

# Cortez

City of Hope

## County of DeCastro

## Jacob Cole Holderman

Today after travelling from our homes to Eastern New Mexico University, the citizens of Cortez met for the first time. After the initial introductions over boxed lunches, and the door to door greetings following, I joined my city-mates outside near a beautifully twisted, yet vibrant tree. As if mirroring the newly minted Boys' State delegates, the tree seemed to be simultaneously aquiver with life, yet despondent with the burdens of bounty with which summer had come.

City positions were quickly filled. To eager Ron, the position of electrician soon was given. Nick and Bret were given the duty of census recorders and an enthusiastic Derek became the loudest cheerleader I have ever heard. I was made state-policeman and the double-edged quill of the reporter seemed pointed at me. Though our Legionnaire was tentative to give me two positions, I began to furiously notate, in the light of the destiny I knew was to be mine.

After a "brief" orientation on the American Legion and the functions of Boys' State, our city of vision was split into two political parties, and the first party sessions convened. At the Nationalist session (where clearly the cream of the crop was placed) I and three other delegates stood in earnest to accept the responsibilities of party chairman. In the end it was a Mr. Douglas who was voted in to lead the party, and he graciously invited me to do what I had been doing since seeing that post

of reporter unfilled; write.

Once the party meetings had convened, however, our cities were now reunited. Though the lines were still visible where the parties had cleaved us apart, we settled city matters as a group. It was here in my city that Gabriel Partido, Danny Grade, Phil Mendez and myself accepted the mantle of city council, whilst our colleague Thomas White humbly accepted the position as our city's chaplain. I also was finally confirmed in the role I now function in.

Tomorrow will be full of even more excitement, as is revealed in the results of the rest of the meeting, where candidates for city judge, treasurer, mayor, and city clerk were chosen to vie with each other for their respective parties.

To all you delegates who will soon find out the results of these and other elections, I can only say with utmost sincerity: May the Force be with you.

### City Election Results:

- Mayor– Andrew Conticelli (F)
- Councilman– Danny Gray (F)
- Councilman– Phillip Mendez (F)

- Councilman– Gabriel Partido (N)
- Councilman– Jacob Holderman (N)
- City Clerk– Brett Baca (N)
- City Treasurer– Jacob Walsh (F)
- Municipal Judge– Daniel Rodriguez (N)



Back Row: Jacob Walsh, Gabriel Partido, Danny Gray, Brett Baca

Front Row: Jacob Holderman, Phillip Mendez, Andrew Conticelli, Daniel Rodriguez

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## Law Enforcement

Citations

*Officer Noe Alvarado-Law Enforcement Counselor*

### ***EIGHT NEW STATE POLICE OFFICERS HIT THE STREETS WITH CITATIONS IN HAND!***

The first eight State Police Officers were sworn into service tonight. After receiving training they were given their citations and are now out on the streets. The eight officers are able to issue citations on all of the Boys' State property. The officers will be issuing citations for violation of the New Mexico Boys' State General Rules and Code of Conduct as well as all new laws passed by the cities.

When issued a citation all residents are reminded that they are responsible for signing the citation. By signing the citation it is not an admission of guilt it is just a promise to appear in court. The time to dispute the citation is in court not on the streets. Once you sign a citation you will receive a Summons to appear in court with a date and time. If you fail to appear in court a warrant will be issued.

The issuance of citations is a vital part of the Boys' State program. This process allows everyone to participate in the legal system and see how it works. If it was not for this system we would have to use a "Mock Trail" system that does not allow everyone to experience the Legal System in a *true life* situation. Let's all please remember that this is intended to be a fun learning experience. Please have *FUN* with it but remember not to let things get out of control (remember the General Rules and Code of Conduct). If you are issued a citation just sign it and not cause a scene.

We as a staff look forward to everyone having a great 2014 session. If anyone has any questions regarding the issuance of Boys State Citations please feel free to contact any of the Law Enforcement Counselors at anytime. We look forward to watching the legal system in works. Enjoy and stay safe!

## D-Day

June 6, 1944

*Kevin Fredekind-Information Technologies*

Next Friday marks an infamous day in our history. On this Memorial Day, let us not forget:

On June 6, 1944, a date known ever since as D-Day, "Operation Overlord" commenced when a mighty armada crossed a narrow strip of sea from England to Normandy, France, and cracked the Nazi grip on western Europe.

An invading army had not crossed the dangerous and unpredictable English Channel since 1688. Within hours an armada of 3,000 landing craft, 2,500 other ships and 500 naval vessels began to leave English ports. That night 822 aircraft, carrying 13,000 parachutists or towing gliders, roared overhead to the Normandy landing zones. They were a fraction of

the air armada of 13,000 aircraft that would support D-Day.

*"...you see the ships lying in all directions, like black shadows on the grey sky..... Now planes are going overhead..... Heavy fire now just behind us, bombs bursting along the shore"*  
-George Hicks radio broadcast from the USS Ancon

By nightfall more than 9,000 allied soldiers were dead or wounded, but more than 175,000 had made it ashore securing the French coastal villages. Within weeks, supplies were being unloaded at UTAH and OMAHA beaches at a rate of 20,000 tons per day!



U.S. infantrymen wade from their landing craft toward Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

*U.S. Coast Guard/National Archives, Washington, D.C.*