

2015 New Mexico Boys' State



Leadership

Mike Moye-Activities Director

Edwin H. Friedman said "Leadership can be thought of as the capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future".

Here at Boys State each of you are given an opportunity to define, clarify, and expand your vision as a leader in these United States.

When the soldiers of World War II returned home the lessons of war instilled in them the desire to insure the youth of America understood the responsibility that comes with living in a democracy. Apathy was the number one reason Adolf Hitler was able to gain control over a nation, personal gain was his priority. Apathy turned to fear and fear turned to atrocities. America is not immune to the threat of apathy. Living in this great country comes with responsibilities that include participating in the political process.

You are given the opportunity to hone the tools necessary to lead in this process and guide this country through its tenuous travels into the future. We need great leaders and given the fore-

sight of the men who began Boys' State we have the opportunity right here to be part of that process.



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ISAAC NEWTON said "If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulder of giants."

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NM Boys' State National Guard



ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

Tyler Morris

Third day of Boys' State was another day of waking up and heading down to their meeting area. In the beginning it was the same routine. When we got to our counties they started to announce the county offices and swear-in those new elected officers. Boys' State members also had an assembly that taught students the history and meaning of the American Flag. After that our advisors informed the students about the House and Senate responsibilities. Then after it was discussed the House and Senate was organized.

The cities moved into recreation time. Some students played indoor games, some students slept, some played outdoor activities and some had basketball tournaments.

After recreation all the students returned to their counties. During the county meetings students came up with ideas, issues, and solutions that could better the community. The county officers worked together to discuss how certain ideas would work and if the ideas from other students could work.

After the meeting, the advisors set up a mock trial for the students. Students that had won a judge, sheriff, attorney position and even some of the audience's got to play a roll in the trial.

After the county meeting. All the cities gathered around once more for the day and the advisors announced new officers and candidates.

Tomorrow is going have a lot more interesting activities in store as we continue with the state elections.



Tonight at 9:30pm

Take your energy drink, you are not going to want to miss this presentation!!



Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

Gabriel Blea

On Day 3 of Boys' State we are having our election and we have had some of our boys win in the elections. NMSP Officer Docherty says he is impressed how we are doing in Boys' State and the Castillo team REALLY Miss PHILL.

Jamie Kelly says that party plans are going good that we should have fun on Thursday. The elections are going very good and Isaiah Thomas says that it is a very good learning experience here at Boys' State.

Castillo city ordinance has new plans for fire safety. Police chief Coleton Der-

Gregorian says that failure to take down Brandon Stalder to put city Castillo in shock all is going good.

We expect there will be another interesting court trial. We have gained a lot of state officials in the elections and Boys' State is incredible and almost indescribable. The action keeps on going and going! I wish it to never end. Mr. Steve Bowman law instructor says we are having a trial this evening for the DeCastro county for all alleged crimes. Today we did have a very good trial between officer Docherty, on trail for having

a weapon on Boys' State grounds, but they found him guilty. For his sentence and punishment he has to go run a mile. Today was the best day because we worked really hard and we learned about history. I hope that we will keep doing our best in Boys' State 2015 and remember that when you see a veteran, stop and stay thank you to them and also to the active army personnel. Thanks to all the people that are helping with the cooks, the flags and doing the morning prayer.

#CASTILLO for life!!

Trujillo

City of Integrity

Everyone is really stepping up. Delegates who were initially reluctant to run for office are now stepping up to serve in the Boys' State government. Many of the meal-time conversations now focus on the events of Boys' State. Our excitement is almost overshadowing our exhaustion.

With state elections coming up, the conference is vibrating with anticipation.

County of DeLeon

There aren't enough hours in the day for our work to be completed. The motivation to fulfill the requirements of our jobs is evident when one looks at how late we stay up working.

I believe that I speak for the majority when I say that these are some of the longest and most difficult days that we've been through, but with the sense of own-

Forrest McConnell

ership the Boys' State program gives us we are more than happy to put in the extra hours.



NMBS House



NMBS Senate

You can't control your circumstances. What you CAN control is how you react to your circumstances and how you feel about yourself.

However you define success, the slight edge basically means doing the right thing at the right moment. That's where it all starts, and that often takes a lot of courage!

Cortez

City of Hope

County of DeCastro

Lathan Romero

It is safe to conclude: Boys' State only gets progressively busier and harder as the week progresses. Day three of NM Boy's State has once again proven to be tougher than the previous days. Before breakfast the delegates get dressed and ready then attend the flag raising ceremonies for the morning. After breakfast concluded today, the delegates held the final vote for the county offices. The elected officials were then announced to the parties in the party rooms. The State Senators and House of Representatives then left the party meeting to begin work on official Legislative business. While this was going on the parties appointed candidates to run in the State party primary elections. The clock struck noon, the business was paused and the boys attended lunch.

Lunch was a blur as the State party primary candidates campaigning, as this was the best time to do so, because party primary elections were later today. When lunch ended, the delegates met in the ball room to watch a presentation of the Flag of the United States of America. The presentation was done by Sojourners who graciously dedicated their time to give the delegates a brief history of our Flag. The presentation ended and the delegates met with their

counties, and the House and Senate continued Legislative business. All business proceeded until three o'clock when the boys eagerly ran off to recreational time. During rec time, many of the boys participated in the annual inter-city basketball tournament. The Cortez Conquistadors fared extremely well winning both of their games played today, putting them in the top of the rankings. Things did not go so well for the Cortez Anchors, losing their first and only game by a score of 11-0. Poor fundamentals and lack of experience being the root cause. Rec time eventually ended and the boys attended the lowering of the flags, and supper directly after.

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I should mention, right before supper, the election for State Primaries were held. Supper was used mainly for relaxation time, as many were anxious to see if they would win their State Primary office candidacy. Supper ended, and the delegates returned to county and legislative business. The House and Senate both worked

diligently on bills to get them passed ASAP. A bill that would effectively cancel Daylight Savings Time was officially passed by the House and Senate to be reviewed by the governor. Business proceeded until 9:30 when the delegates met in an auditorium to hear the election results for state primaries announced. Each party has promising candidates, and the City of Cortez has several citizens in the running for state office positions. When the results were announced the delegates returned to their dorms. Some chose to rest, and others discussed plans for unfinished business. By 11:00 it was safe to say all the delegates were in bed, trying to get sleep for yet another big day ahead.



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