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# BOYS STATE OF KANSAS

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**Kansas State University**  
Manhattan, Kansas

A WEEK THAT  
**Changed**  
MY LIFE



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# OPENING

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# Welcome

On behalf of our staff,

We say to the Staters of the 77th session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy, well done, gentlemen. Well done!

You came from all parts of our diverse state and created one Boys State. You spoke your truths and respectfully listened to others'. You worked, you created, you made friends, but mostly, you lived a week that changed your life. You return as better citizens, better Kansans, better men.

As the names on applications to names on ballots and then to names of friends, your intensity, your skills, your desires to be the best, renewed the spirit of every member of our staff. Our staff returns to our homes certain that the next generation of Kansas Boys Staters will continue the long line of success that is steeped in our history.

Life will present you with both difficulties and opportunities, much as you have experienced throughout this week. Use what you have learned, use what you have lived, use all that you are and want to become to work through any difficulty and seize any opportunity in making your life and the lives of others as successful as your week as a Stater.

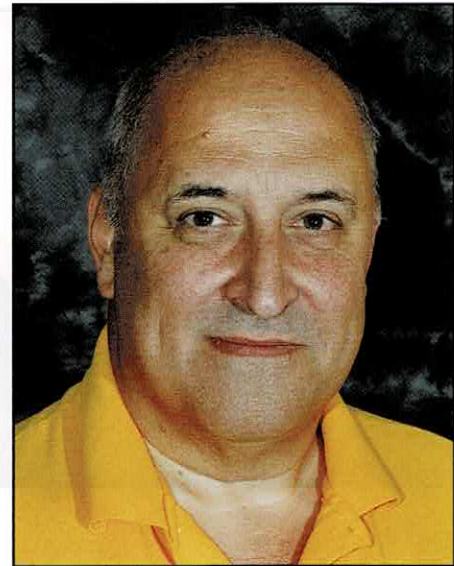
We can report to the American Legion of Kansas, to your families, to your High School Counselors, to those who sponsored you and to everyone else who supported you in your Boys State endeavors that you have exceeded their very high expectations.

We wish you the best and look forward to the times that our paths cross. Know this truth, you are and always will be a fellow Kansas Boys Stater!

Thank you,



Rex Gardner, Executive Director  
The American Legion Boys State of Kansas





# History

“To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.” That is the purpose of the American Legion Boys State program. It was organized by the Department of Illinois in 1935. The Department of Kansas, holding Charter No. 5, was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas was headquartered in Wichita for 26 years before moving to the University of Kansas in 1963. It stayed there until 1992 when the program moved to its present location on the campus of Kansas State University.

The Boys State program is available to any high school senior-to-be who meets academic criteria and demonstrates leadership potential. Civic and church groups as well as American Legion Posts sponsor delegates to this fine learning-by-doing, youth-in-government program.

Almost 50,000 young men from across Kansas have participated in Boys State and performed nearly every function of city, county, and state government. Former delegates, members of the American Legion, and Sons of the American Legion return each year to serve as counselors and advisors. Many of them work year-round on ways to improve the curriculum and structure of the program.

At the conclusion of each session, two Staters are chosen by their peers to represent Kansas at the American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. These two individuals participate in a learning-by-doing program that focuses on our government at the national level.





# Sunday

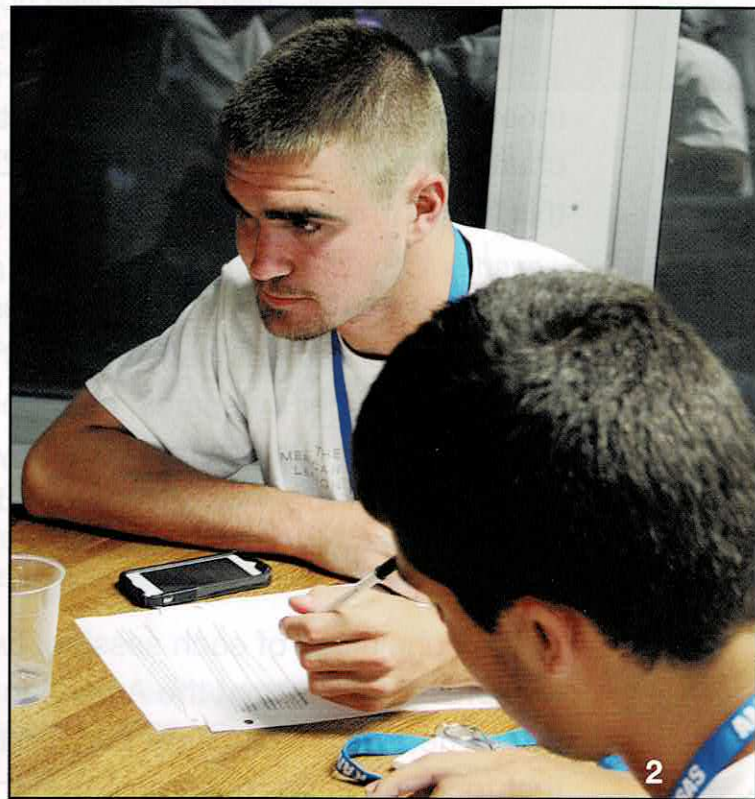
Staters attending the 2014 session of Boys State arrived early in the afternoon. After being greeted by Executive Director Rex Gardner, they moved through check-in and on to their Counties where they became acquainted with their counselors and fellow Staters. Then they marched to Opening Ceremonies in McCain Auditorium, where they were given a preview of the week to come by Director of Development Thane Chastain and heard from guest speaker Bill Self.



1. With the guidance of Advisor Chuck Shoemaker, Staters learn how to properly handle the American flag prior to the first assembly of the 2014 Boys State of Kansas.

2. John Bohnemann, City of Crum in Eisenhower County, works on filling out a form for one of the projects the Staters have to complete each day.

3. The Color Guard prepares to lead the Staters back



from McCain Auditorium following the Opening Ceremonies.

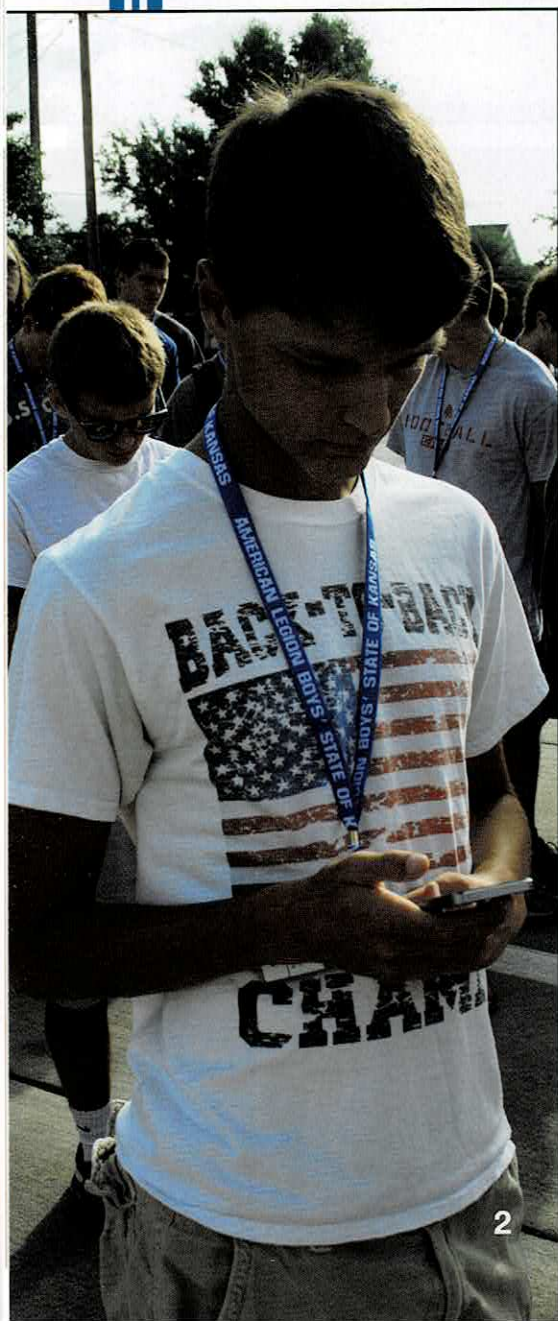
4. Staters listen to each other as they take turns introducing themselves to the rest of their counties.

5. University of Kansas head men's basketball coach Bill Self presents the keynote speech at the Opening Ceremonies in McCain Auditorium.

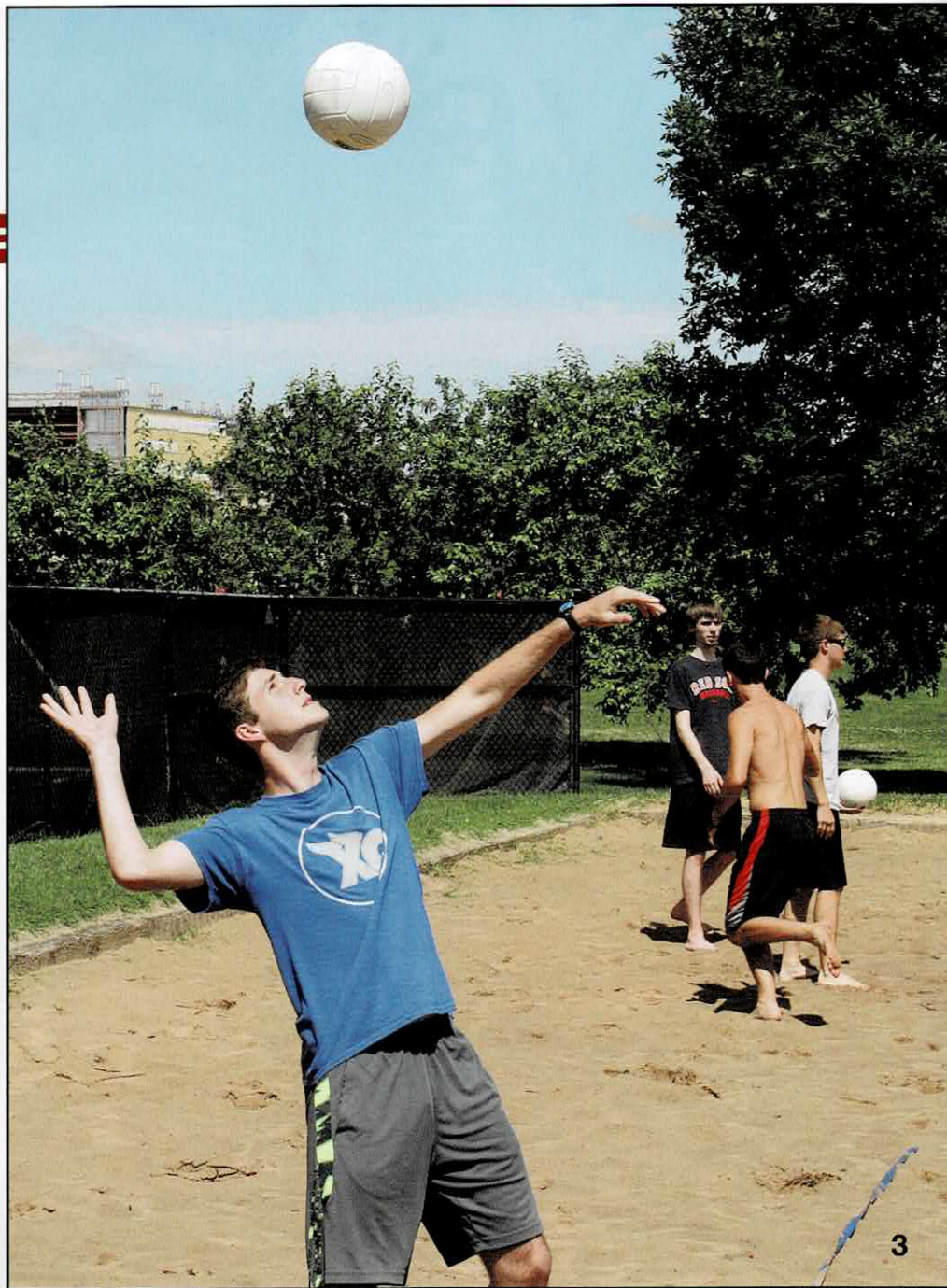








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1. County Counselors huddle with Program Coordinator Gavin Smith and Governmental Events Coordinator Shane Wilson during morning assembly.

2. Brett Knight, City of Bramlage in Bradley County, participates in a text poll during morning assembly.

3. A Stater serves the ball during a game of volleyball at recreation time.

4. AnthonyCruzeiro, City of Klassen in MacArthur County, shows off his soccer skills.

5. Potential State Office candidates

6. State Office candidates for the Federalist Party pose for a picture after the Primary Election results are announced.

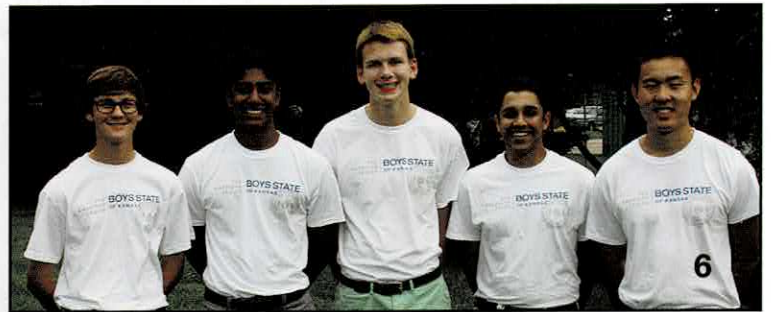
7. State Office candidates for the Nationalist Party pose for a picture after the Primary Election results are announced.

8. Members of the Kansas Boys State News broadcast team plan the next episode of their daily show. The episodes are posted online for viewing at any time.



# Monday

State really picked-up Monday morning. Delegates campaigned, began work on projects, auditioned for the Talent Show, and listened to candidates at the Whistle Stop Tour, and much more. Primary election results were announced at the evening assembly. Party conventions followed the announcement.





# State Party

## Nationalists

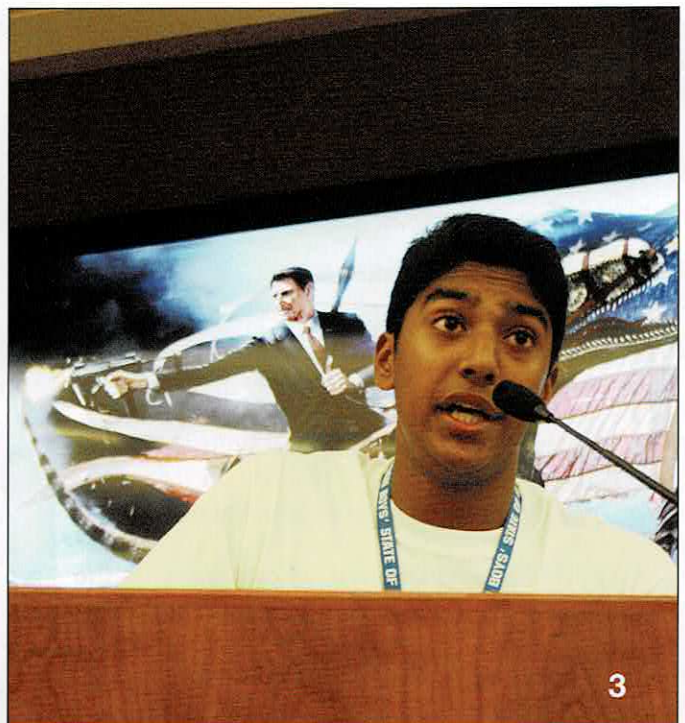
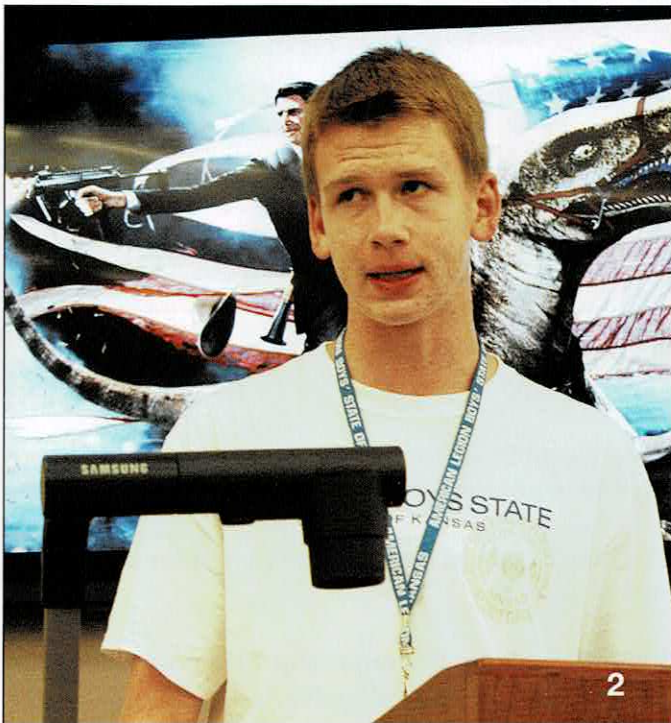


1. Members of the Nationalist Party take part in their party convention Monday night. During this event, party leaders outlined the Nationalist Party Platform and rallied the members to vote for their members.

2. A Nationalist Party leader addresses the delegates with important information concerning the party platform.  
3. Trevor Langer and Clayton Covington speak to their party members.



# Conventions



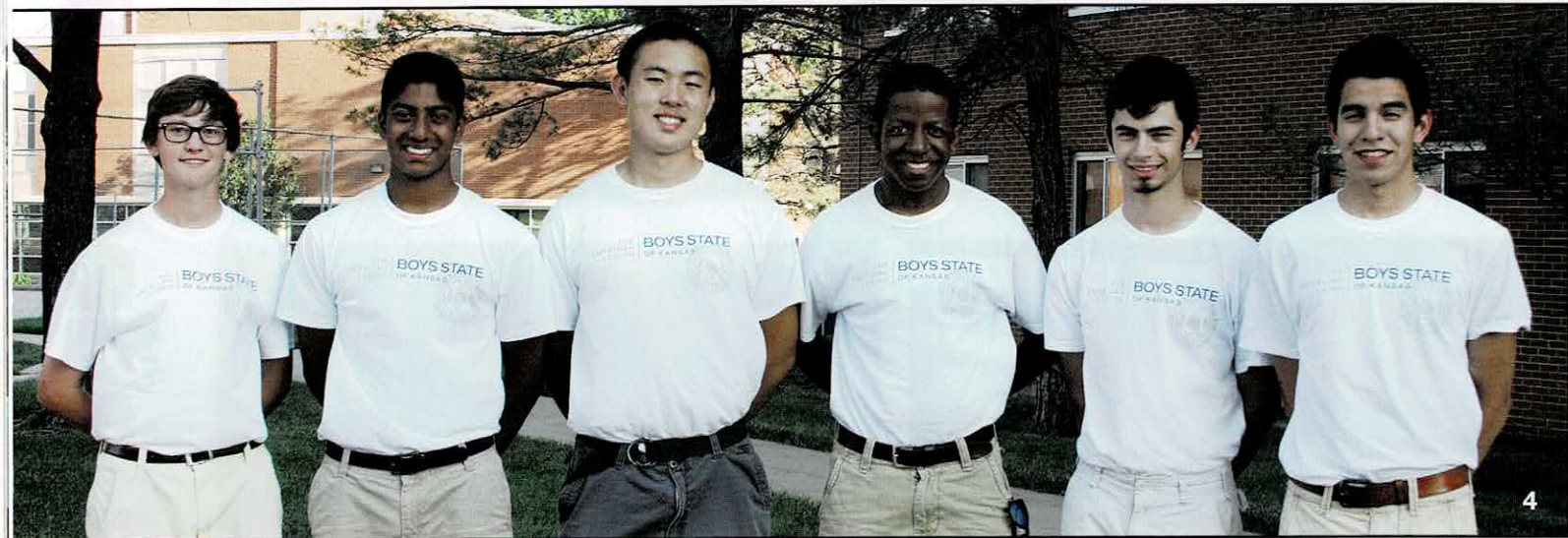
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2. Brennan Spoor, Federalist Governor Candidate, speaks to the party delegates.  
3. Ashwanth Samuel addresses the delegates with important information concerning the party platform.



# Tuesday

**T**uesday was truly Super Tuesday at Boys State. The general election took place after the state office candidates participated in a debate in McCain Auditorium. Then voters cast their ballots via text polling to determine the leaders of the 2014 Boys State. The results of the general election were announced during the evening retreat. Delegates then attended Town Hall Meetings where speakers from government offices and judges.



1. The 2014 Kansas Boys State leadership poses for a picture after being sworn into office. They include, from left, Alex Ghekas (Commissioner of Insurance), Ashwanth Samuel (Secretary of State), Luke Wuri (Treasurer), Clayton Covington (Governor), Trevor Langer (Lieutenant Governor), and Daniel Santos (Attorney General).

2. State Senator Michael O'Donnell, who represents the 25th Kansas Senate District, speaks to Staters.

3. Judge Joe Pierron talks to a group of Staters during the Town Hall Meetings.

4. During the debate, members of the Boys State Media played the role of moderators as they selected and asked the questions of the candidates.

5. Staters celebrate winning the Citizenship Banner of the day.

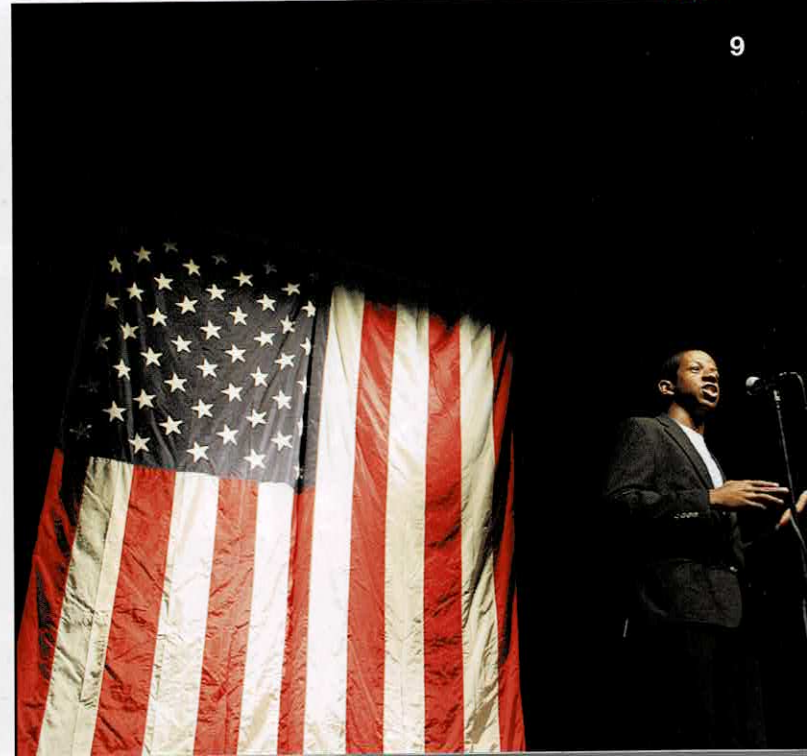
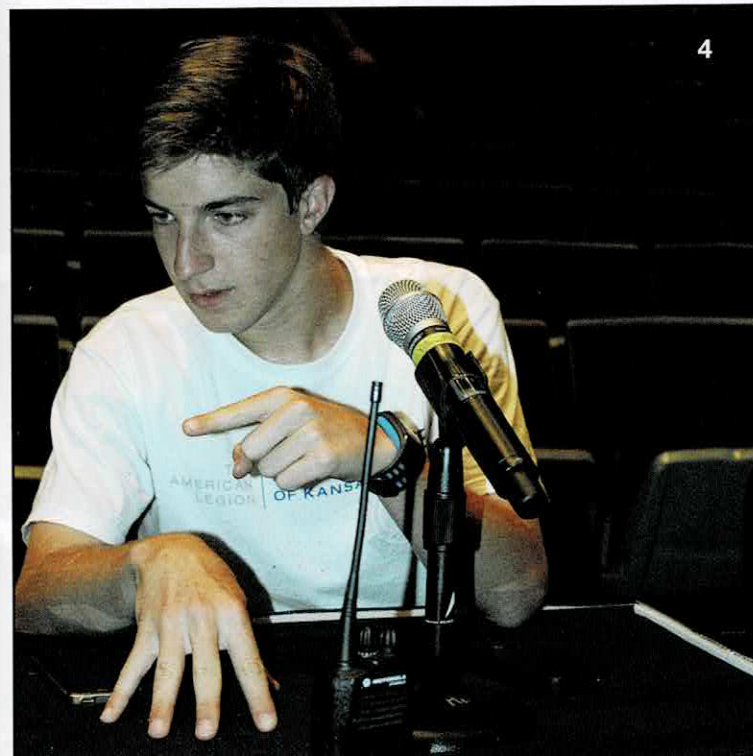
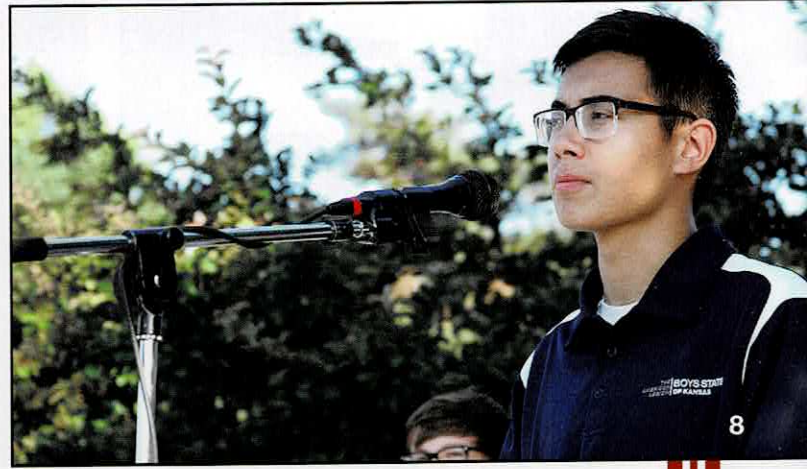
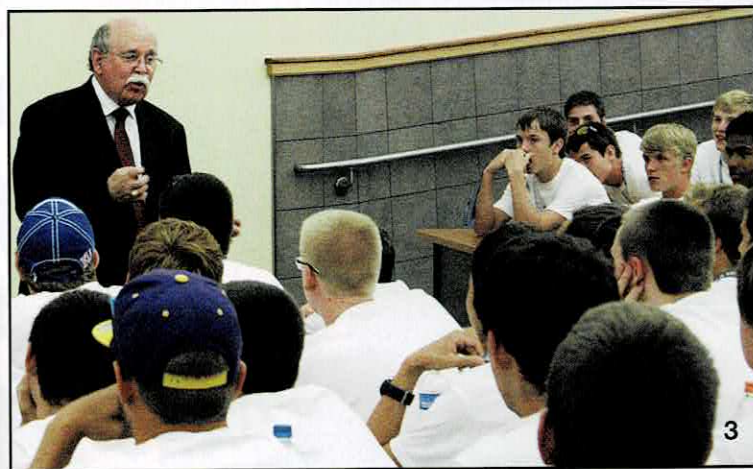
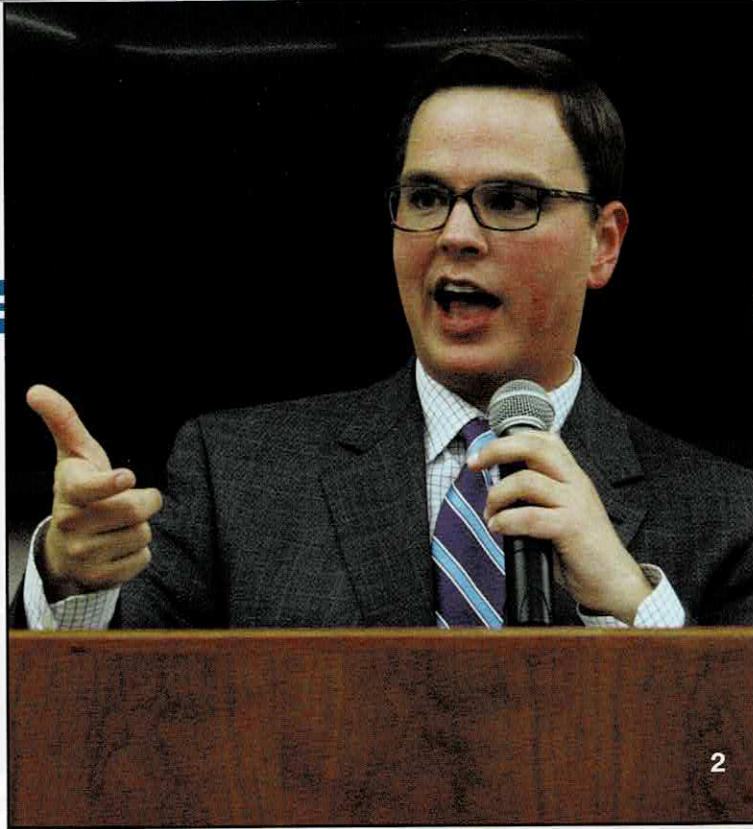
6. During assemblies, Staters would participate in cheers and chants supporting their counties and candidates.

7. Delegates march to McCain Auditorium for the annual candidate debate.

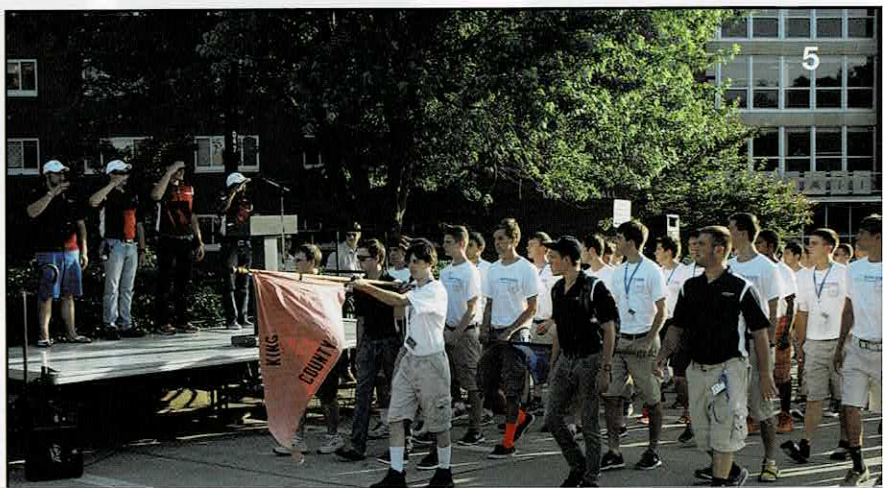
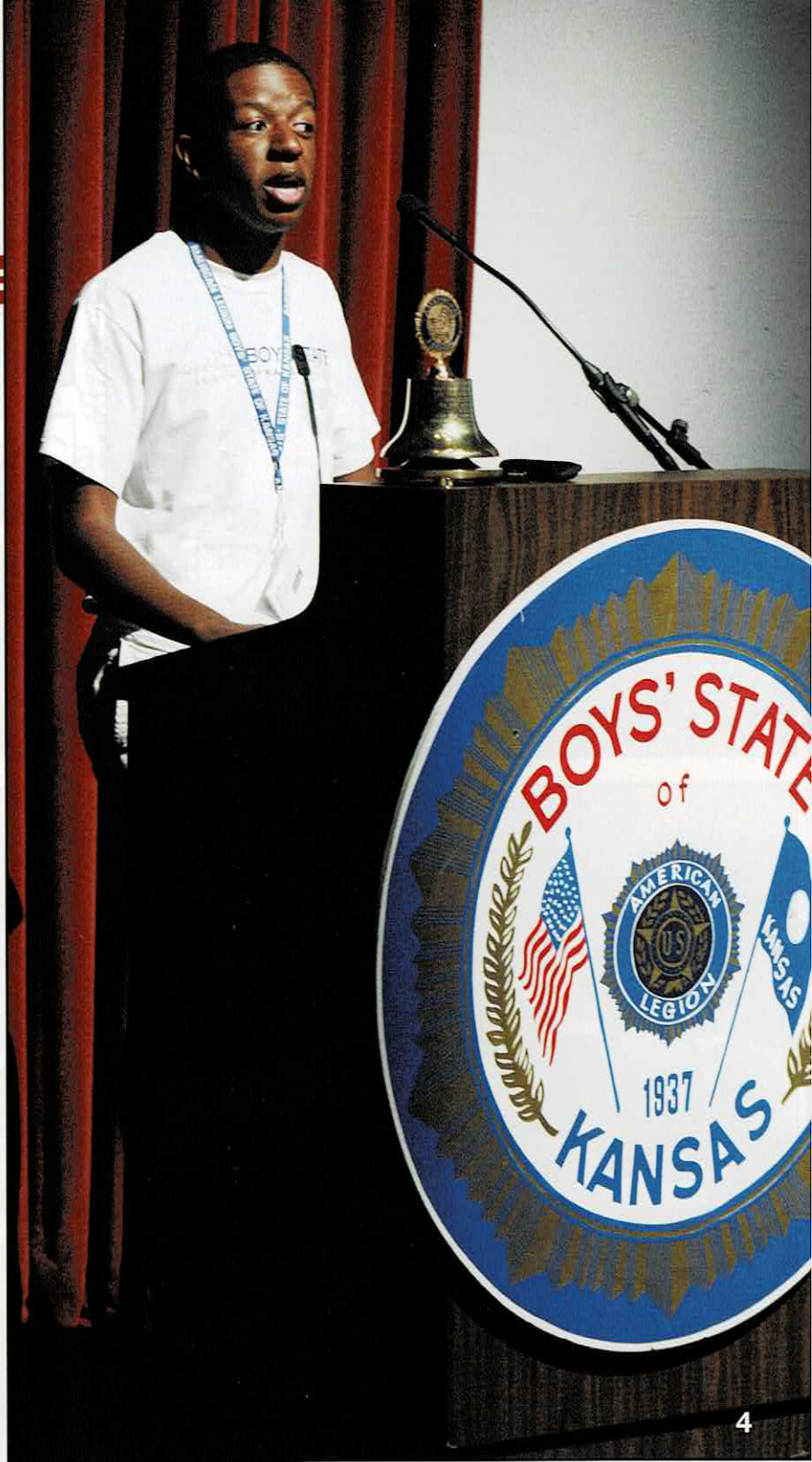
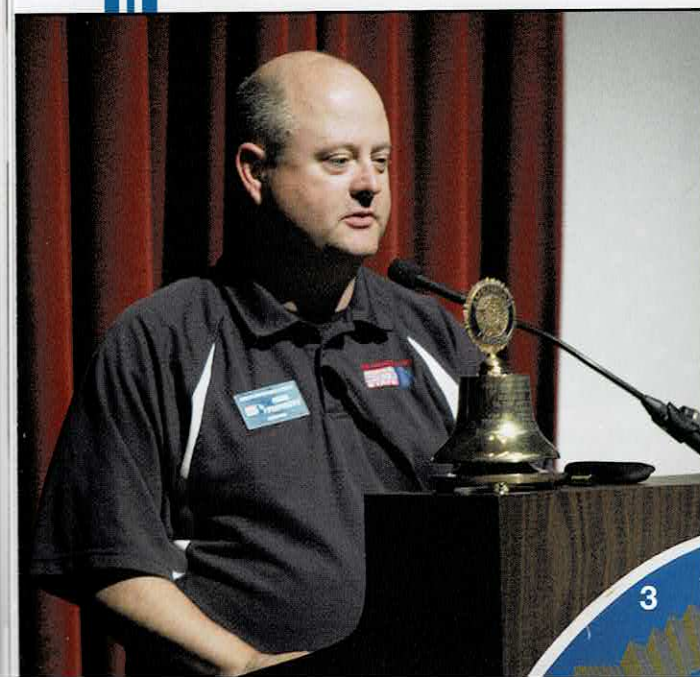
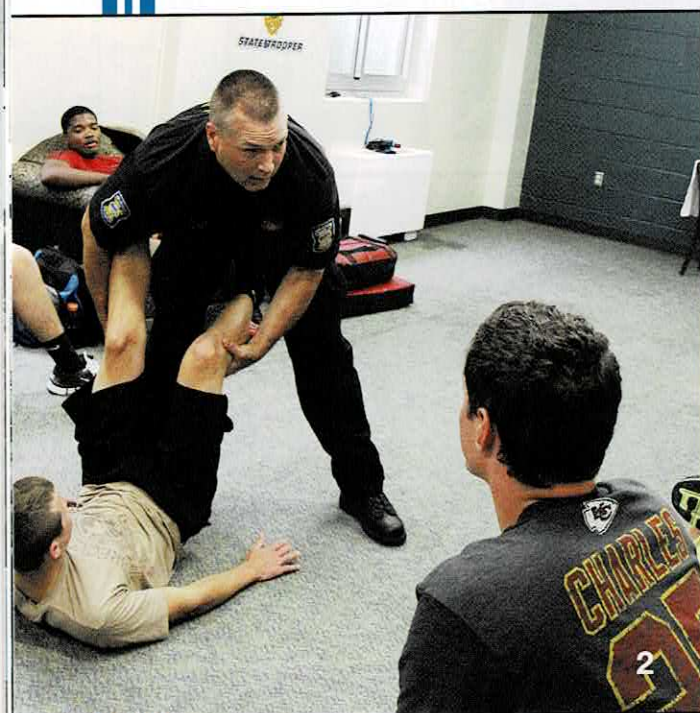
8. Former Boys State Governor and 2014 counselor Carl Palmquist speaks to the delegates.

9. Candidate for Boys State Governor, Clayton Covington, the City of Shelton in Powell County, speaks during the debate.











# Wednesday

**B**oys State operations continued as everyone had his position finalized. Also, the 2014 Boys State Governor Clayton Covington delivered his State of the State Address, in which he proposed his budget. Staters also took part in recreation time and legislative work. The day ended with the ever-popular Boys State Talent Show.



1. Band members provided a trumpeter for daily flag raising and lowering.

2. A State Trooper demonstrates how to effectively and safely take down a perpetrator.

3. Missouri Boys State Executive Director Mike Plunkett speaks to the Kansas Boys State delegates. Plunkett was one of several special guests at State this year.

4. Boys State Governor Clayton Covington delivers his State of the State Address to the delegates gathered in McCain Auditorium.

5. King County takes part in Pass In Review during evening retreat.

6. Dr. Stephanie Kelton, of University of Missouri-Kansas City, speaks to the delegates about her theory that deficit spending is a good thing.

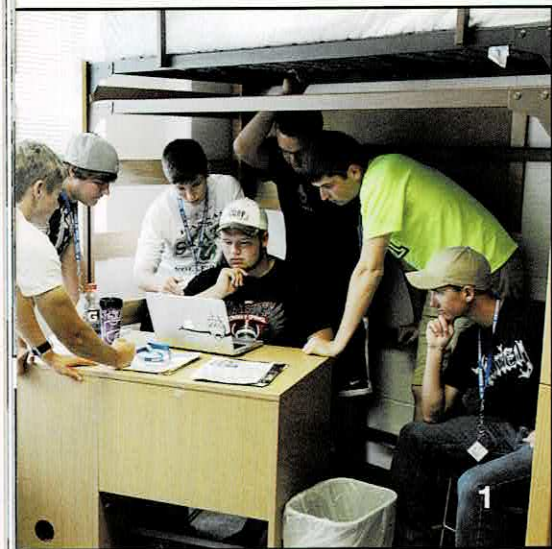
7. Counties dance to music being played over the public address system before morning assembly.





# Thursday

The week was filled with delegates working together to solve many different types of government problems. District courts heard trials and the House and Senate debated various legislative proposals. The College Fair gave delegates an opportunity to take a break from their hectic projects and visit with college recruiters. After evening ceremonies, Staters marched to McCain Auditorium to listen to the Boys State Choir and the Boys State Band perform. Both music groups had the privilege to work with instructors from the Kansas State University music program. The Staters also elected Senators who would represent them at Boys Nation in Washington D.C.







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1. Huddled beneath a make-shift workstation made of bunkbeds, Staters work together to complete a Governmental Project for the day.

2. Delegates work together to complete a Governmental Project for the day.

3. Legionnaire Chuck Shoemaker speaks to the delegates during morning assembly.

4. Staters talk to a representative from various colleges and universities during the College Fair.

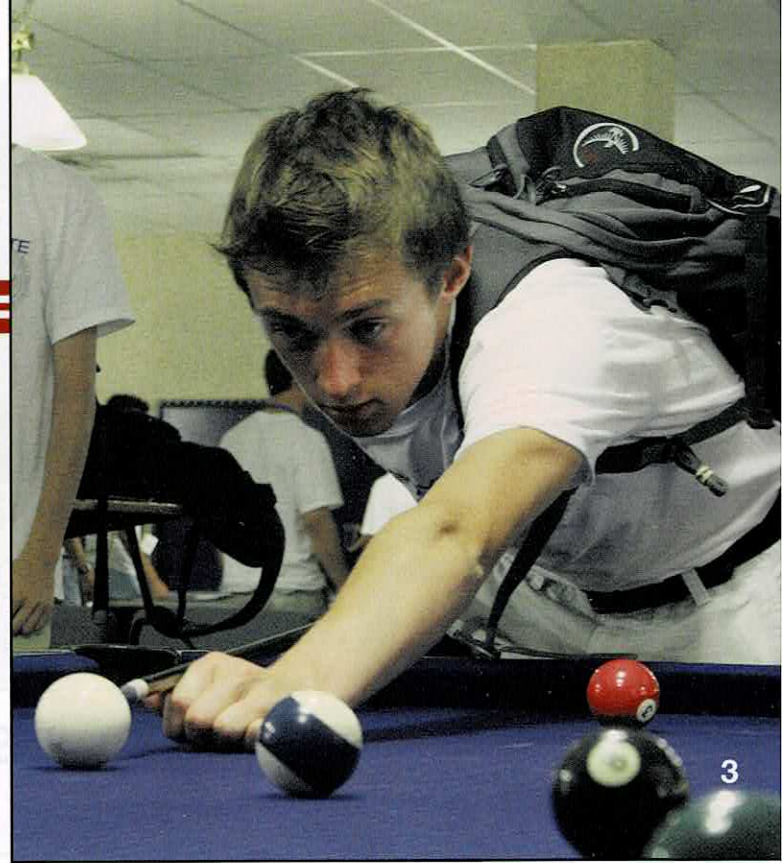
5. During the flag disposal ceremony hosted by members of the Manhattan American Legion Pearce-Keller Post 17, Staters pay their respects to many flags as they are retired.

6. Each county elects a Boys Nation candidate. They each deliver a short speech as to why he should be a Boys Nation representative.

7. Legionnaire Don Whitten eats lunch with the Staters in the Kramer Dining Center.

8. The Boys State Band performs.

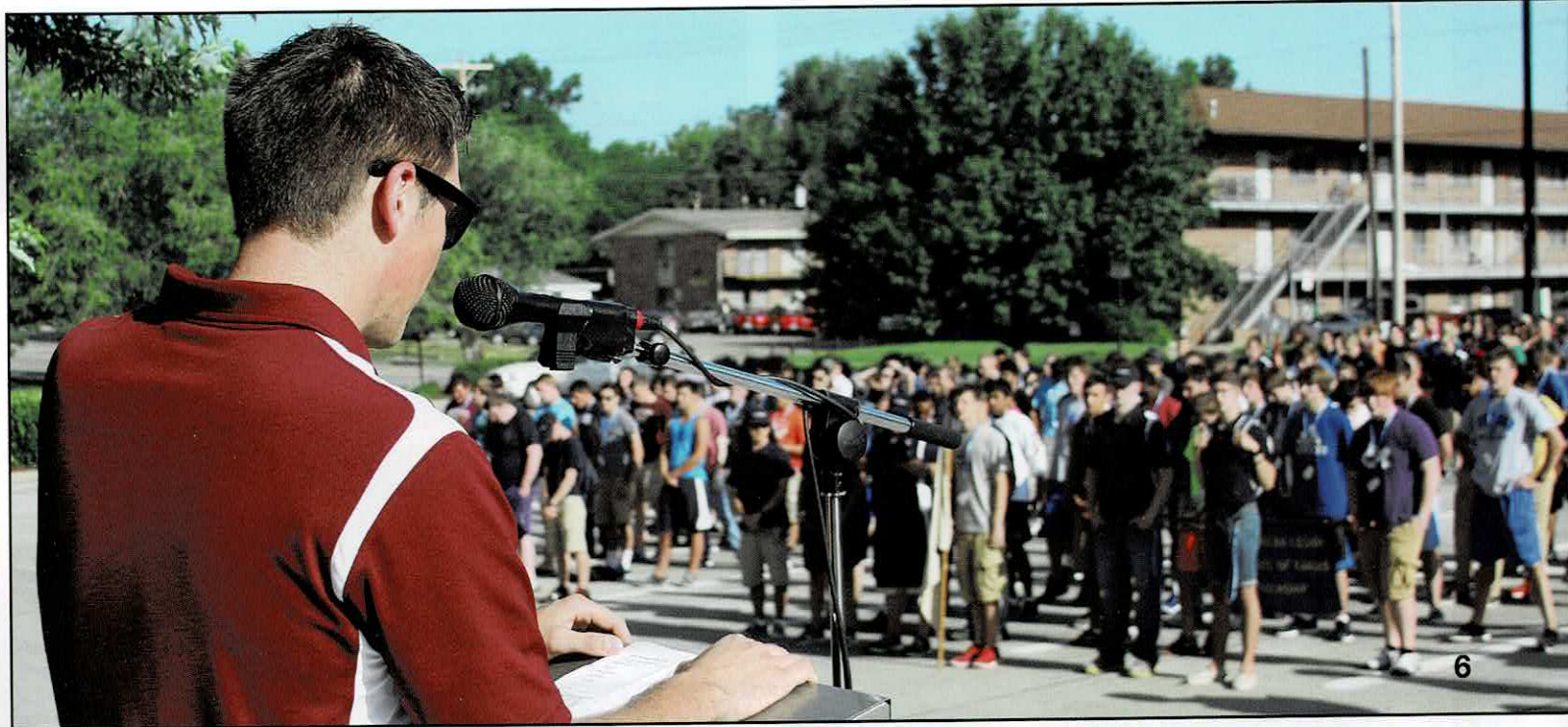






# Friday

The final full day of State held many fun and memorable activities. As the Staters finished up their last projects, they prepared to go to the Kansas State Union for an opportunity to hang out with other Staters they had met during the week. They played pool, bowled, and took part in other activities. They also enjoyed a special barbecue meal and learned who would be representing them as the Boys Nation Senators.



1. County Counselor Preston Mossman hugs David Soleto after it was announced Soleto had been selected as a Boys Nation Senator.

2. Bradley County members belt out a warrior's cry during morning retreat.

3. During Friday night's time at the Union, Staters took part in shooting pool and other activities.

4. Staters take part in a cross country race during recreation time.

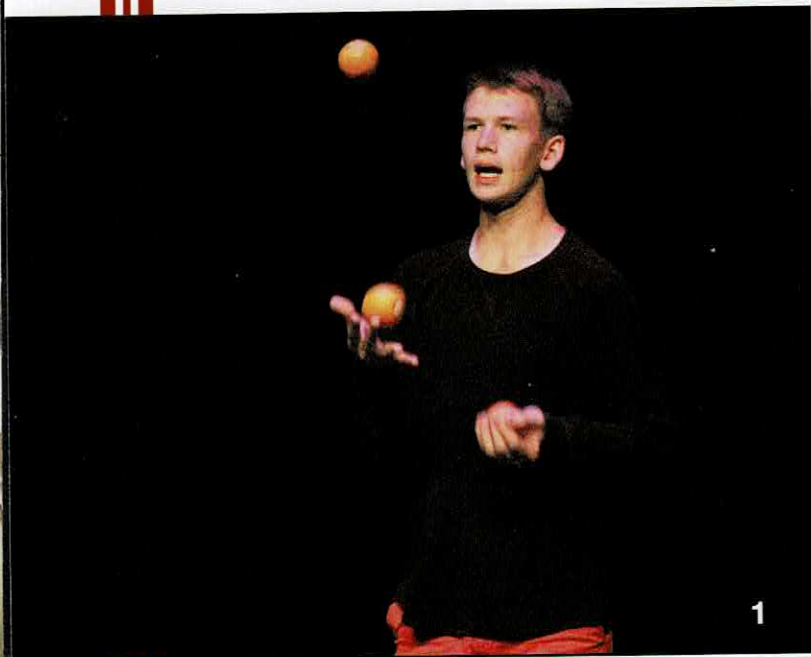
5. Staters face off in an intense game of foos ball during the delegates' time at the student union.

6. Program Coordinator Gavin Smith addresses the delegates as he prepares to announce the Boys Nation winners.

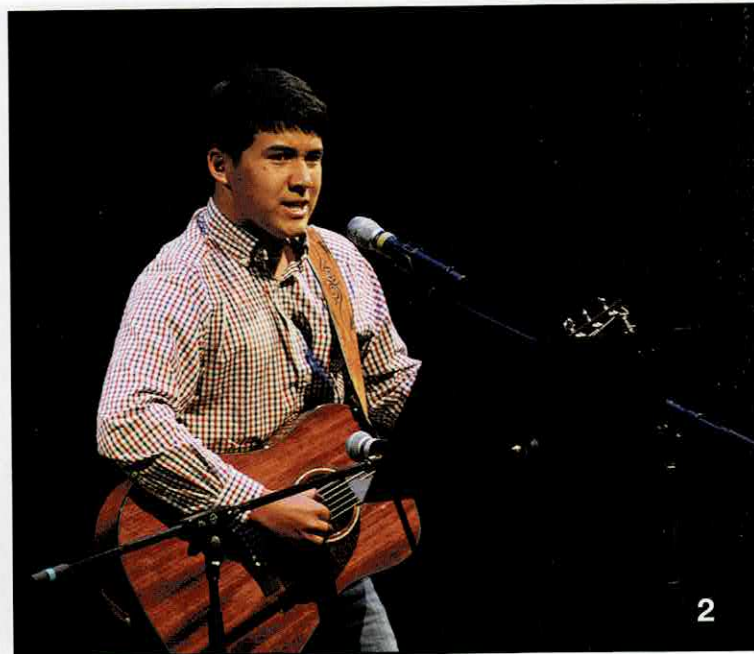


# Talent Show

Music, comedy, and dance performances were all part of the Boys State Talent Show. After their hard work during the first part of the week, delegates let loose a little bit Wednesday night and performed for fellow Boys Staters. There were a variety of different acts, ranging from piano and a variety of other musical instrument players to acting, dramatic readings, and singing. The night began with a musical performance from several of the Boys State counselors and ended with the traditional "American Pie."



1. Brennan Spoor of Powell County shows off his juggling skills.



2. Jackson Hubble of MacArthur County sings "Hallelujah" while playing his guitar.

3. Jaxon Pryer of King County sings "Let Her Go" by Passenger.

4. John Dabeck of Kennedy County impersonates former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

5. John Oldland of Powell County plays "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" by Rachmaninov.

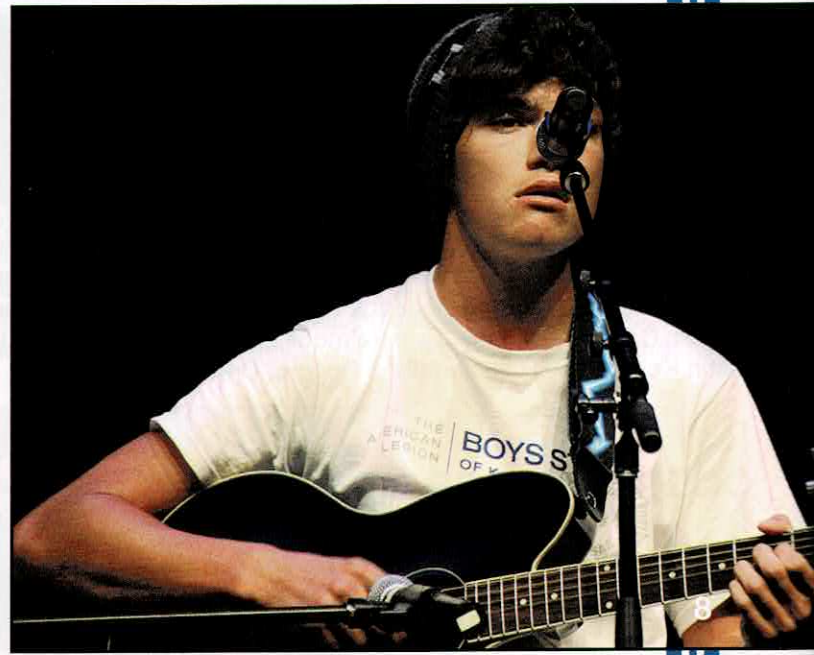
6. County Advisor Chuck Shoemaker talks to the delegates between songs. Shoemaker is an accomplished piano player and is a member of the Kansas Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

7. Tom Billam of Powell County showcases his beat boxing talent.

8. Connick Roe of Powell County sings "Iris" while playing his guitar.

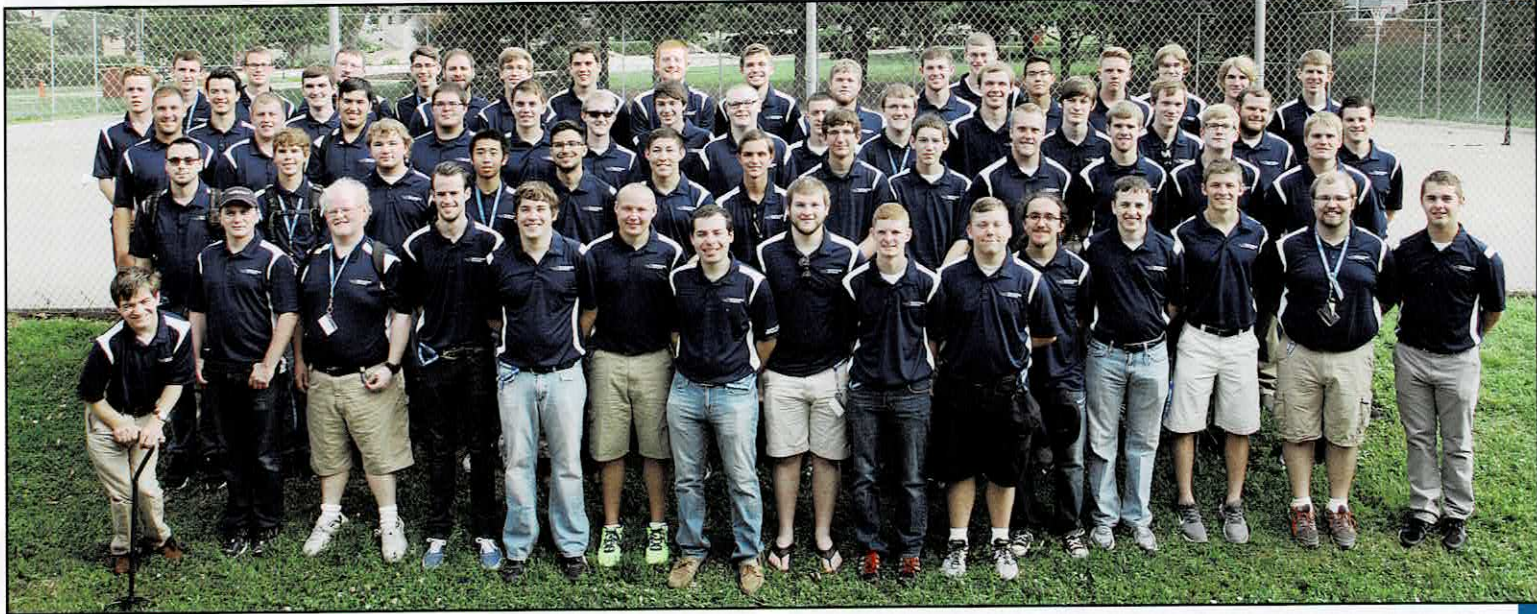
9. Russell Brown of Patton County sings "Colder Weather."







# Counselors/Coordinators



**Front Row** Rob Egan, Jacob Brown, Thaddeus Tuck, Preston Mossman, Dean Symes, Kevin Lansing, Xander Fortunato, Mitch Shelton, Cody McCarty, Jack Curtis, Trevin Garcia, Jonathan Volker, Garrett Wilkinson, Justice Schremmer, Michael Denney **Second Row** John Shively, Nathan Jenkins, Logan Gideon, Yang Yang Li, Zachary Hendrickson, David Christie, Michael Swift-Plaschka, Nick Fief, Tyler Thiel, Bryce Ruble, Alex Holmes, Derek Symes, Jayton Salmans **Third Row** Aaron Twarog, Zac Headings, Jacob Hobbie, Brandon Englund, Colton Lagerman, Ryan Doberer, Isaac Stark, Will Korf, Scott Lounsbury, Ryan Fullerton, Conner Viets, Robert Klauman, Cody Keener, Matt Brandt, Nathan Kessler **Fourth Row** Aden Lindholm, Samuel Pate, Jonathan Cole, Zack Rebarchek, Kevin Lewis, Morgan Stahl, Adam Ronnebaum, Grant DeFonso, Curtis Concanon, Carson Jennings, Carl Palmquist, Jordan Martin, Ryan Urban, RJ Moser, Chase Barclay **Back Row** Jesse Porter, Austin Koch, Riley Hall, Jonathan Rogers, Drew Stapp

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**Todd Vogts,**  
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# Advisors/Nation



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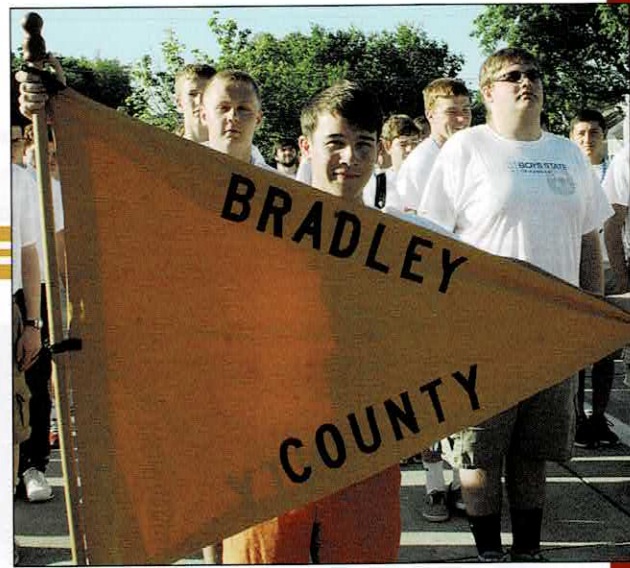
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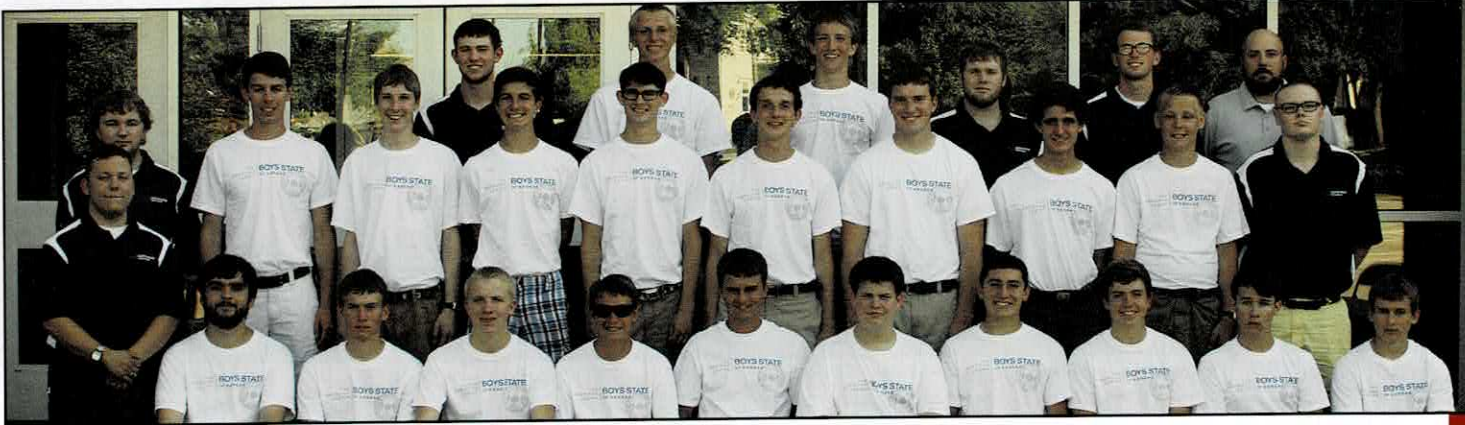


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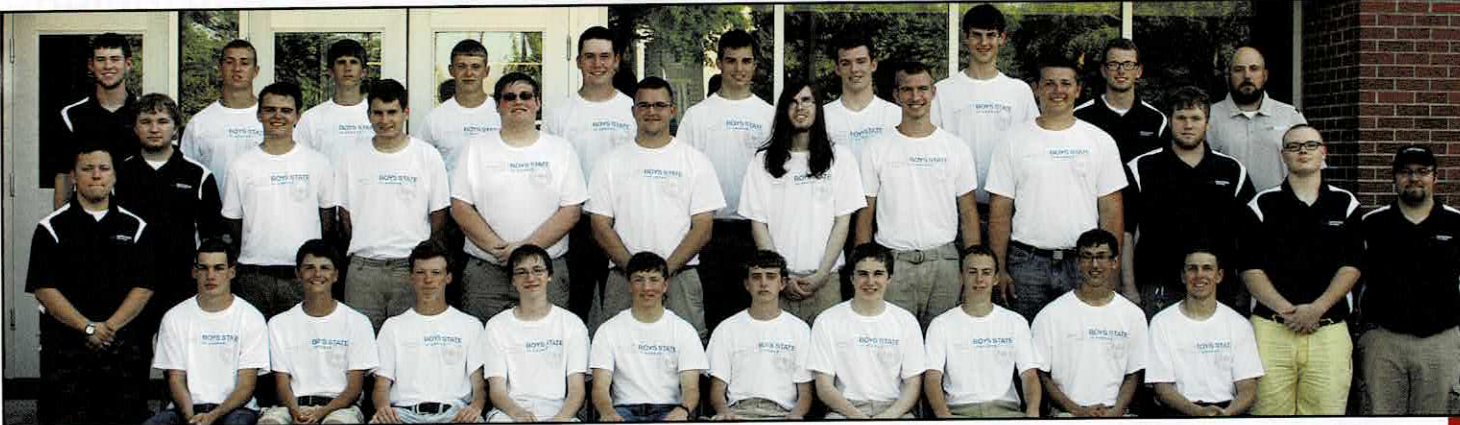


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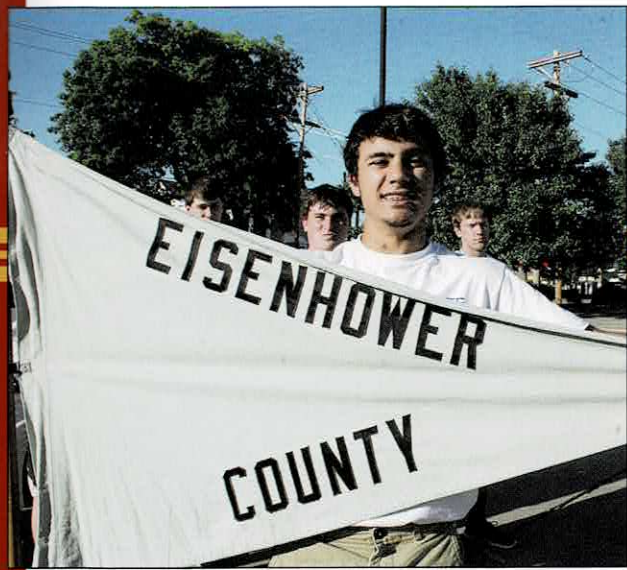
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# Eisenhower

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**Crum City Counselor:** Tyler Thiel



Chastain

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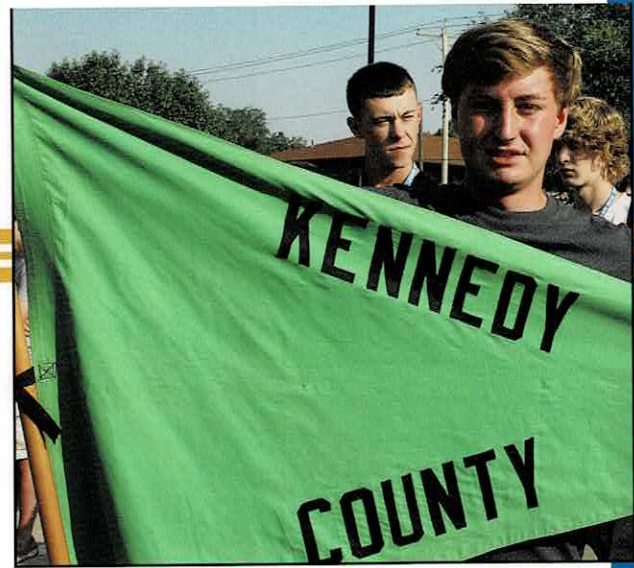
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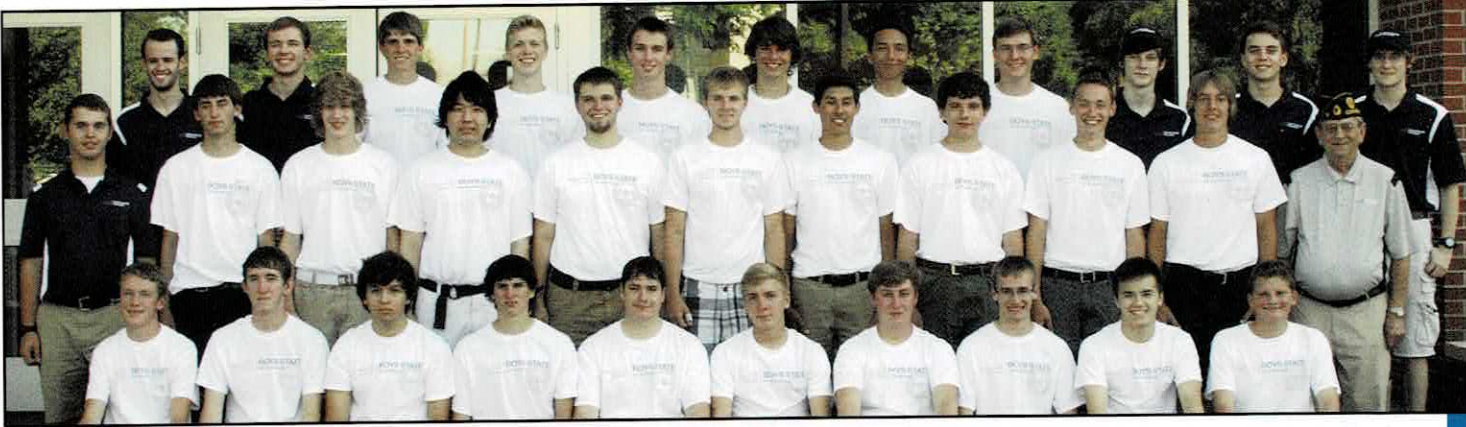


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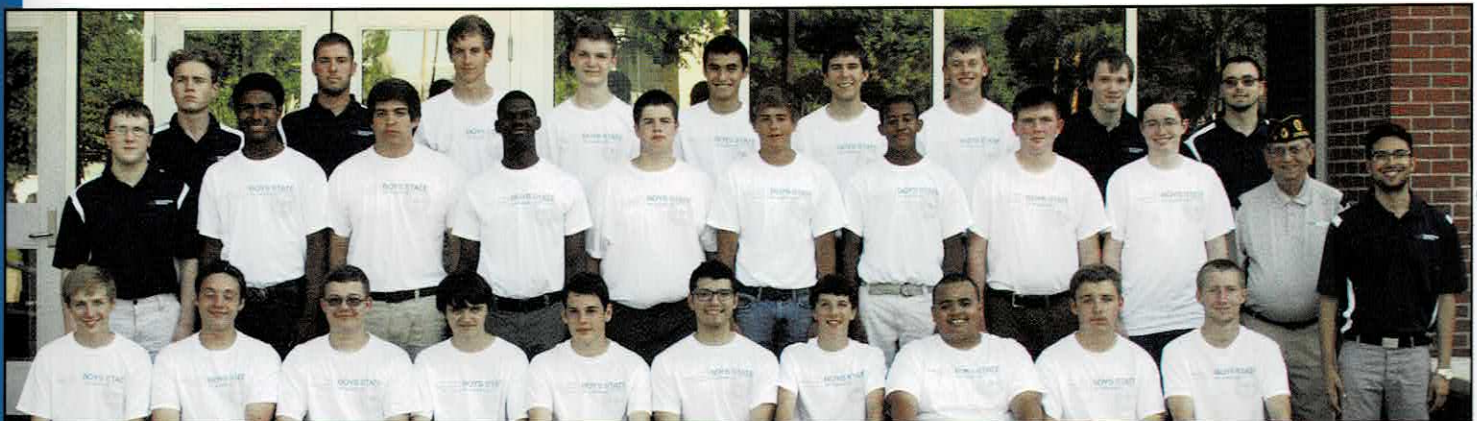


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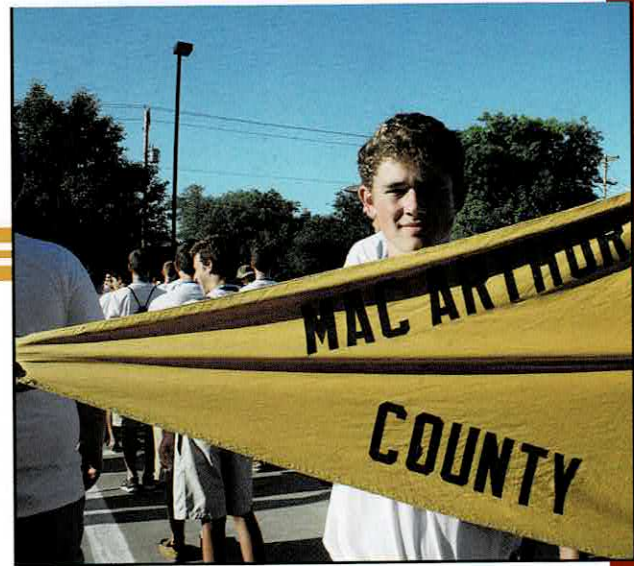
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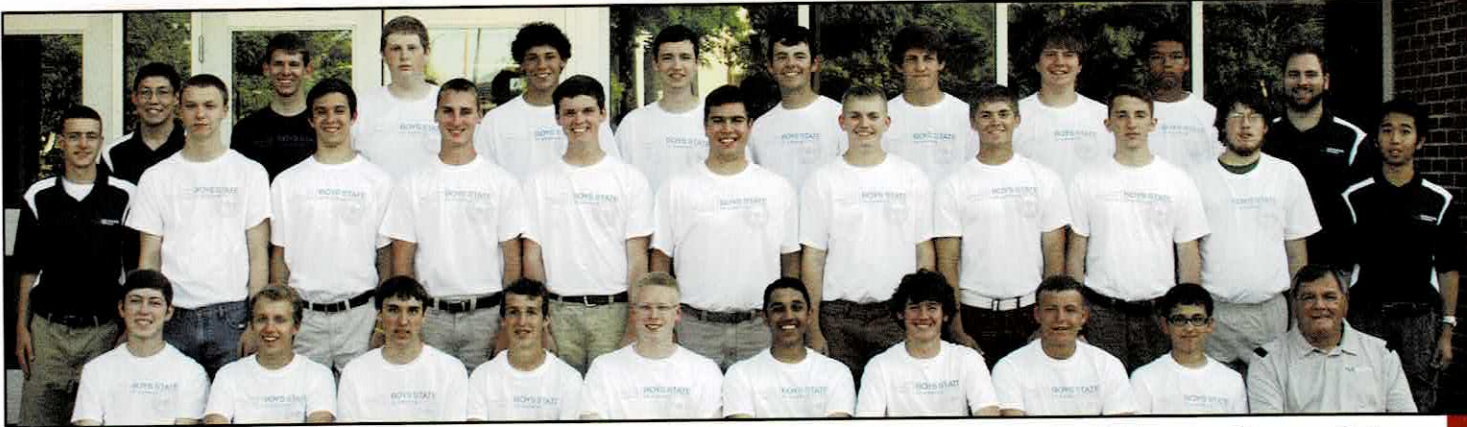


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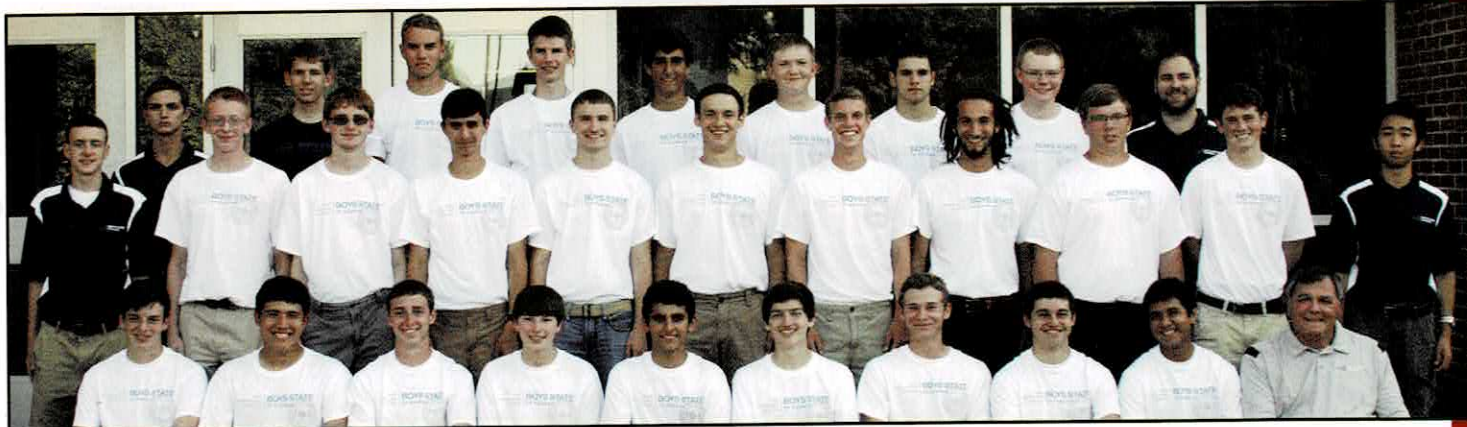


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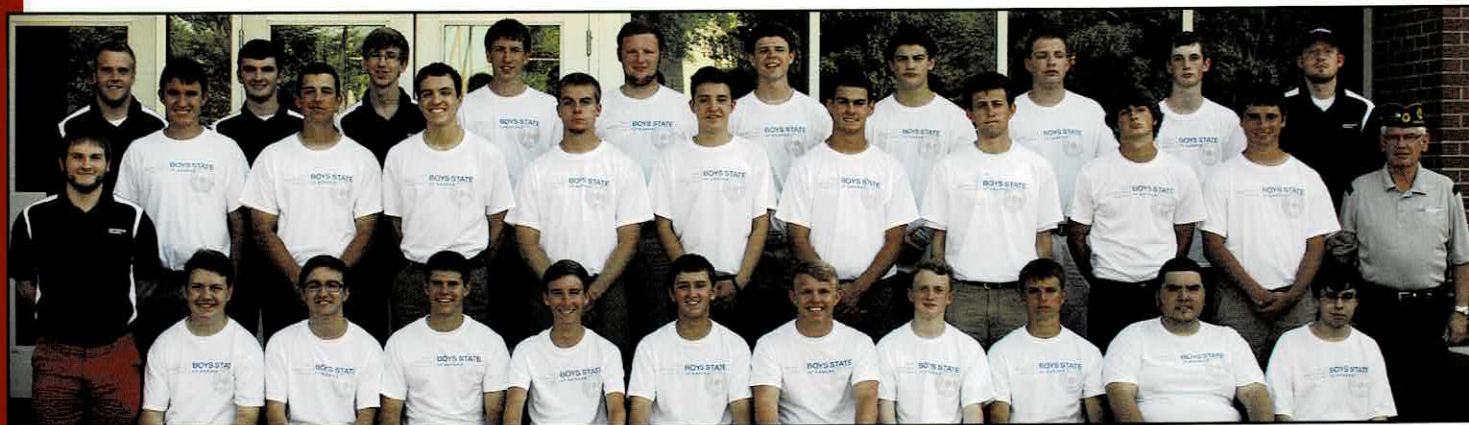
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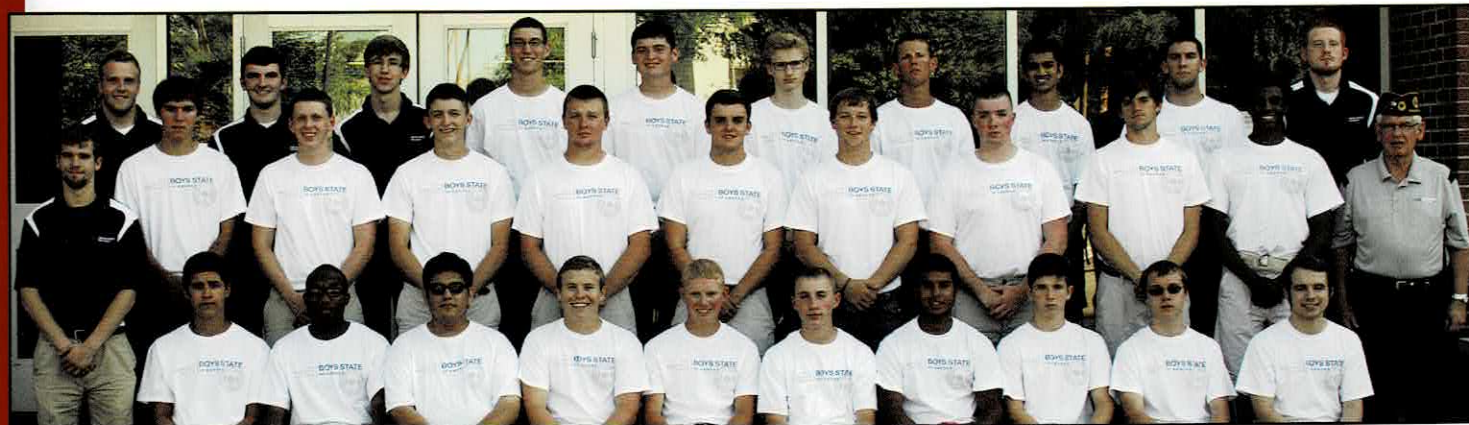
# Marshall

**Marshall County Counselor:** Adam Ronnebaum  
**Lane City Counselor:** Mitchell Shelton  
**Mantey City Counselor:** Alex Holmes



Lane

**Front Row:** Justin Gittle, Adam Carr, Isaac Stevens, Timmy Brill, Chase Brown, Chester Bragg-Cummings, Lane Quick, Dakota Stimpson, Trenton Rittenhouse, Jacob Armstrong **Middle Row:** Counselor Mitchell Shelton, Logan Hughes, Samuel Moylan, Carlos Guzman, Ryan Matzke, Tyler Holloway, Braden Johnson, Peyton Harms, Gunnar Freeman, Chance Jordan, County Advisor Don Thompson **Back Row:** Counselor Bryce Ruble, Counselor Jonathan Cole, Counselor Kevin Lewis, Counselor Jacob Studer, Graham Dixon, Paul Patton, Channing Davis, Luke Hansen, Blake Schmidt, Marshall County Counselor Adam Ronnebaum



Mantey

**Front Row:** Andrew McClure, Simeon Willis, Dustin Curiel, Reid Abbott, Damen Abbott, John Flott, Trent Rietzke, Brandon Dofat, Caleb Strack, Tyler Peterman **Middle Row:** Counselor Alex Holmes, Elijah McAdam, Zack Zule, Eric Buckels, Nathan Hemby, Andrew Linhardt, Kord Curran, Frederick Porter, Kevin Thompson, Jared Belardo, County Advisor Don Thompson **Back Row:** Counselor Bryce Ruble, Counselor Jonathan Cole, Counselor Kevin Lewis, Andrew McPherson, John Kelly, Kurtis Engel, Callahan Eckardt, Pranav Rao, Matt Stone, Marshall County Counselor Adam Ronnebaum



# Patton



**Patton County Counselor:** Matt Brandt  
**Newman City Counselor:** Jonathan Rogers  
**O'Leary City Counselor:** Trevin Garcia

Newman



**Front Row:** John McKean, Jacob Adams, Logan Miller, James Walters, Casey Veith, Evan Olson, John Mathews, Brody Roberts, Samuel Smith, George Deppenbusch **Middle Row:** Patton County Counselor Matthew Brandt, Andrew Feldkamp, Caleb Strait, Jack Snyder, Jay Buffum, Jacob Evraets, Matthew Scherer, Alex Bauer, Kyeet Soukup, Russell Brown, Advisor John Lindholm **Back Row:** Counselor Garrett Wilkinson, Counselor Drew Stapp, Nicholas Leyden, Reid Morgart, Trey Bellows, Zach Hardin, Braden Hodges, Counselor Jonathan Rogers, Counselor Trevin Garcia

O'Leary



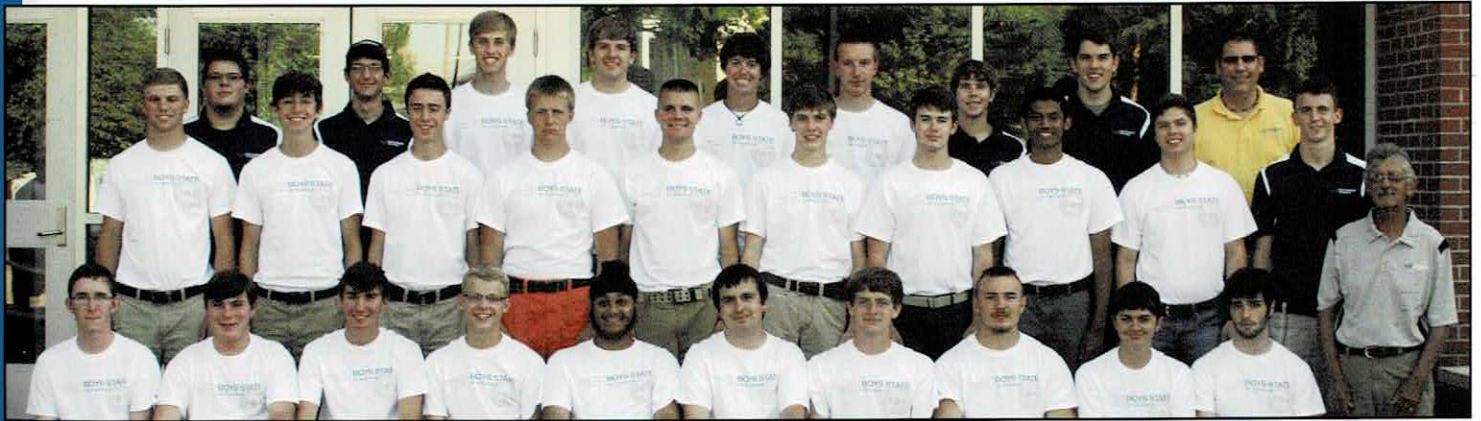
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# Pershing



**Pershing County Counselor:** Nick Fief  
**Perrill City Counselor:** Jesse Porter  
**Raymond City Counselor:** Morgan Stahl



Perrill

**Front Row:** Garrett Rose, Andrew Englander, Brandon Wolfe, Alec Onstad, Shabad Washist, Jay Garber, Michael Devoe, Michael Liby, Austin Nelsen, Tanner Cronister, County Advisor Curtis Kimble **Middle Row:** Jacob Schmidt, Grant Blizzard, Alex Karrasch, Gunther Wehrman, Frank Dwornicki, Sean Bowen, Jacob Pemberton, Joel Zcharia, Thad White, Counselor Jesse Porter **Back Row:** Counselor Brandon Englund, Pershing County Counselor Nicholas Fief, Jack Ziegler, Cole Smith, Chandler Huddleston, Logan Schwerman, Counselor Nathan Jenkins, Counselor Morgan Stahl, Office Manager Troy Fowler



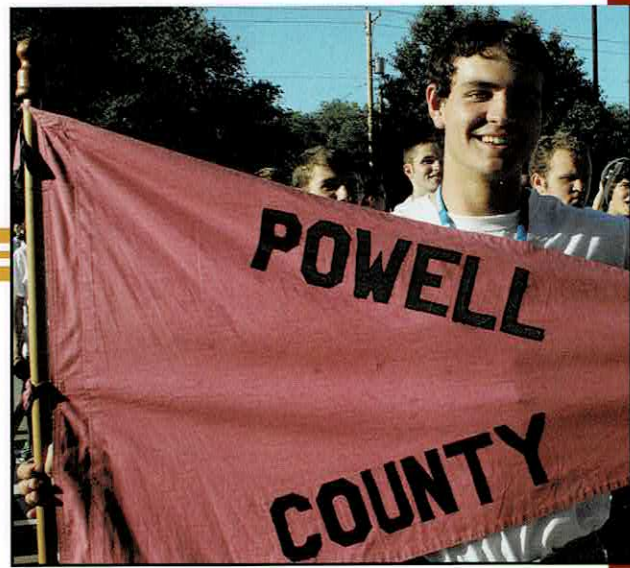
Raymond

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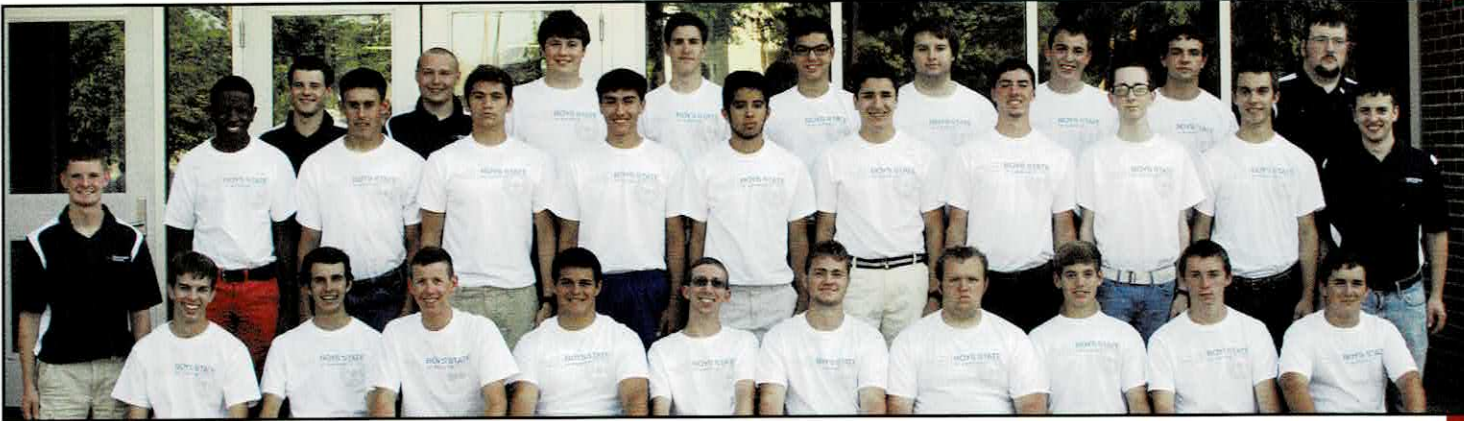


# Powell

**Powell County Counselor:** Riley Hall  
**Shelton City Counselor:** Cody McCarty  
**Spigarelli City Counselor:** Nathan Kessler



Shelton



**Front Row:** Counselor Cody McCarty, Stephen Akers, Jacob Cook, Breck Towner, Eric Schuette, Tim Justice, Mason Cozad, Cole Rohr, Andrew Buyle, DJ Pence, Robert Obourn **Middle Row:** Clayton Covington, Russell Krug, Kurtis Rodriguez, Luke Conchola, Miguel Chavez, Ben Davis, Matthew Slaney, Brennan Schartz, Grant Leshar, Counselor Jonathan Volker **Back Row:** Counselor Nathaniel Kessler, Counselor Kevin Lansing, Payton Zweifel, Jason Rydalch, Nick Harrelson, Brendan Phillips, Matt Rice, Matt Plummer, Powell County Counselor Riley Hall

Spigarelli



**Front Row:** Jack Weiner, Drew Martin, Arturo Amaro, Jr., Garret Seech, Connick Roe, Thomas Billam, Carter Sheffield, Branson Strasner, Wilfredo Figueroa-Rivera, John Oldland **Middle Row:** Counselor Nathaniel Kessler, Peter Strobel, Christian Smith, Patrick Hullings, Thomas Williams, Marcus Motley, Braden Fahey, Briggs Baltzell, Truman Peters, Waylon Sheetz, Counselor Jonathan Volker **Back Row:** Counselor Kevin Lansing, Counselor Cody McCarty, Donald Metoyer, Brennan Damman, Brennan Spoor, Daniel Mueting, Powell County Counselor Riley Hall

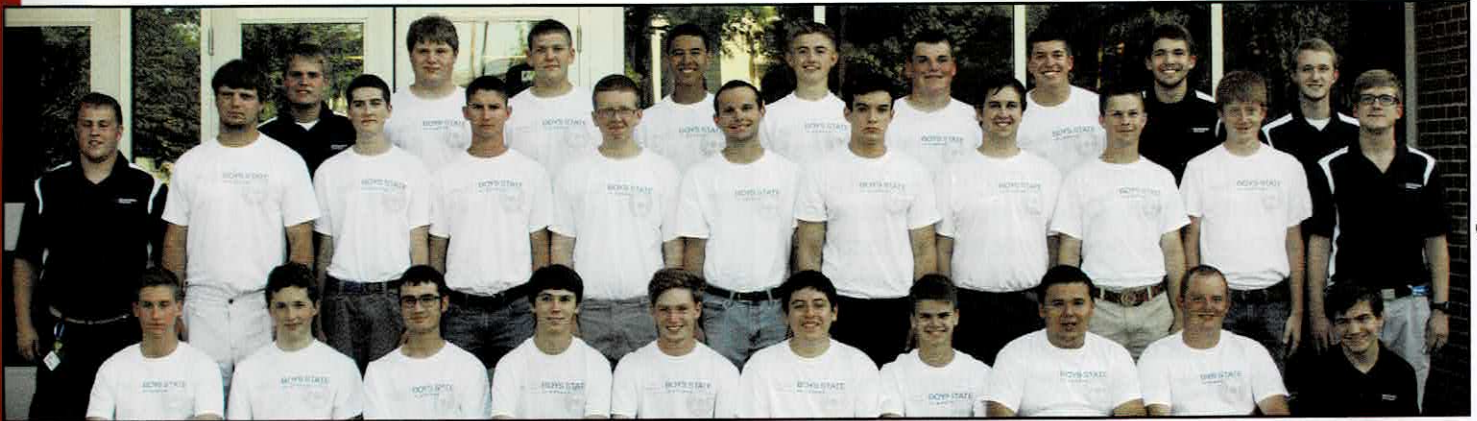




# Seitz



**Seitz County Counselor:** Derek Symes  
**Whorely City Counselor:** Rob Egan  
**Wiles City Counselor:** Zac Headings



Whorely

**Front Row:** Nick Pollock, Brennan Garnett, Tim Peternell, Derrick Turner, Devan Merchant, Guillermo Perez, Peter Dring, William Flug, Counselor Robert Egan **Middle Row:** Counselor Zachary Headings, Jeremy Amerin, Wesley Manner, Joshua Ash, Brandon Broxterman, Kenneth Sweeney, Charley McGraw, Samuel Vaughn, Hunter Chapman, Jackson Curtis, Seitz County Counselor Derek Symes **Back Row:** Counselor Jayton Salmans, Will Gross, Keaton Goering, Bayu Wilson, Max Stieben, Cole Slupski, Cody LaGreca, Counselor Grant DeFonso, Counselor Ryan Doberer



Wiles

**Front Row:** Counselor Alex Ghekas, Andrew Benne, Seth Campbell, Miles Bredehoeft, Ryan Burr, Brenden Miller, Anthony Huntsman, Devon Wilson, Gage Canfield, Counselor Robert Egan **Middle Row:** Dalton Denton, Jace Freeman, Nathaniel Weeks, Adam Jacobs, Nicholas Hermes, Henry Weiner, Duncan Robinette, Nic Powell, Phillip Ashcraft, Michael Zalenski **Back Row:** Counselor Zachary Headings, Counselor Jayton Salmans, Counselor Grant DeFonso, Counselor Ryan Doberer, Seitz County Counselor Derek Symes



# Closing

And so it is over. The 77th session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas program is complete. These are just some of the life-long memories, captured in picture form, that you created over one week in the summer of 2014.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 9th wondering what exactly to expect. Suddenly you were thrust into a high-paced, cooperative, and very involved program. The tasks of creating and maintaining a working government were placed in your hands. Hopefully through this program you were able to see exactly what kinds of decisions our society is faced with.

Elected officials have the incredible tasks of creating legislation to protect their constituents' rights, while at the same time maintaining financial and social stability. One evident message of our program is that it is not easy to be a leader. We hope that you not only found opportunities for great success, but that you also faced the chore of overcoming a sound defeat. It is in these instances where a leader proves his worth, and you have undoubtedly taken this message from The American Legion Boys State of Kansas.

So it is up to you, and you alone, to overcome the failures and struggles that life will present you. Democracy, the most effective form of government, is dependent on involvement. We are taking for granted that you will certainly be involved, but we challenge you not only to become involved but also to become a leader, that extra step beyond simple participation, within your communities.

Democracy is not limited to the realms of Topeka and Washington.

Democracy exists in your homes, schools, congregations, and workplaces. There will be times in your life when you will be faced with a situation that you do not agree with or that you feel is unfair to you or someone you know. As difficult as it may seem, it is not only your right but your responsibility to use the knowledge and skills you gained from our program to help yourself and your fellow citizens do the right thing.

No matter what you think about what has happened in the past, or even what is happening now, you have the opportunity to change the future, and that is what is great about America. In a very short time a couple hundred years' worth of progress will be handed to you. What will you do with it? Will you be content to stand still? Will you move forward? The decision is up to you.

Serve your community and serve it well. We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors, and we hope that the American Legion Boys State of Kansas helped you along the way.





