

BOYS STATE OF KANSAS



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Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas

THE
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LEGION

BOYS STATE
OF KANSAS

A Week That Changed My Life



O P E N I N G

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Welcome

On behalf of our staff,

We say to the Staters of the 78th 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 transitioned 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.

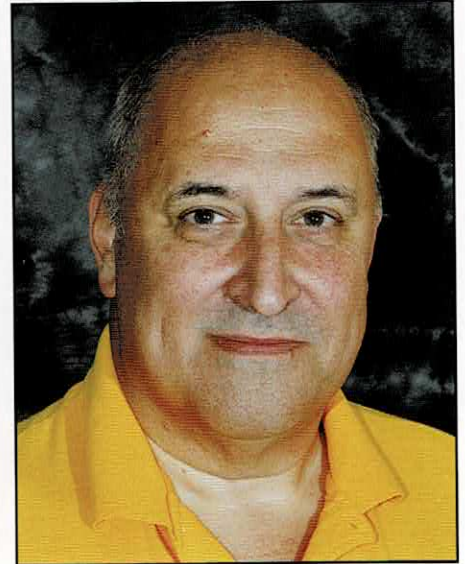
We can report to the American Legion of Kansas, to your families, to your High School Counselors, to those who sponsored you and to everyone else who supported you in your Boys State endeavors that you have exceeded their very high expectations.

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

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“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. With Charter No. 5, the Department of Kansas was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program.

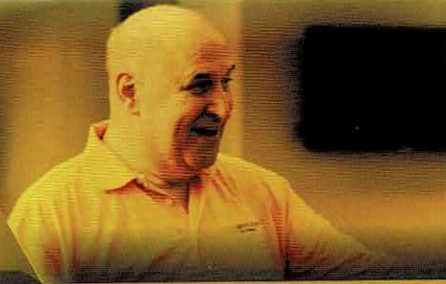
The American Legion Boys State of Kansas was held in Wichita for 26 years before moving to the University of Kansas in 1963. It stayed there until 1992 when the program moved to its present location on the campus of Kansas State University.

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.





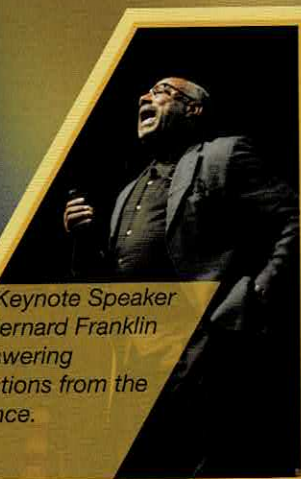
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Executive Director, Rex Gardner, greeting parents and Staters as they check in.

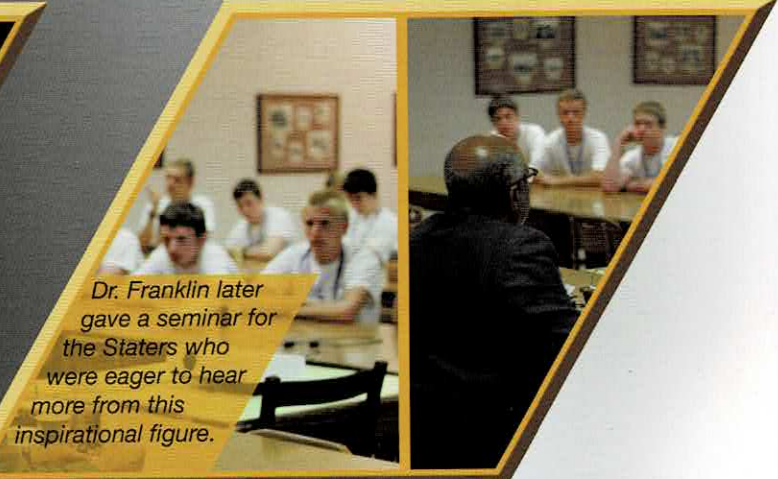


Keynote speaker, Bernard Franklin, addressing the Staters about not letting the status quo and social norms hold you back.

Staters attending the 2015 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 Program Coordinator Gavin Smith and heard from guest speaker Bernard Franklin. Finally some Staters received direction on their respective positions.



Keynote Speaker Bernard Franklin answering questions from the audience.



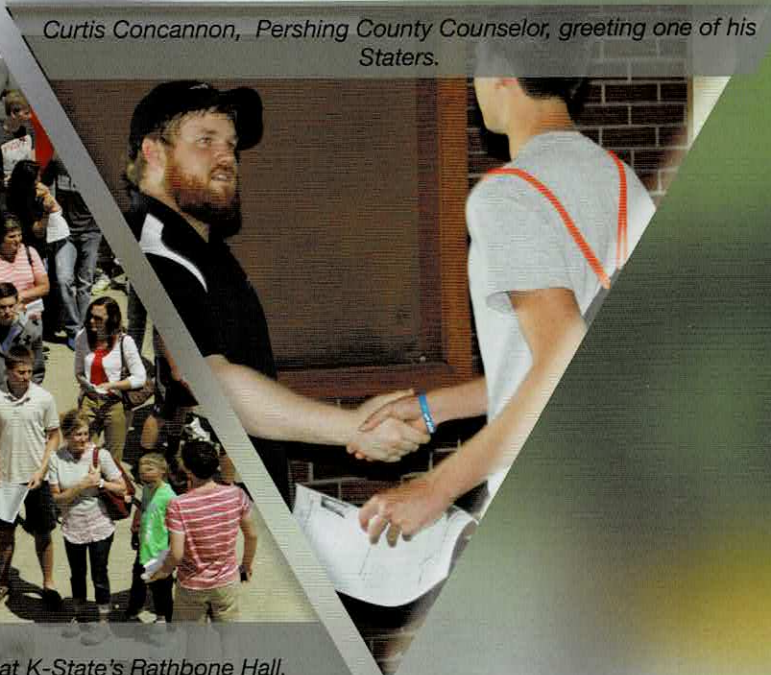
Dr. Franklin later gave a seminar for the Staters who were eager to hear more from this inspirational figure.



The color gaurd, comprised of Staters, lead their first march to McCain Auditorium.



Bradley County Counselor, Xander Fortunato, escorts his Staters outside during the programs annual safety drill.



Curtis Concannon, Pershing County Counselor, greeting one of his Staters.

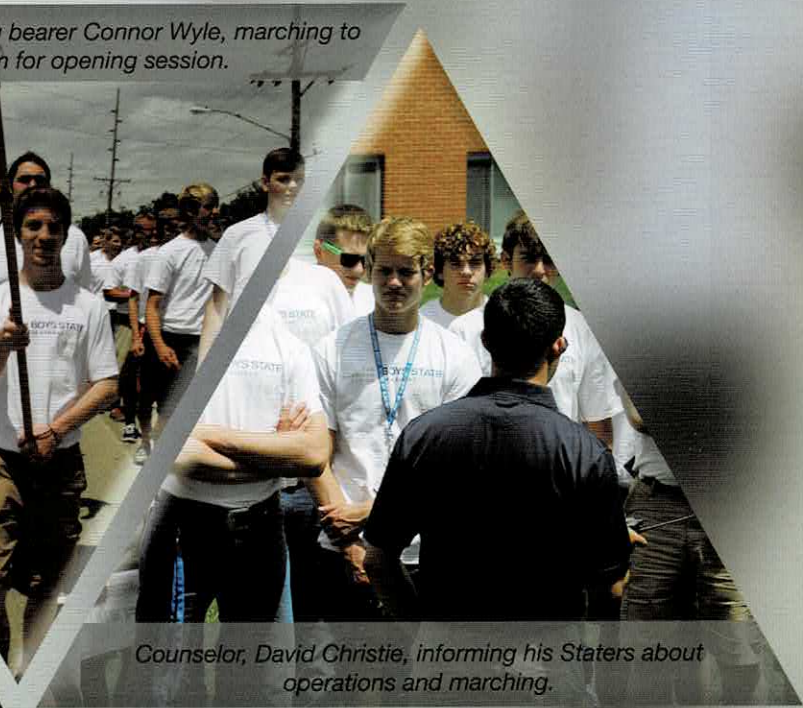


The 2015 Staters checking in at K-State's Rathbone Hall.

MacArthur County, lead by flag bearer Connor Wyle, marching to McCain Auditorium for opening session.



Legionnaire, Chuck Shoemaker, connecting with new Staters.

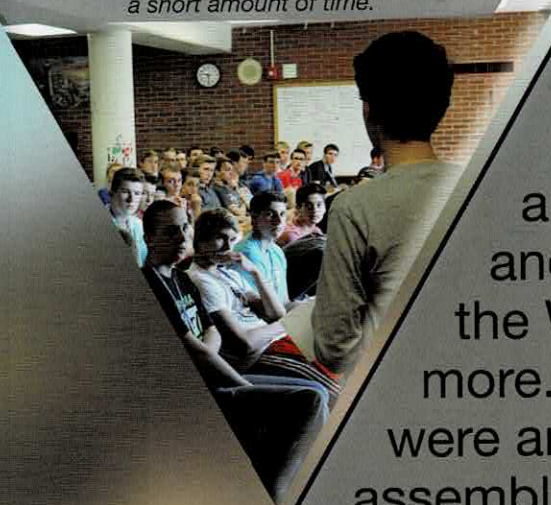


Counselor, David Christie, informing his Staters about operations and marching.



The swearing in of the city mayors by former Boys State Governor Clayton Covington.

The Whistle Stop Tour pushes Staters to present the platform that they are running on to their peers in a short amount of time.



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.



Federalist Treasurer candidate, Rob Nickel, accepting his nomination.



Lucas Liu, of King County, accepts his nomination as Nationalist Attorney General.



Federalist Governor nominee, Bryce Johnston of Marshall County, accepts his nomination.



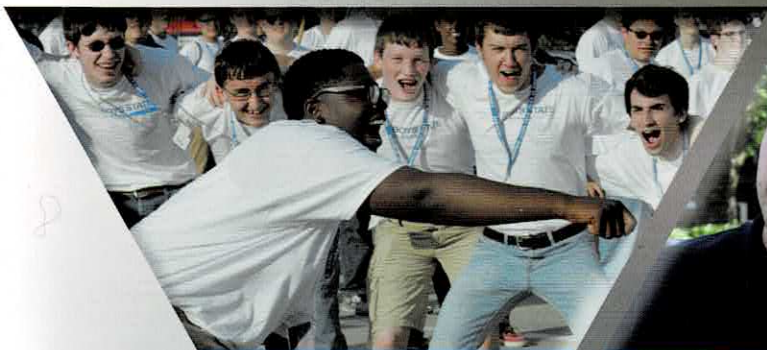
Nationalist Candidate, Mathew Wagner of Seitz County accepting his nomination.

Monday

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Proud King County Counselor, Grant DeFonso, giving a thumbs-up to our photographer.



Kalieb Campbell from Kennedy County doing "The Whip" in a dance-off.

The Broadcasting Team shooting a video for the daily broadcast.



Grant DeFonso bringing back the Government banner for King County.

Stater, Jake Sullivan, of Patton County, enjoying his breakfast along side Legionnaire John Lindholm.

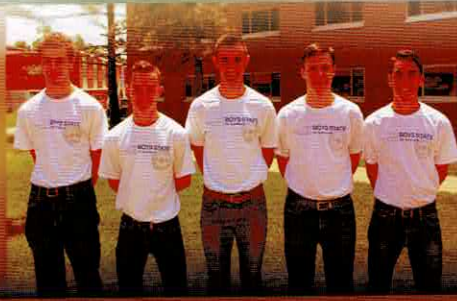


An intense volleyball game is underway between two rival counties.



Staters being introduced to their job in the Boys State House of Representatives.

Party Conventions



Federalist Candidates: Joshua Schwartz, Jordan Humphrey, Bryce Johnston, Rob Nickel, Jacob Schlittenhardt



The Federalist Party Staters gathering for their party convention.

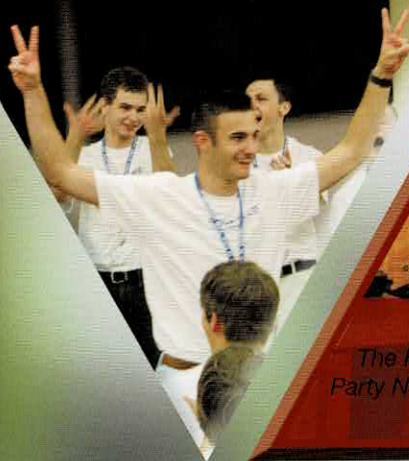


Federalist "hype-man" Casey Shaw, Bradley County.



Nathan Enserro, Powell County, asking a pertinent question to the Federalist Candidates.

Federalist governor candidate, Bryce Johnston, Marshall County, accepting his party's nomination.



The Federalist Party Nominees.

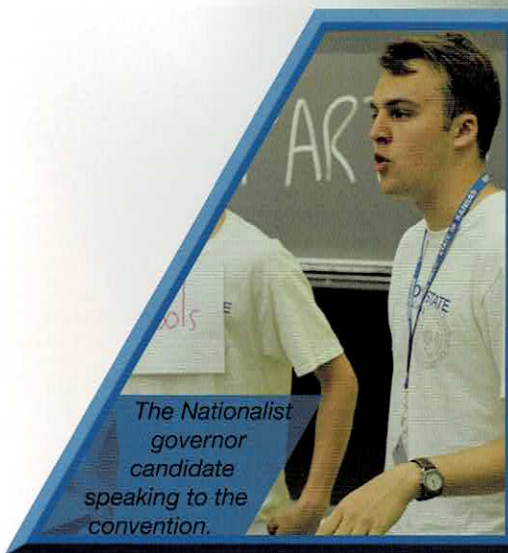
Jash Long, Kennedy County introducing the next speaker at the convention.



Federalists



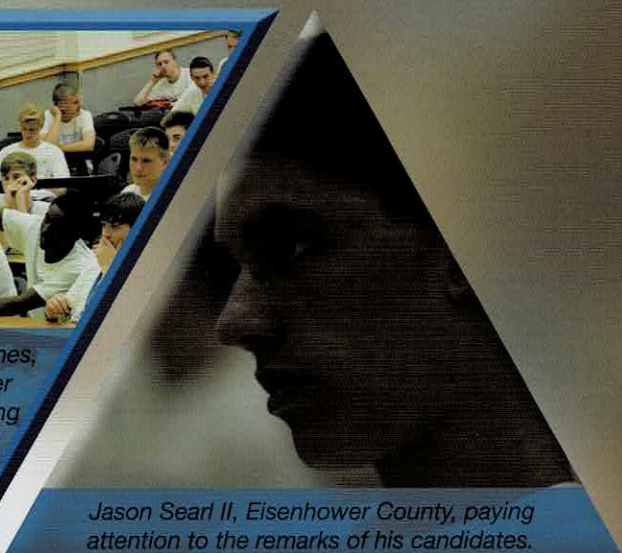
Nationalist Candidates: Yifeng Ding, Lucas Liu, Alexander Trobough, Mathew Wagner, Luke Lozenski



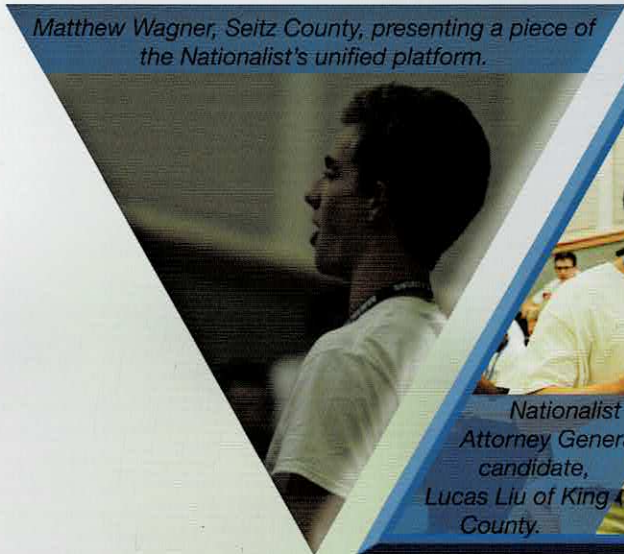
The Nationalist governor candidate speaking to the convention.



Premier Jones, Eisenhower County, asking important platform questions.



Jason Searl II, Eisenhower County, paying attention to the remarks of his candidates.



Matthew Wagner, Seitz County, presenting a piece of the Nationalist's unified platform.

Nationalist Attorney General candidate, Lucas Liu of King County.



Lt. Governor Candidate Lewis Daniels about to be named Nationalist candidate.

Nationalists



Program Coordinator Gavin Smith informing local Kansas Media about Boys State.

The candidates must wait back stage before the debate so the format may be explained to the audience.



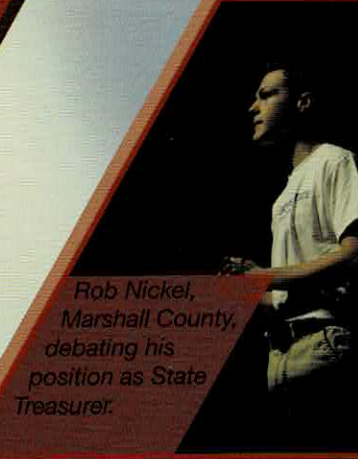
Tuesday was truly Super Tuesday at Boys State. The general election took place after the state office candidates participated in a debate in McCain Auditorium. Then voters cast their ballots via text polling to determine the leaders of the 2015 Boys State. The results of the general election were announced during the evening retreat. Delegates then attended Town Hall Meetings where speakers from government offices and judges shared their experiences.



Lucas Lui, King County, presenting his views for Attorney General.



Brock Jameson, one of the news anchors, moderating the debates.



Rob Nickel, Marshall County, debating his position as State Treasurer.

Staters huddle together with their fellow county mates before starting their day.



Tuesday

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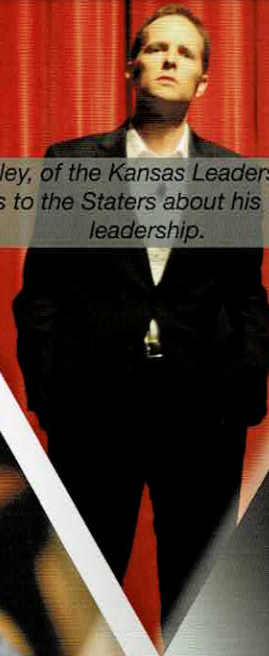


Jacob Harding, Eisenhower County, working with his peers to finish their project before the end of morning session.



Judge Joseph Pierron giving his annual presentation about the justice system during the Town Hall Meetings.

Ed O'Malley, of the Kansas Leadership Center, speaks to the Staters about his views on leadership.



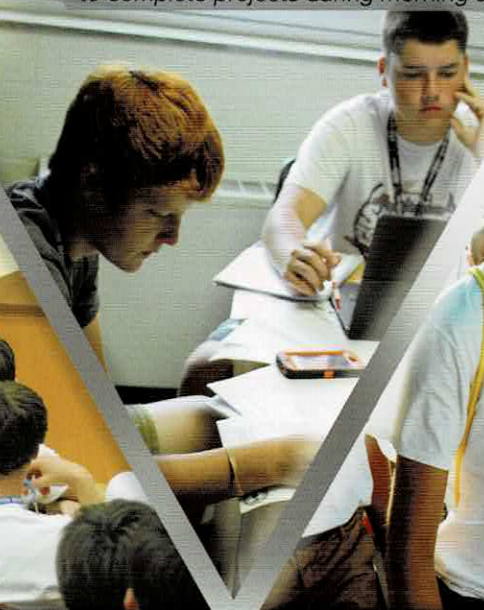
Max Curtis, Marshall County, is completely engaged in one of the Town Hall Meetings.



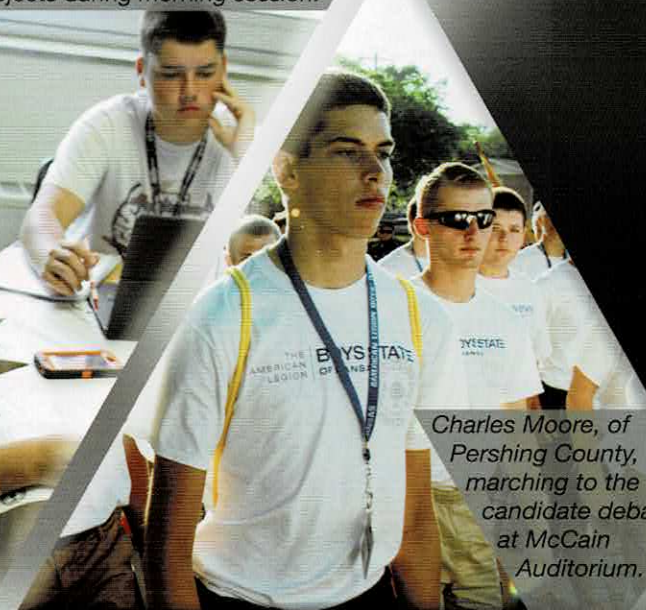
Carter Claxton and Jack Nibert, Seitz County, working diligently alongside in the Whorley City Council to complete projects during morning session.



Dr. Tim Steffensmeier presenting to the Staters during the Town Hall Meeting.



Charles Moore, of Pershing County, marching to the candidate debate at McCain Auditorium.





Wednesday

Ethan George playing "Reveille" to raise the flag.



Governor Bryce Johnston, Marshall County, addressing his fellow Staters at the morning assembly.

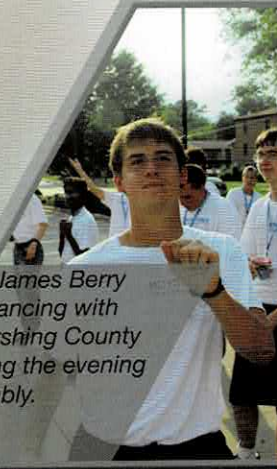
Boys State operations continued as everyone had his position finalized. Also, the 2015 Boys State Governor Bryce Johnston delivered his State of the State Address, in which he proposed his budget. Staters also took part in recreation time and legislative work. The day ended with the ever-popular Boys State Talent Show.



Jacob Long, MacArthur County, advising the Governor on his policy decisions at Boys State.



Justin Carlson, MacArthur County, & Ivan Kemp, Powell County, funding a program.



James Berry dancing with Pershing County during the evening assembly.



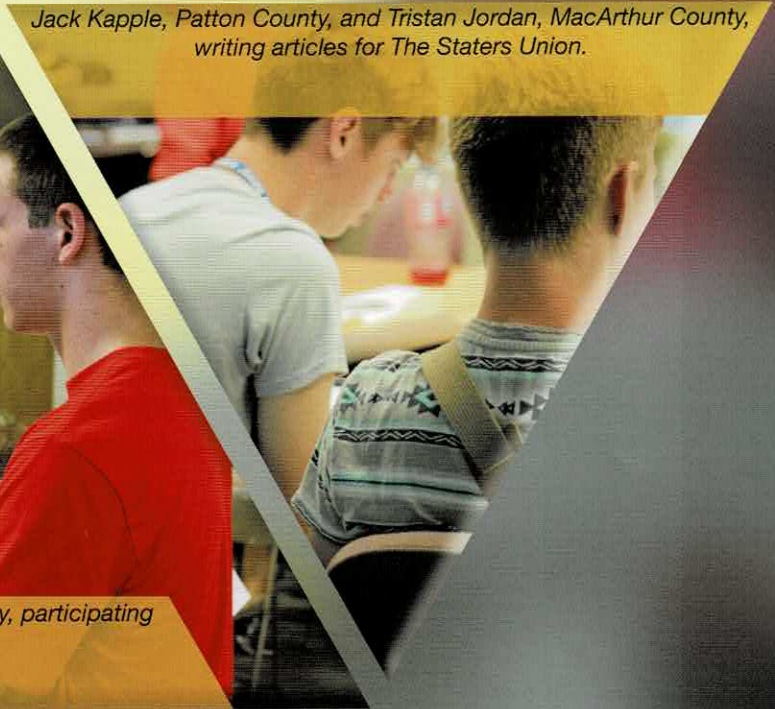
Paul Kruse and Jacob Long, of MacArthur County, working to improve the City of Klassen.



Chuck Shoemaker addressing the Staters during the morning assembly.



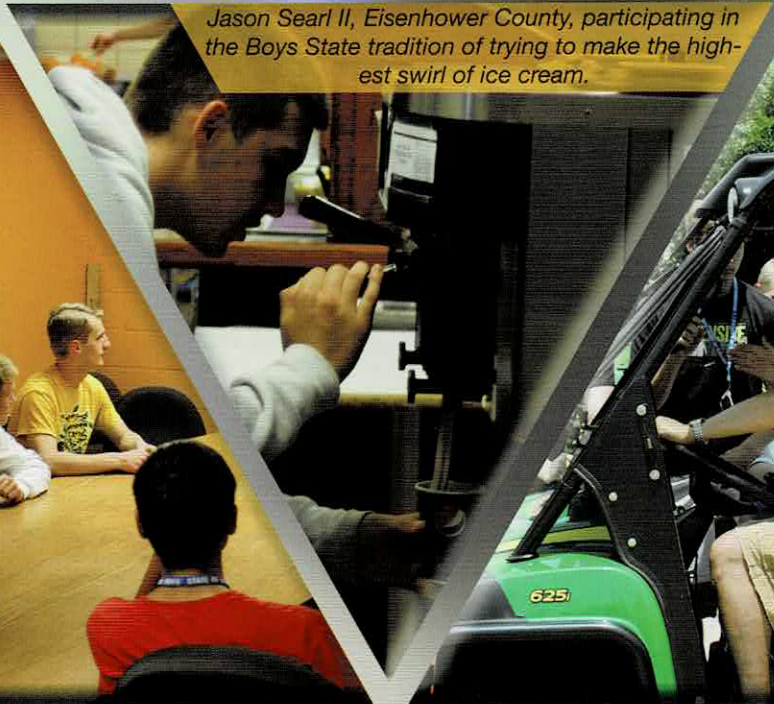
Phillip Carroll being held up by Kennedy County when the opening song from *The Lion King* was played during morning assembly.



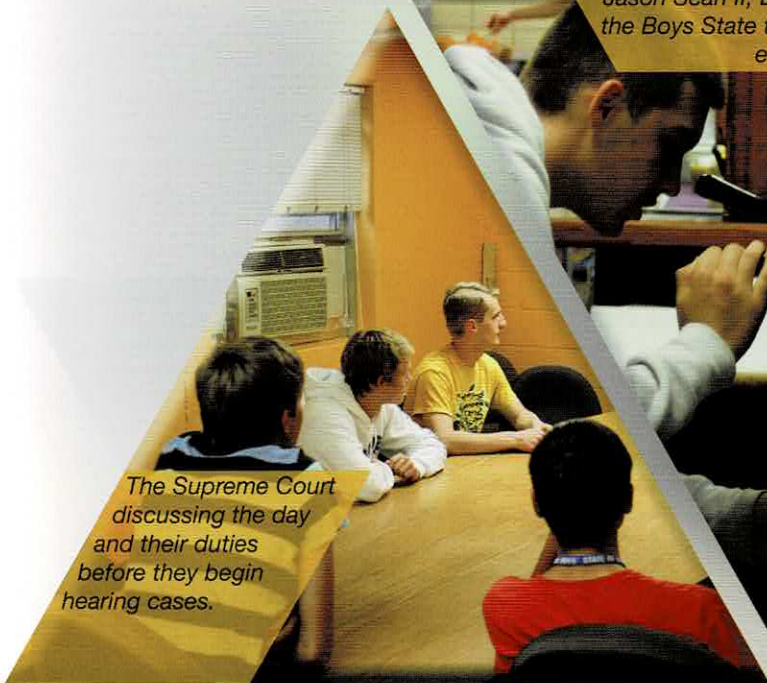
Jack Kapple, Patton County, and Tristan Jordan, MacArthur County, writing articles for *The Staters Union*.



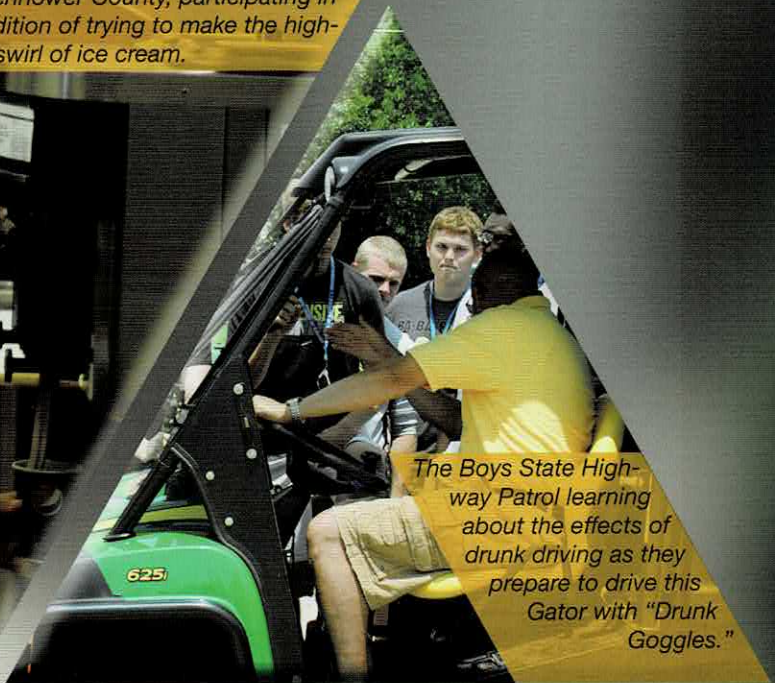
Dylan Staatz, of Marshall County, participating in the annual Mock Trial.



Jason Searl II, Eisenhower County, participating in the Boys State tradition of trying to make the highest swirl of ice cream.



The Supreme Court discussing the day and their duties before they begin hearing cases.



The Boys State Highway Patrol learning about the effects of drunk driving as they prepare to drive this Gator with "Drunk Goggles."



Thaddeus Tuck working hard to keep the Boys State experience running smoothly through IT.

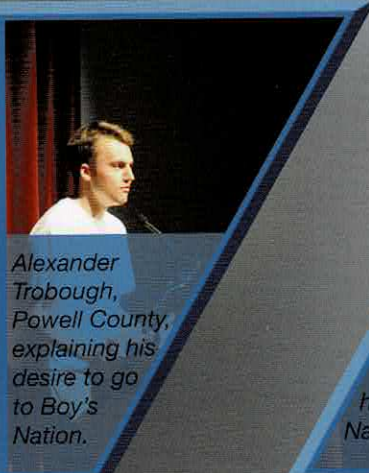


The Flag Retirement Ceremony is a very patriotic ceremony held every year at Boys State.

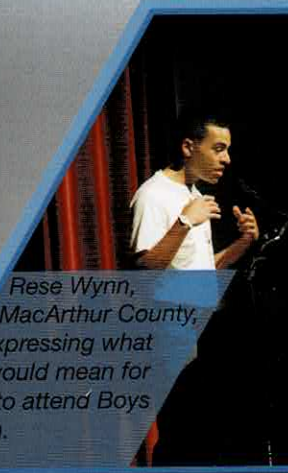
The week was filled with delegates working together to solve many different types of government problems. District courts heard trials and the House and Senate debated various legislative proposals. The College Fair gave delegates an opportunity to take a break from their hectic projects and visit with college recruiters. After evening ceremonies, Staters marched to McCain Auditorium to listen to the Boys State Chorus 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.



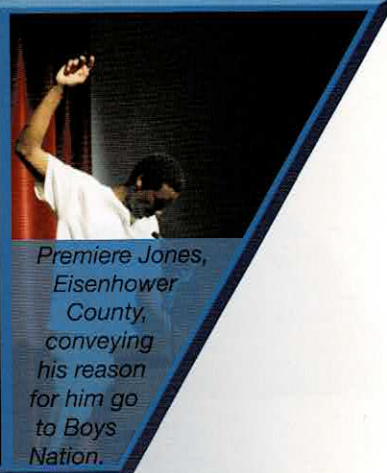
Taylor Cook, Bradley County, telling his heart warming story of why he should attend Boys Nation.



Alexander Trobough, Powell County, explaining his desire to go to Boy's Nation.



Rese Wynn, MacArthur County, expressing what it would mean for him to attend Boys Nation.



Premiere Jones, Eisenhower County, conveying his reason for him go to Boys Nation.

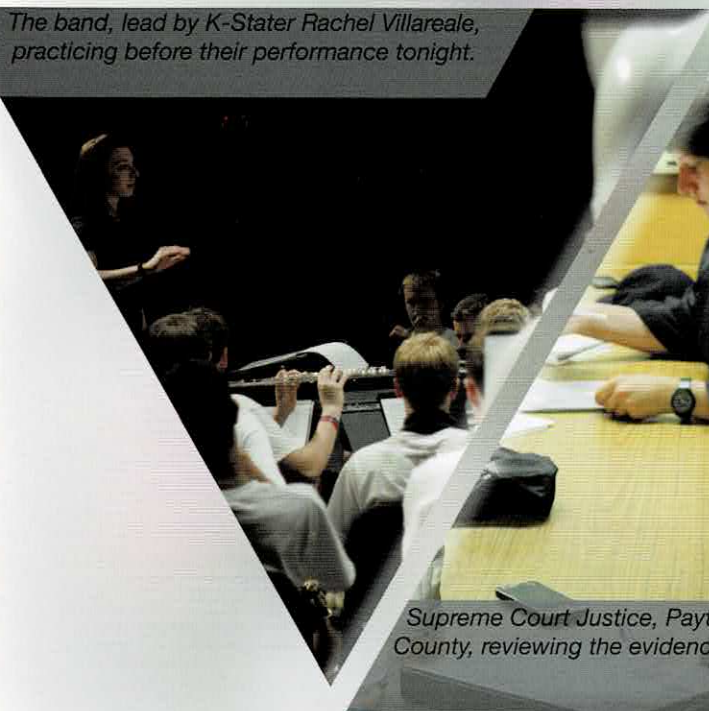
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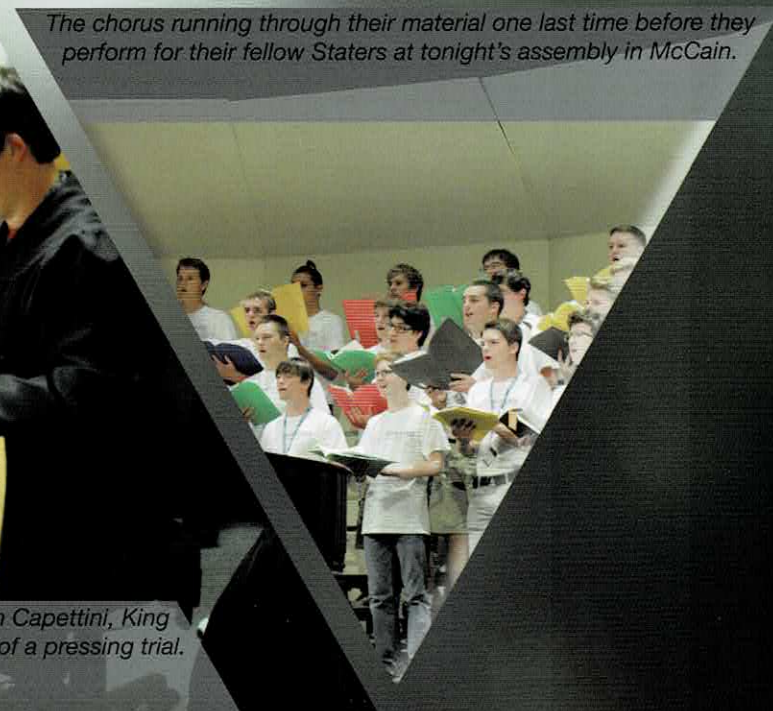


The Stater Color Guard leading the march to the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

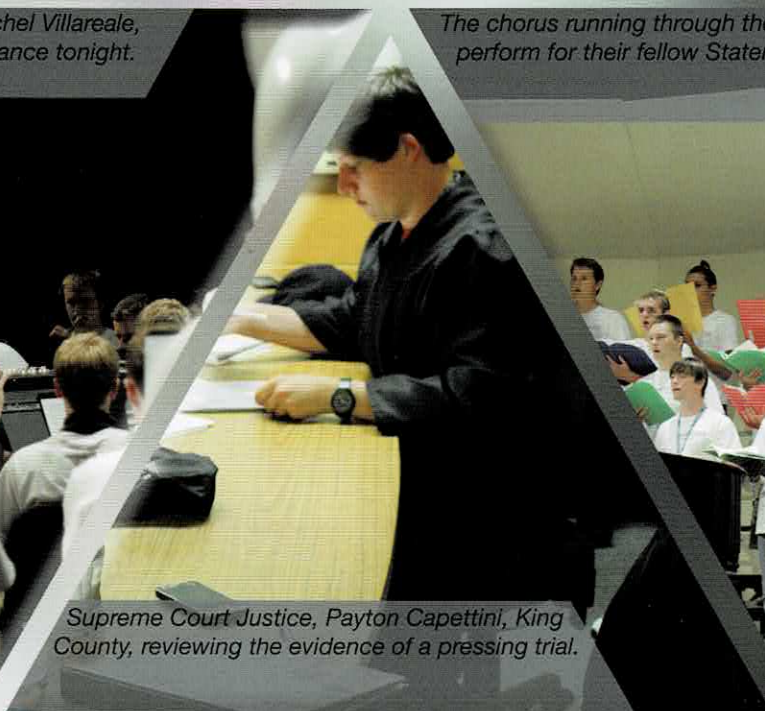
The band, lead by K-Stater Rachel Villareale, practicing before their performance tonight.



The chorus running through their material one last time before they perform for their fellow Staters at tonight's assembly in McCain.



Supreme Court Justice, Payton Capettini, King County, reviewing the evidence of a pressing trial.



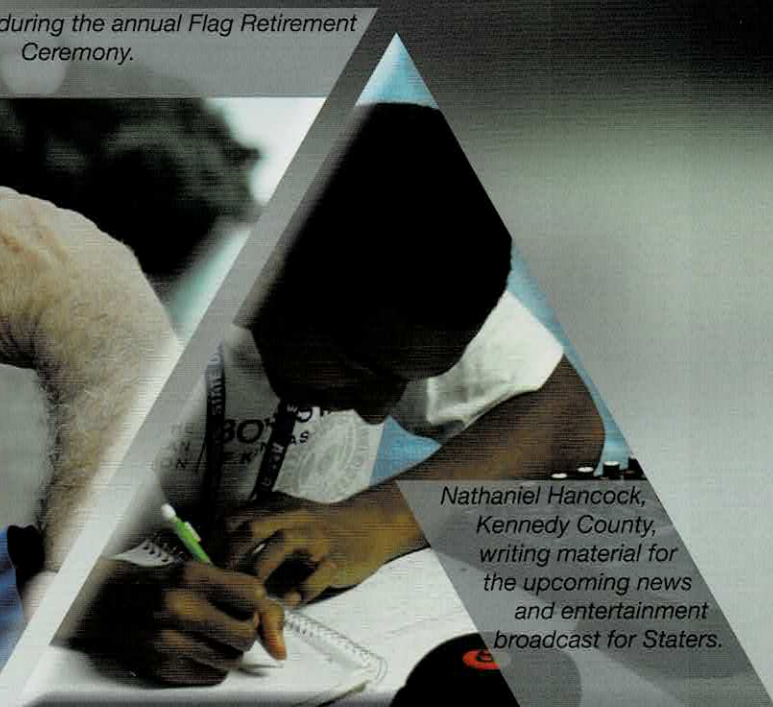
A veteran saluting during the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.



K-State representatives talk to Staters about the benefits of becoming a Wildcat in the future.



Nathaniel Hancock, Kennedy County, writing material for the upcoming news and entertainment broadcast for Staters.



Friday

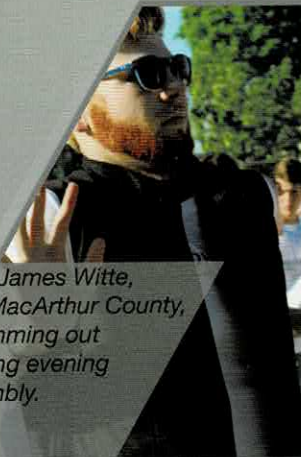


Nicholas Askew, Kennedy County, break-dancing during the nightly county dance off.

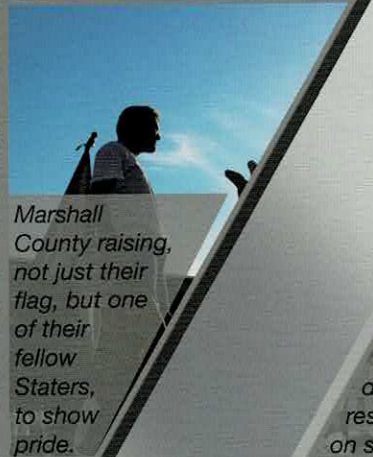
Powell County doing Pass and Review, an act to honor the veterans here at Boys State.



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.



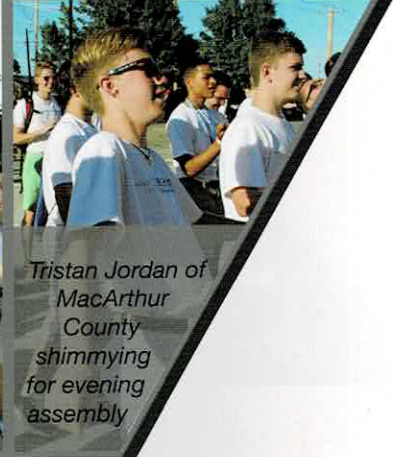
James Witte, MacArthur County, jamming out during evening assembly.



Marshall County raising, not just their flag, but one of their fellow Staters, to show pride.



Brice Koch and fellow Kennedy County Staters show off their dance moves to the rest of Boys State on stage.

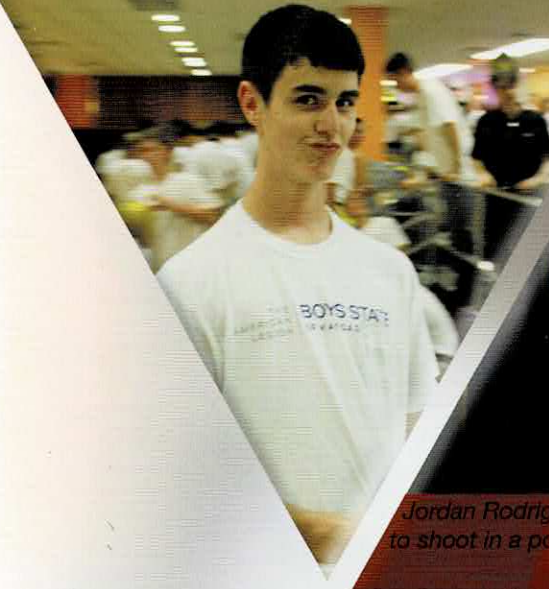


Tristan Jordan of MacArthur County shimmying for evening assembly



The KSBS Coordinators congratulating the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Jacob Fandrich, MacArthur County, getting his game face on to start bowling during the Friday Night Celebration.



One of the pairs of Counselor-Stater brothers, Morgan and Mason Stahl, that attended Boys State this year.



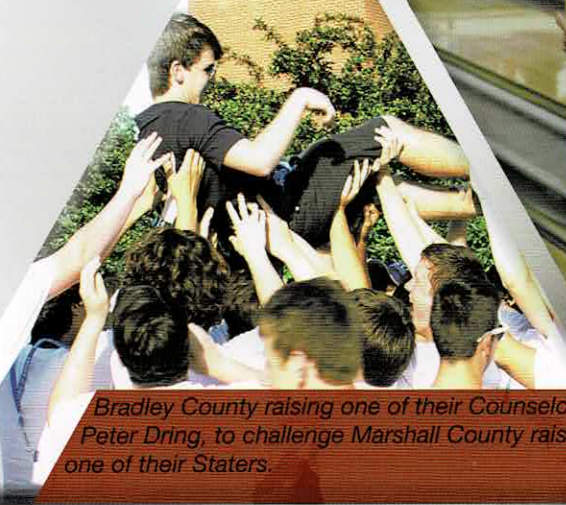
Jordan Rodriguez, Seitz County, awaits his turn to shoot in a pool game.



Nicholas Higgs, MacArthur County, tries for a strike during the Friday Night celebration



Bradley County raising one of their Counselors, Peter Dring, to challenge Marshall County raising one of their Staters.



The Boys State Quad-Copter, used to take aerial photos and video of various activities, usually sports and assemblies.



Talent Show



The traditional performance of "American Pie," played by Mike Zimmers.



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."



DeMarquice Phillips, Eisenhower County, practicing his dance number before showtime.



Rese Wynn, MacArthur County, reciting his original poetry, "Hidden Name."



Legionnaire Chuck Shoemaker plays a medley for the Staters.



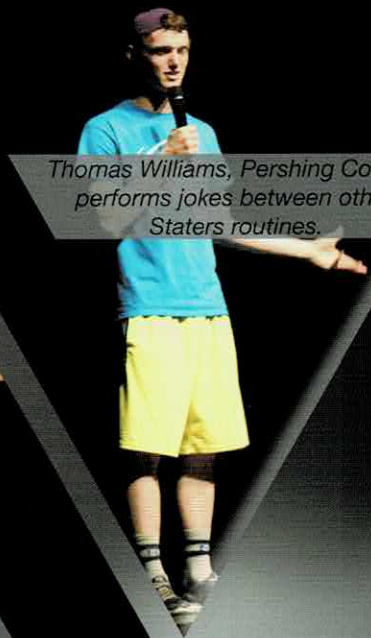
Mark Walthers, Pershing County, preparing himself to play "Maple Leaf Rag" in front of his peers.

Staters waving their phones flashlights in support of various musical talents.

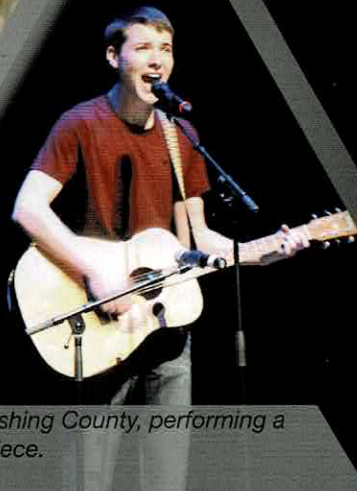
Ethan Martin, Powell County, plays piano during the talent show.



Thomas Williams, Pershing County, performs jokes between other Staters routines.



Caleb Jones, Pershing County, performing a guitar and vocal piece.



Mason Stahl, Seitz County, acts as Gavin Smith's "Anger Translator."



DeMarquice Phillips, Eisenhower County, performs a masterful dance that, of course, included "The Whip."



Gaylord Richardson, Marshall County, performing an improv trumpet number for the Staters.



Counselors/Coordinators



Front Row: Xander Fortunato, Rob Egan, Cody Keener, Ryan Doberer, Giovanni Moujaes, Wilfredo Figueroa, Vivek Tallavajhala, Cole Rohr, Jonathan Volker, Clayton Covington, Riley Aversman **Second Row:** Jonathan Cole, Curtis Concanon, Jack Curtis, Nathan Jenkins, Aden Lindholm, Michael Balk, Peter Dring, Tyler Thiel, Nathan Short, Eric Charboneau, Alex Holmes, Ian Ediger, Pumposh Bhat, Trevin Garcia **Third Row:** Conner Viets, Colton Lagerman, Dustin Curiel, Isaac Stark, Benedikt Reynolds, Chase Carlson, Avery McCormick, Cody McCarty, Will Korf, Waylon Sheets, Stephen Akers, Zachary Hendrickson **Fourth Row:** David Christie, Carson Jennings, Logan Gideon, Ryan Urban, Grant DeFonso, Jordan Martin, Callahan Eckardt, Carlos Guzman, Matt Rice, Ryan Fullerton, Wesley Sheffield, Justus Schremmer **Back Row:** Nathan Miller, Kyle Gardner, Chris Wierman, Trey Scarborough, Morgan Stahl, Matthew Brandt, Preston Mossman, Riley Hall, Brennan Spoor, Michael Denney, Luke Wuri **Not Pictured:** Chris Moe, David Sotelo, Jesse Porter, John Shively, Simeon Willis, Thaddeus Tuck

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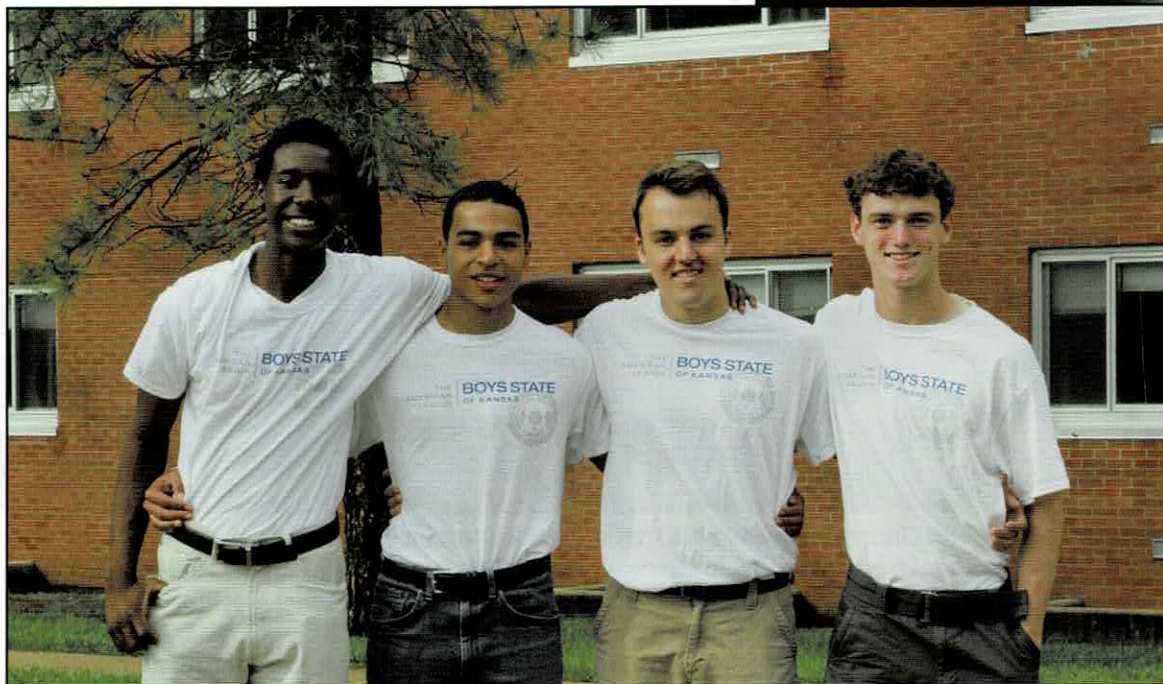
Advisors/Nation

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First row: Don Thomson, Pat Retz, Jordan Watson, Zach Chappell, Chris Werring, Jared Meitler, Brad Biles, Curtis Kimble, Jacob Brown, Chuck Shoemaker **Second Row:** Rex Gardner, Scott Bley, Justin Herron, George Rothwell, Jeremy Harland, Jeff Schrag, Allen Klassen, Jay Shelton, Thane Chastain, Mario Rios **Third row:** Kevin Mechtley, Jake Ellis, John Lindholm, Bennett Radford, Bob Jenkins, Tom Wierman, Troy Fowler, Earl Mims, Don Peters, Mike Paynter **Not pictured:** Larry Andrews, John Mulhern, Steve Peterson, Ty Suelter, Don Whitten, Rick Wohlfarth

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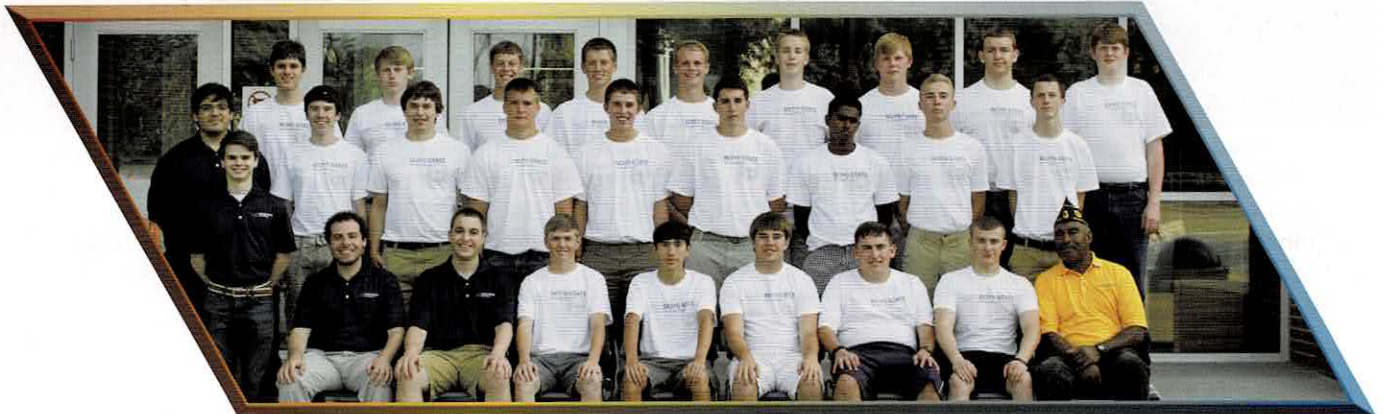
Alternate Premiere Jones, Rese Wynn, Alexander Trobough, Alternate Thomas Williams

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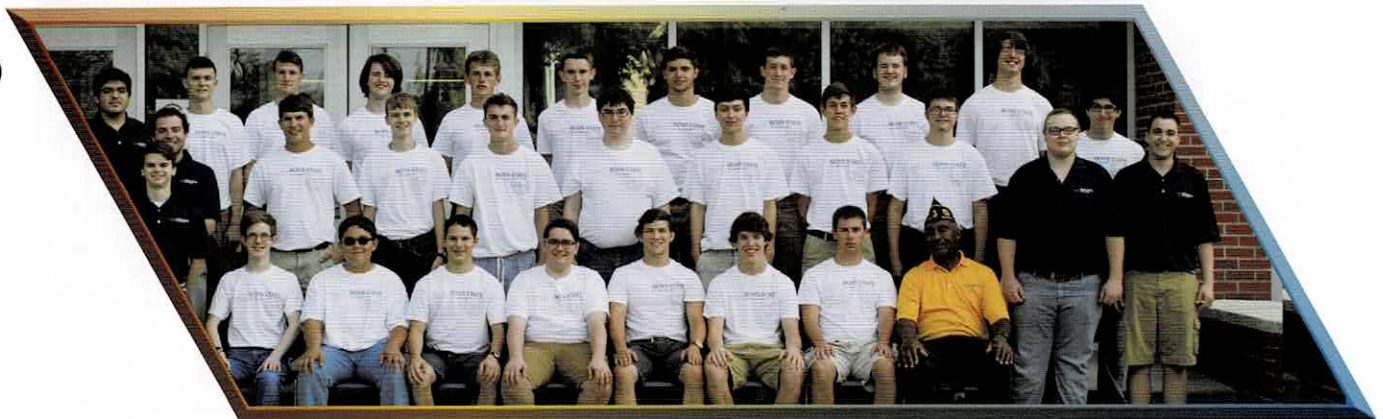
Photographer Dustin Curiel, Yearbook Counselor Peter Dring, County Counselor Alexander Fortunato, Bramlage City Counselor Will Korf, Blumke City Counselor Matt Rice **Not Pictured:** Govt. Counselor Simeon Willis

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Front Row: Counselor Peter Dring, Counselor Alexander Fortunato, Counselor Matthew Rice, Cody Sader, Peter Stuchlik, Taylor Cook, Drew Holland, Raymond Felton, Legionaire Larry Andrews **Middle Row:** Counselor Dustin Curiel, Nathan Lipinski, Aaron Parish, Koltan Pavlu, Collin Queal, Skyler Carder, Matthew Perumal, Sandon Scott, Joshua Booke **Back Row:** Daniel Vakser, Jacob Talkin, Kale Johnson, Jace Mousley, Collin Dwornicki, Ross Isern, Blake Matzke, Alexander Prettyman, John Lind

Bramlage



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Chastain City Counselor Chase Carlson, Govt. Counselor Micheal Balk, Crum City Counselor Jack Curtis, County Counselor Ryan Doberer, Govt. Counselor Michael Denney, News Counselor Riley Aversman, Legionnaire Chuck Shoemaker



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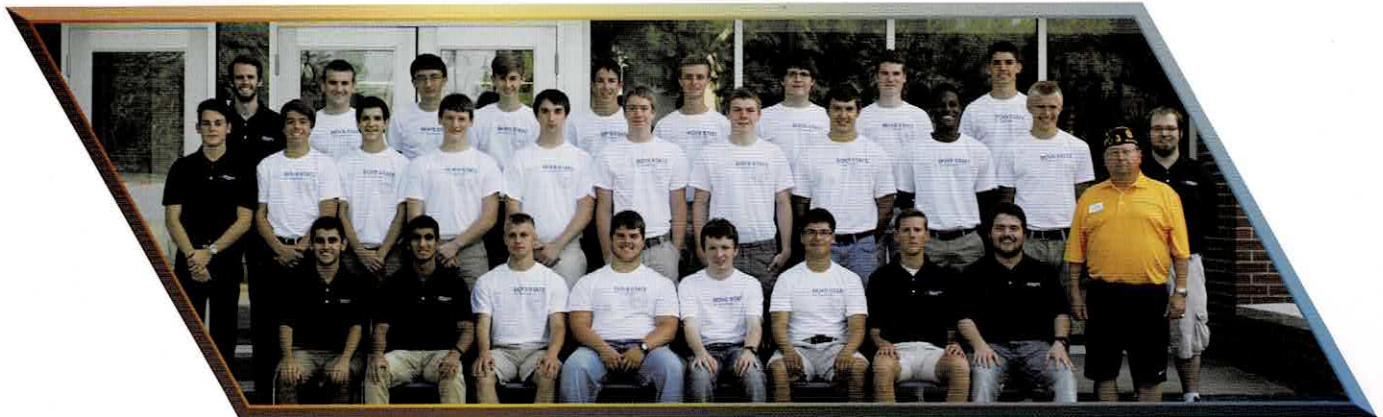
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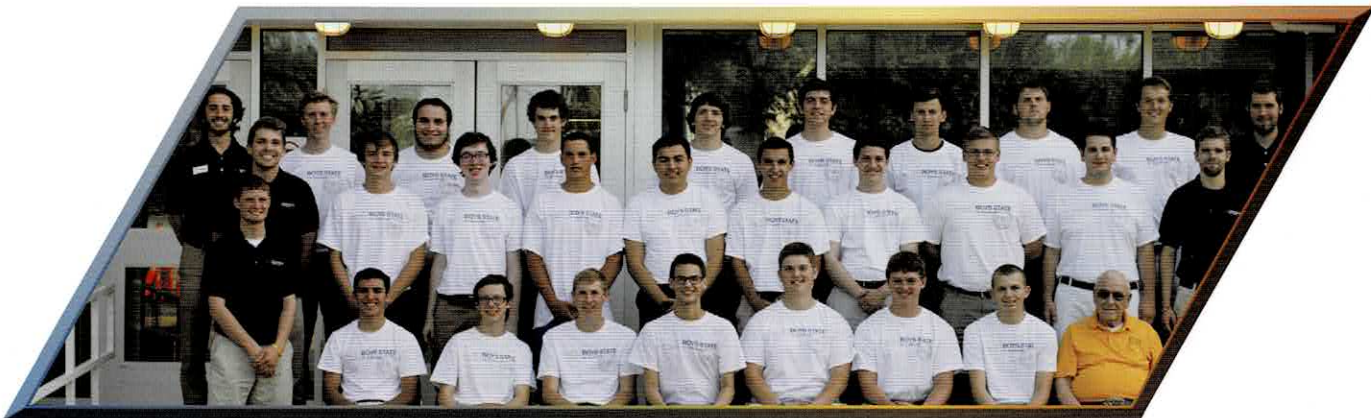


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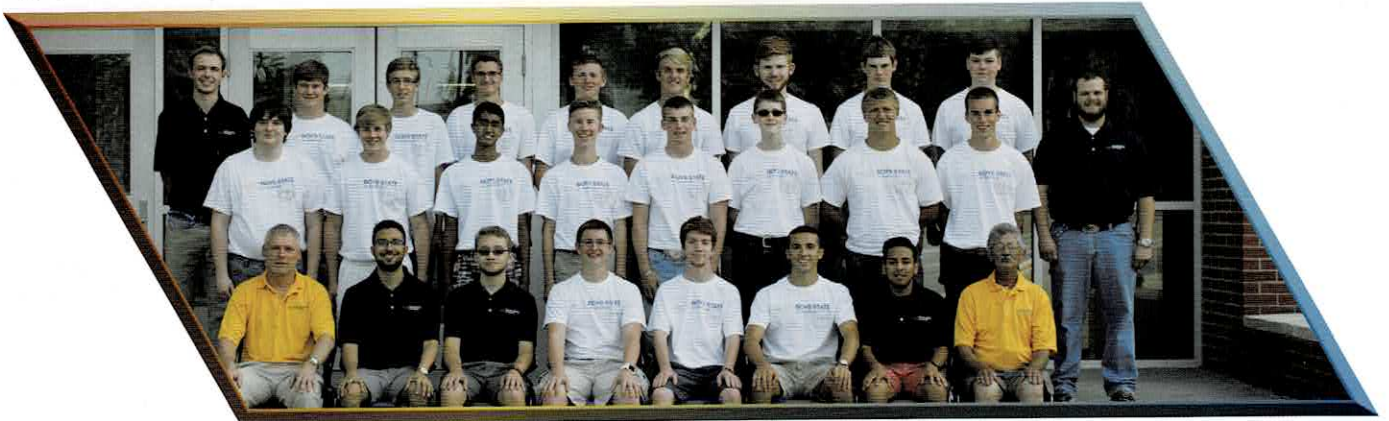
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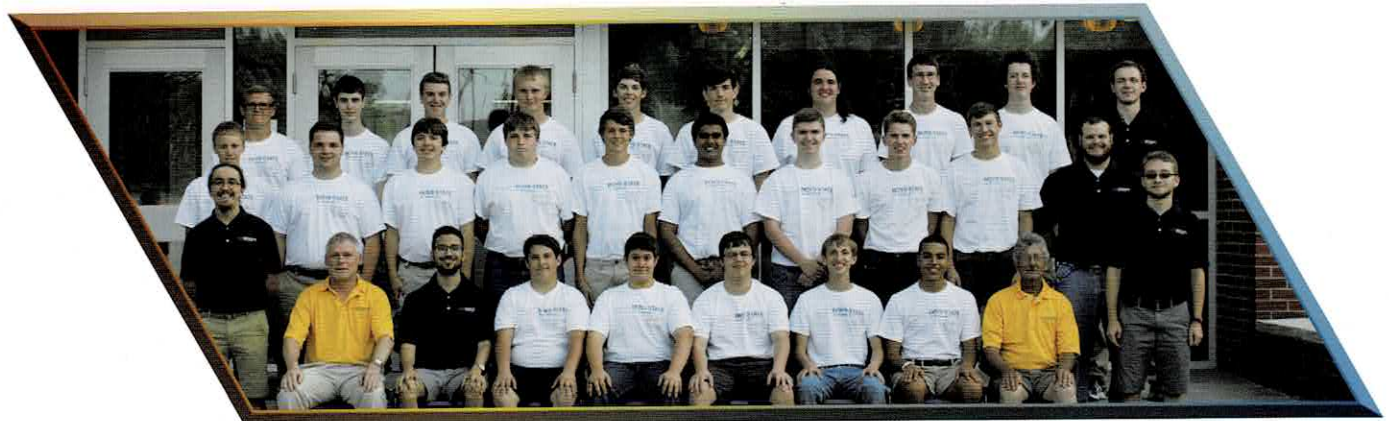
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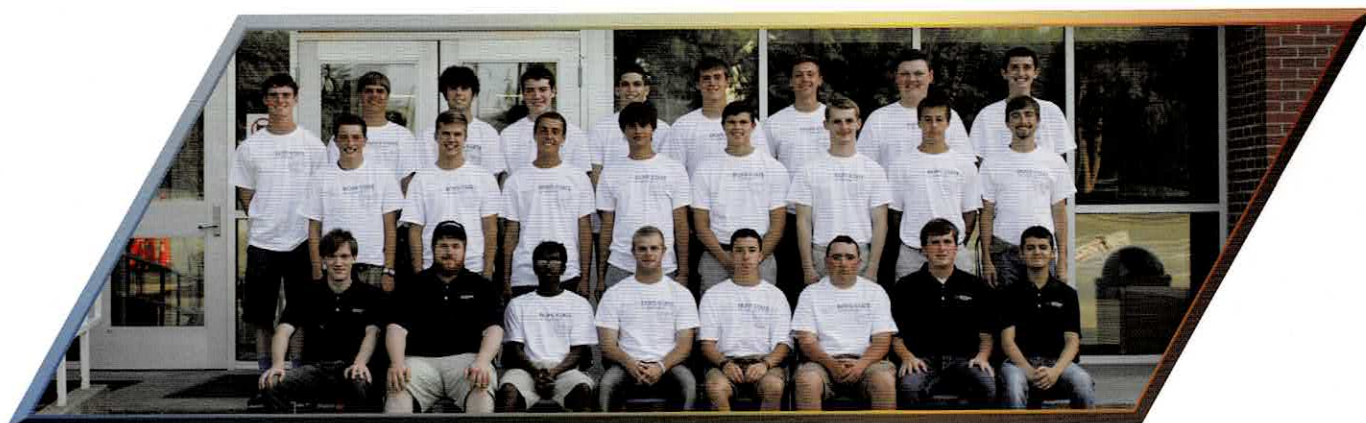
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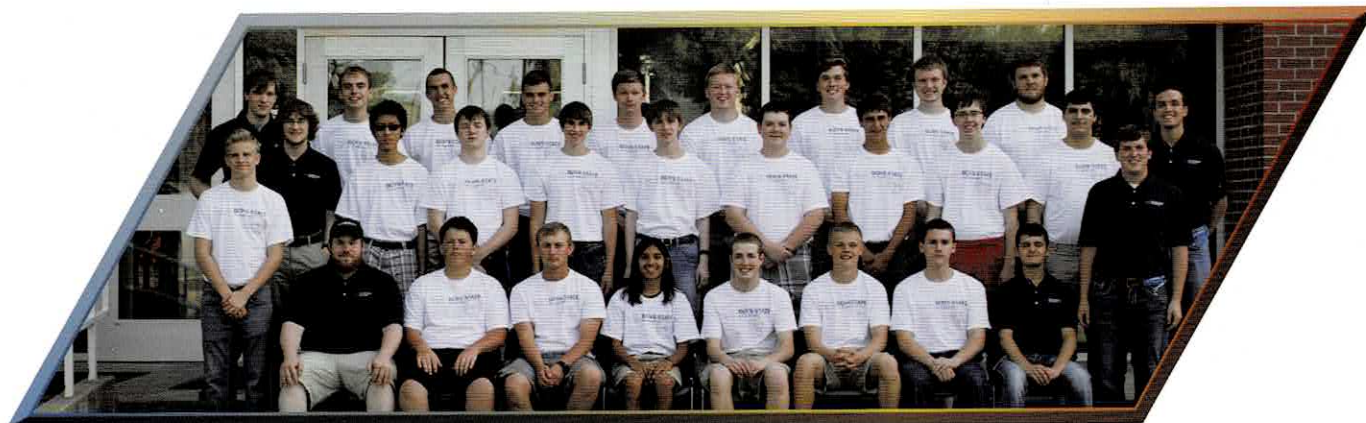


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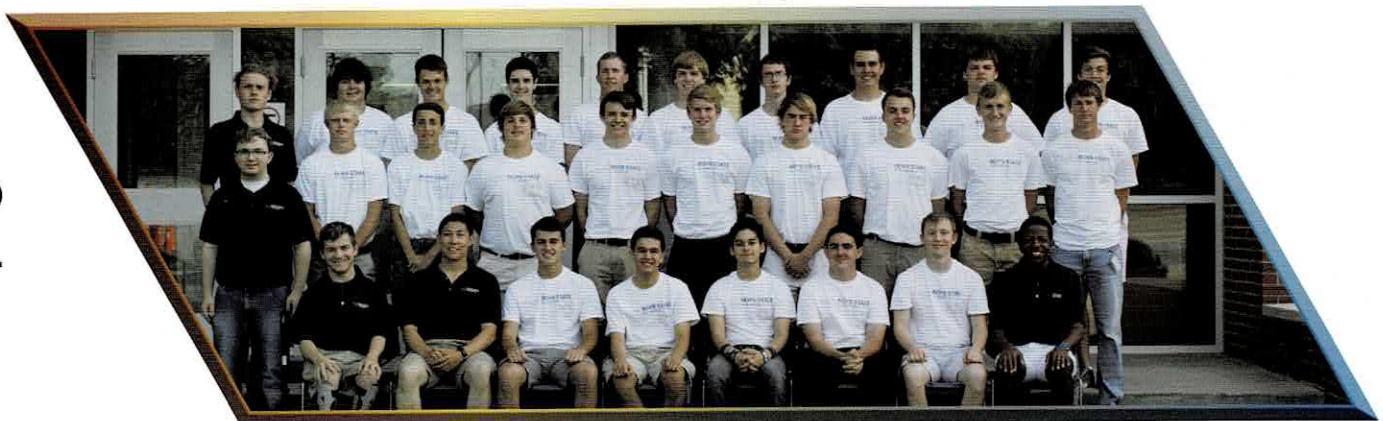
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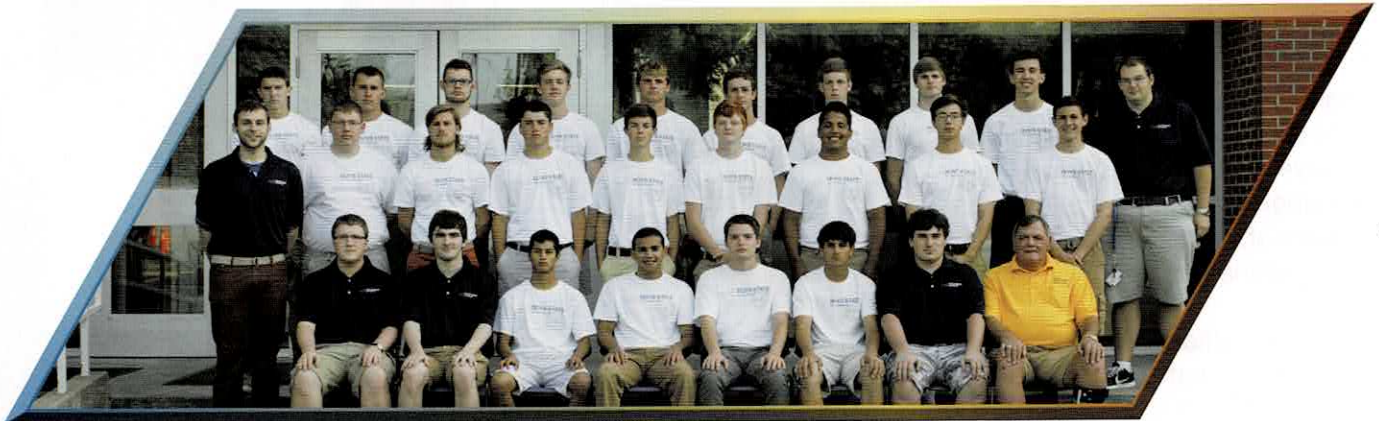


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Closing

And so it is over. The 78th 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 2015.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, May 31st 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.

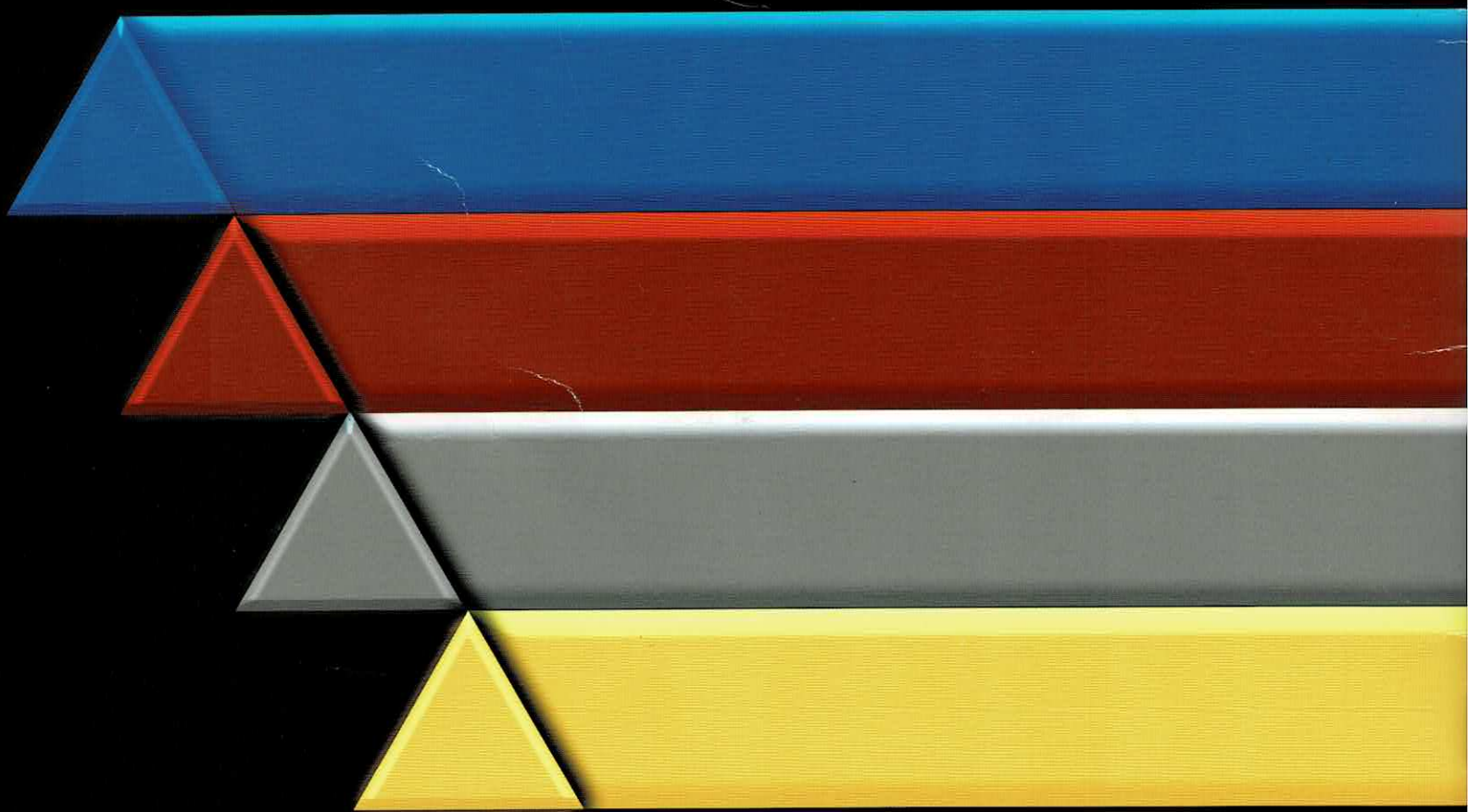
Democracy exists in your homes, schools, congregations, and workplaces. There will be times in your life when you will be faced with a situation that you do not agree with or that you feel is unfair to you or someone you know. As difficult as it may seem, it is not only your right but your responsibility 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.

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