



Your True Delegate

By Will Kirby, City 9

As you all know, Boys State has made it a priority to educate and inform the minds of each delegate chosen by their school on the importance of city, county, and state-wide government. Only the incredibly motivated and academically driven students are chosen to participate in the most elite political activities which will reveal how Alabama works. None of us know exactly why our schools decided to give us this great honor, but maybe they saw something in us that we didn't. Whether you want to admit it or not, each of you were selected because of your boldness to step outside your comfort zone and gravitate towards new leadership opportunities.

As a 2018 Alabama Boys State delegate, I can speak for all of us when I say that we were chosen because of the potential others saw within us. There is no mistake; you were meant to come here and make a difference for yourself, your country, and your fellow peers.

While it remains difficult to adjust to the many new faces here at Boys State that should not keep us from holding back the person we were before arriving on campus Sunday morning.

I do not know about you, but I was terribly anxious and worried about the outcome of this week. I was certain that it was far better to stay in the background than to step outside my comfort zone and risk utter embarrassment. As my city head counselor Dominic Ingram has said to me many times before, "Too often we settle for less," and ever since then I have realized the change I want to make in my time here. Eventually you must realize that every other person here is going through the same trials and tribulations that you are. We were the students chosen to receive one of the highest

honors and represent our high schools as Alabama Boys State Delegates.

Never be afraid to go further and do not let any internal struggles hold you back from your greatest potential. Make friends with the other delegates in your city and county, but whatever you do, never stop being you. Ingram also told us, "We are not inadequate, but are powerful beyond measure."



Image courtesy of George W. Andrews III, provided by the Office of the Historian, U.S. House of Representatives

"Handsome Man", JFK & His Devout Follower

By Dalton Cates, City 2, Hayes

Born in the same town as Judge Pete "Minus One Point" Johnson, George W. Andrews III was born in Union Springs, Alabama in 1946.

Andrews was a page for the House of Representatives while he attended Capitol Page School in Washington D.C. from 1961 until 1964. During his time as a page, Andrews became fascinated with the sitting president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Andrews developed a unique relationship with the President. After his service as

page, Andrews attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, earning a B.A. in 1968. Three years later, Andrews was presented with a J.D. from the University of Alabama. Andrews began his career in law in the U.S. Navy, where he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps until 1975.

From 1975 to 1979, and from 1985 to 1989, Andrews was a chief prosecutor in the Jefferson County, Alabama, District Attorney's Office where he prosecuted many high-profile criminal cases. Andrews also worked in a private law practice and for a major law firm in Alabama as a criminal litigator for both the prosecution and the defense. Currently a resident of Birmingham, Alabama, Andrews works part-time as a lawyer.

We thoroughly enjoyed the speech Andrews gave encouraging us to reach our full potential. We give many thanks for the wise words and taking time out of his busy day to come help us.

Saban's Charity Helps the Less Fortunate

By: Colby Harden, City 1, Harper

Everyone knows the big man on campus, the best football coach in the SEC, the legend himself, Nick Saban. Nick Saban has been a part of the University of Alabama staff since 2007. Yes, many people know the championships, and the legendary football players he has created, but many people are unaware of the charity that Saban has, Nicks Kids, helps the less fortunate families in Alabama.

Nick's Kids is an organization that strives use faith and companionship to give back to the community. They choose to promote and support every man, woman, or child that is in need for financial support. They have raised and distributed \$6 million hosting golf tournaments, scrimmages, and any other major events that can raise the funds to support more than just a few families here and there.

The officials of Alabama Boys State are delighted to be able to have this

outstanding university as the host of Boys State and to show their appreciation, they ask for all counselors, Boys State Students and even other people working for Boys State to donate money to this wonderful charity, whether it is a quarter or \$25.00 because any amount of money can help and all of the funds raised will go straight to the charity and not to any other cause or organization.

No matter the amount of money that you choose to give, reach into your pockets and use whatever you can find to help a family or child in need. Any Donation would be greatly appreciated! As the Saban has said, "You can't win together, unless you work together."



Boys State Weather Report

For Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Chance of Thunderstorms for Tuesday:
80%

Humidity: 73%

Wind: South SW winds up to 7 mph

Local Heavy Rain Possible

Data via Weather.com

Anticipation for Democratic Debate

By Seth Self, City 7, Limbaugh

After the success of last night's GOP gubernatorial debate, anticipation is building for tonight's scheduled Democratic debate in Morgan Auditorium. As of today, four candidates are expected to participate: Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox, former Alabama Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb, former Alabama State Representative James Fields and Christopher Countryman. Tonight's debate is widely expected to match last night's version in both excitement and engagement. Last night, we heard Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and State Senator Bill Hightower speak on the issues facing Alabama. Their stances and positions were articulate and very well thought-out; however, these views represent those of two Republicans in Alabama. Tonight, ideas that represent those of Democrats will be presented.

This debate will be an opportunity for Alabama Boys State delegates and Alabama citizens alike to hear different visions for Alabama and other ways to solve Alabama's many problems. It will also feature double the number of participants from the GOP debate, which will allow those watching to see the way a debate works with larger numbers of those present. With the way the first debate was received, Boys State delegates and those watching via livestream or other means will surely be in for another great discussion.

Battle vs. Hightower

By: Lee Cooper, City 8, Odom

Yesterday, Boys State had the amazing opportunity to host a critical Republican debate for governor of Alabama. The debate got underway when the two candidates, Bill Hightower and Tommy Battle, took their spots on the stage. Kay Ivey was heavily criticized for not attending the debate as she has not done in the past as well. Art Franklin was the moderator

for the evening and the panelists were Joey Kennedy, Tom Gordon, and Reshad Hudson.

The debate started with addressing the main issue Alabamians are worried about, the economy. The candidates were asked as to why they would be different and help the economy thrive. Hightower pointed out the irresponsible spending by the state government and that he would be more careful with the money collected by the government. Battle pointed out his strong reputation as the mayor of Huntsville and how Huntsville's economy has boomed in the past years. Candidates also addressed the topics of school safety. Hightower suggested more police in schools and Battle suggested a stronger "one way in and one way out" system for entering and exiting the school. As far as what Alabama values are, Battle answered that Alabama values are the increasing advancements and rapid changes going on in the state, while Hightower suggested the values are based on Judeo-Christian values.

So what does this all mean? When many people see two candidates of the same party, they think they both stand for the same thing, and while that may be true in some instances, it is not always the case. A responsible voter should dig deeper into the issues addressed both out of and during the debate. We should also pick who we think would be the best candidate regardless of party affiliation. So if you plan on voting in the upcoming race, make sure you are educated on the issues at hand and the resolutions each candidate poses. No matter what, do not go to the poll ignorant. Become educated and be a responsible voter.

AL BOYS STATE BLOG

By: Will Kirby, City 9, Barnett

What is your definition of a brother? Who in your life fits into this role? There are many characteristics that will describe what a brother can be to almost anyone, but what does it mean to you? In my time here at Boys State, I have gotten the opportunity to meet multiple

groups of very dynamic individuals and I can say that, so far, it has been a great experience.

Whether you believe it or not, the people that you meet here will have a lasting effect on how you see yourself and who you will see yourself eventually become. The many other delegates that have been chosen to take part in this experience share the same goals and ambitions that you do. We are on this journey together and each one of us should be motivated to support and drive others to do their best no matter the position or political party.

You never know who will change your life or what stranger will leave a lasting impact on how you view the world. Here at Boys State, many aspire to some position and we each love to witness the support of our fellow city members. Every single one of us wants to make a change and a difference in this state, but we cannot do that without the help of others. In my opinion, every delegate is in the same political party, sharing views on how we can better ourselves and the world we live in. For example, when all of the cities grouped into counties, I was so nervous to run for any office because of fear that I might fail. I, eventually, worked up enough courage to take a chance and speak for the position I desired. When the votes were tallied, we walked back into the theater and I could not believe how much support my city showed me when they finally called out my name.

If there is anything to remember when faced with challenges and uncertain outcomes, it is that there will always be someone standing beside you. The ones who share the same fear you carry will be there because they have experienced the same trials you are now. It may not seem like it now, but the delegates that stand with you today may just be the ones you

consider a brother for a lifetime. I can say with complete confidence that there is no failure when you are surrounded by those who have lived through the same fears and worries. We are here to find out our purpose and embark on a journey that is filled with success. We take the chances we see will change us and mold us into the person we want to one day become. Boys State is filled with many unique individuals who will help shape our future and just maybe some will be there to see it unfold.



Results from Tuesday, May 30, 2018

| SPORT: | CITY (<i>Winner in Bold</i>) |
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| BASKETBALL- | (1) Harper vs (9) Barnett (2) Hayes vs (10) Cook (6) Jeffrey vs (8) Odom (7) Limbaugh vs (5) Cooper |
| SOFTBALL- | Rained out |
| VOLLEYBALL- | (1) Harper vs (9) Barnett (2) Hayes vs (10) Cook (6) Jeffrey vs (8) Odom (7) Limbaugh vs (5) Cooper |
| SOCCER- | Rained out |
| ULTIMATE FRISBEE- | Rained out |