



Federalist Elections Express Promising Future

By: Justin McCleskey, City 3 McCray

Upon their first day at Alabama Boys State, the Federalist Party wasted no time in beginning their elections. Voting on a Chairman and Vice Chairman, the party hoped to find a leader that would usher progress and foster future successful campaigns.

The Federalist Party began voting for Chairman with thirteen candidates representing nine cities. As the first vote concluded, a tie emerged between Edward Puckett, of Odom City and David Lee Dillard of Jeffrey City. Puckett quickly rallied the crowd under the quote "Don't kick the bucket. Vote for Puckett," leading to his election as Chairman.

As part of the Chairman's first act of duties he was to begin the election process for Vice Chairman. With eighteen candidates representing every city, the election for Vice Chairman held fierce competition. Many of the favorites for chairman resurfaced for this election. Wells Hutsler of Cooper City; however, would emerge as the unanimous victor, with his signature peace sign being held by almost everyone in the theater. His opponents would also enter before him, bearing his sign and creating a human tunnel for which he would run down before being announced as Vice Chairman.

The first day's journey was now complete as Federalist Party Chairman Puckett took on a motion to adjourn—marking the end of the first session of the Federalist Party and exposing a bright future for a unified party.

Insight of An Overcomer

By Colby Harden, City 1 Harper

Many people came to Alabama Boys State with no knowledge on anything they wanted to run for or even a single thing about this event. With the help of Mr. Clint Usher our eyes were opened to the many opportunities that we have gotten handed to us on a "silver platter" and the outcomes that we, as Alabama Delegates, should take from this experience and use our knowledge in our hometown community.

With most people coming to this event totally blind and stressing out about what to do, where to go, and who to vote for, Mr. Usher gave us insight on just how we can make it through this week stress free. He told us that instead of stressing about the little things that happen before, during and after Boys State, we should look up to our favorite childhood superheroes such as Superman, Batman and Spiderman. These three superheroes are significant because they show the determination, perseverance and the drive to get their missions accomplished and even to show us that we can also have a little bit of fun while we work.

These superheroes are more than just fictional characters from movies and TV shows because they show younger generations what kind of morals we need to embody throughout Boys State and in everyday life. Through Alabama Boys State **(see Usher, page 2)**

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we are encouraged to try our hardest and keep pushing through obstacles like the superheroes we have loved and always dreamed about being growing up. We are challenged to step out of our comfort zone and stand out as much as possible! We, as the representatives of our cities all across Alabama, need to focus on using this experience to our fullest potential and learn from it, even if that means persevering through long speeches!

The Daily AL Boys State Blog

By Kendall Williams, City 3 McCray

Election signs, boisterous momentum, and the sounds of campaigning have reached the halls of the University of Alabama once again. Alabama Boys State has begun, however this isn't the same group of talented young men from last year. The group of delegates attending the 81st Alabama Boys State is by far the largest group of attendees to date. This wonderful group of students represents the elite of their schools and communities. In attendance at this year's Boys State attendees are schools from all counties in Alabama.

The delegates on the first day don't know what to expect as this will be their first and last time in the program, but they are eager to learn more about their Alabama government in mock programs such as law school, political party conventions, and even mock state nominations and elections. Yet, this isn't the only list of programs available for the boys who will be able to participate in a full week of activities that range from sports, to band, theatre, and even journalism.

This is only the beginning of a GREAT week ahead for the participants and an even greater future in the making!



Boys State Weather Report— For Tuesday, May 29, 2018

By Evan Rainey, City 6 Jeffrey

(High/Low) Temperatures:
81F / 71F

Chance of Thunderstorms for Tuesday:
80%

Humidity: 83%

Wind: West 10 to 15 mph

Locally Heavy Rain Possible

Data via Weather.com