



The Statesman

Boys' State Kicks Off

Over 150 arrive at UNR for the 2014 session of NBS



Rising seniors from all around Nevada have arrived in Reno for the 2014 session of Nevada Boys' State (NBS). Since 1934, over one million boys have attended Boys' State programs in every state except Hawaii.

This year marks the 67th consecutive meeting of NBS since its founding in 1947. Over 60 different high schools and independent education programs are represented at the program. Clark High School submitted the most applications to the program.

The first American Legion Boys' State program was founded

in 1934 by the American Legion of Illinois and the concept was adopted by the national organization one year later.

Doc Martie began the Nevada program on the belief that young citizens who are familiar with the operation of our system of government will be better prepared to uphold its ideals and maintain it for future generations.

Without the help and assistance of Nevada's American Legion Posts, NBS would not be a possibility and we are all truly indebted to them for their kindness, service, and generosity.

Meet an SC: Ryan Hamilton



Hamilton graduated from Chaparral High School in 2004 and The Catholic University of America in 2009 with a degree in Massage Therapy. This past year he began pursuing his MA in Home Economics after admitting "working in the real world is hard." In his spare time Ryan enjoys playing the banjo and attempting to play tennis.

Ryan is looking forward to NBS this year, even though he knows he won't be able to repeat as Honor City SC this year.



Executive Director
Craig Huntington

Delegate:
NBS 2001

**Meet a JC:
Steven Pardinias**



Steven Jorge Pardinias III attended NBS in 2011 and graduated from Boulder City High School in 2012. He is currently attending UNLV and has changed his major 6 times, including a two-year stint as a theatre major.

Steven is an avid birdwatcher and LOVES shopping. When not doing those activities, Steven enjoys listening to smooth jazz (you guessed it, Kenny G is his favorite). Steven is super-psyched about this year's program.



Before becoming a US Senator, Harry Reid attended NBS as a delegate from Basic High

THE BOOKMAKER: NBS 2014 ODDS

With the 2014 Nevada Boys' State session upon us, it is time for the official bookmaker to release the odds. Last year's performance was not an aberration, I expect to do just as well this year. So how did I come up with these odds you ask? Well, I did quite a bit of reading of applications which helps, but more than anything its my decade plus of experience of seeing trends that to a new arrival are just imperceptible. With no further ado:

Honor City:

- Anderson: 2/1
- Osgood: 2/1
- Bill Valley: 3/1
- Las Craigas: 6/1
- Jaytown: 6/1
- Broton: 9/1
- Howard: 10/1
- Martie: 15/1

Elections:

Control of Senate

- Nationalists : -150
- Federalists: +130

Governor's Party

- Nationalists : -180
- Federalists: +200

Governor:

- Scott Higgonbotham:: 6/1
- Jon Connigton 12/1
- Douglas Hyde: 16/1
- Jin Hwang: 18/1
- Steve Johnson: 25/1

Staff vs Delegate Competitions

Athletics (Best 2 of 3)

- Delegates: -150
- Staff: +120

Quiz Bowl

- Staff: -10000
- Delegates: +25000

Over/Under Difference in Points:
23.5 – Pays even odds



DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday

- Wacky Olympics
- City Elections

Monday

- Speaker: Rebecca Gasca
- Secretary of State Elections

Tuesday

- Speaker: Jon Ralston
- Chad's Patriotism Presentation

Wednesday

- Speaker: Ross Miller
- College Fair

Thursday

- Speaker: Attorney General Masto
- General Elections

Friday

- Speaker: Ben Kieckhefer
- Carson City Trip



Meet an AC:
Andrew Johnston



Andrew Nijel Johnston graduated from A-Tech in 2014 and currently attends ASU as a French Literature Major. From an early age Andrew loved the sound of his own voice and since then he has been making everyone else hear it too by actively competing speech and debate.

When he isn't being a chatty Kathy, Andrew enjoys baking cupcakes, watching competitive figure skating, and hunting moose from helicopters.

BOYS NATION, HONOR CITY SET HIGH GOALS FOR DELEGATES

NBS delegates are divided up in to seven cities—Martie, Jaytown, Las Craigas, Howard, Broton, Osgood, and Anderson. Each year the directors use a secret formula to determine which city will win Honor City. While it is unknown what the actual formula is, it is safe to say that everything matters.

Every year, two delegates are selected to represent Nevada Boys' State at the American Legion's Boys

Nation program held in Washington, D.C. for one week in July. Unlike the system for Honor City, the selection for Boys Nation consists of no secret formula. Potential Boys Nation delegates best exemplify the principles taught and cultivated at NBS.

Boys Nation is within the reach of every delegate, though Martie has absolutely no chance at winning Honor City.



Former President Bill Clinton attended Boys Nation in 1963 as a delegate from Arkansas and had the opportunity to meet then-President John F. Kennedy.

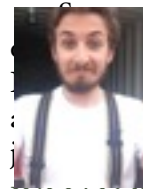
Boys' State Checklist	
	Call a parent/guardian so they don't worry
	Talk to a legionnaire
	Ask a question of a speaker
	Score a point in sports
	Make fun of Myers' mustache
	Do more push-ups than Noah (47)
	Compare SAT scores
	Run for an office
	Beat Steven at arm-wrestling
	Buy an ad in The Statesman
	Take a shower
	Have Stefan tell you his best joke
	Beat Collin at Rock, Paper, Scissors
	Drink a Red Bull
	Be tired even after drinking said Red Bull
	Have fun!

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Julian wishes he was a little bit taller. He wishes he was a baller. When he is not



wallowing in self-pity over the fact that he is neither taller nor a baller, he enjoys riding motorcycles

and going to zoos to look at all the pretty animals.