

The Statesman

CUT, THAT'S A WRAP! – ALMOST...

Congratulations gentlemen, we've made it to the end of the week. It's been a long week, but I think we can agree it's gone by too quickly. I wanted to take this opportunity to not only congratulate you, but to thank you. Thank all of you for your readership, support and opinions which you have provided for us. Without all of you there would be no paper. Additionally, I would like to extend a huge thanks to Sean, Daniel, and all of the counselors who have supported and directed us through this week. Thanks to NBS and Associates for providing us your business for ads.

On behalf of the editorial staff I would like to say that we have all been extremely pleased with and have enjoyed Nevada Boys' State. Because of this, and with each of us hailing from a different town, we

would like to use this issue to share our personal stories from the week. This week has been a life changing experience for all, and I know the effects will carry on for many years to come. Thank you very much!!

On a personal note I would like to extend my thanks to the editorial staff of this paper, my brothers in the City Family of Martie, the NBS Staff, and all of my fellow delegates for making this experience and this program so life changing for me. Without all of you, this would have just been another week. Instead, it has been the single most amazing week of my life, and I couldn't be happier with what this program has been for me!

~Noah Jennings, AKA Publius



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CARSON CITY DAY A SUCCESS

Returning from an eye-opening and wonderful adventure romping around Carson City with Bryan, Tony, Ryan, and Zach around the gardens, legislature, and city today, I was again amazed to see what wonders the #NBS15 delegates could come up with, following their adventures of the final day. Even had a different role this year, handling Amazing Race, rather than Assembly! Encountered A-TECH friends from Nevada Girls' State too~

But what astounded me even more, leaving me in total astonishment upon our return to the dorms of UNR, was when Trevor told me that the U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage. Never

imagined that such a historic ruling would come so soon in my young life, but I look forward to what the future brings this fine nation of ours. Though the road of implementation may be tough, it is a road I am glad that the U.S. has chosen to go on.

Main events of the night finished, with a fantastic Boys' Nation Debate between Shah Ahmad, Noah Jennings, Don Fagan, and Logan Gifford. So much more chaotic than the Max-Arjun-Sean-Matthew debate from last year... But now, like any night, I chill up here in the Media Room, doing NBS media things. Huzzah!

~Daniel Lang



A WEEK IN JAYTOWN – REFLECTIONS

I have always been a nervous person. When speaking to people that I feel are more confident than I, or when attempting to present in front of a group of individuals, my stage fright engulfs me and I am unable to think clearly. I stutter, sweat, and shake as my inner voice rages in my brain, convincing me that no one is focusing on anything but my flaws. When I first applied to Nevada Boys' State, I didn't know what to expect. I was exceedingly anxious, however I was hopeful in the back of my mind that I would gain the skills that I knew I lacked.

On day 1 Sunday morning, I walked into the dorm building entirely regretting my decision of coming to Boys' State. I was restless and afraid of the upcoming challenges that lay my way. I felt out of place due to the fact that I have never participated in any forensics or public speaking activities in the past. My fellow delegates in the city of Jaytown were already finding topics to debate about, and I stood there feeling unruly compared to the others. But the week trained on, and without even noticing it, my previous shell had been on its way to shattering as I have never bonded and been as social as I was before I arrived at Boys' State - it was an almost euphoric feeling.

I started the week as part of the newspaper staff, and as the rest of the delicacy discovered my passion for graphic design and film editing, I ended up staying wide-awake every night at the happy hour of 3:30am working on numerous advertisements for different individuals from every city. It was incredibly rewarding to realize the fact that numerous people had been coming up to me for help. I was happy to accept every project that was offered to me, and I put large amounts of effort and worth into every assignment that I had completed. By this point in time, my views of the program had entirely flipped one hundred-eighty degrees, and as cliché as it sounds, I really did learn important skills that will last me more than a lifetime. Another incredibly amazing experience that I went through was that I was elected in the senate for the Federalist party. If this had happened just three days before, I wouldn't even hesitate to say the words, Oh hell no! But then, I gladly accepted this position and looked forward to the legendary Carson City day. It was almost surreal to reflect on the differences that I was experiencing in only three short days, and I was excited to see what would happen by the time the week was over.

With all of the amazing experiences that had occurred throughout my week here, there was one thing that had happened this week that had really affected me deeply. A few friends from my city had told me that I was one of the nicest, most positive and genuine person they've met in a long time. I've never had a single person give me such nice words before, so hearing this from multiple people was honestly one of the best things anyone had ever told me in my life thus far. This never would have occurred if it wasn't for the rest of the delegation in Boys' State, and I could say I've never met a group of people as companionable and warm as well. Shoutout to Christopher from Jaytown for probably being the most kind person in the world. To Zil for owning his loss like a champion. To Cade for being the most abnormal mayor. And to everyone else in Jaytown, because we are all so weird and unique in our own ways, and we never would have bonded outside of this! I'll remember Nevada Boys' State for a lifetime, and I'm happy I could be a part of such a delegation of 2015.

~Brandon Basche



NBS CHANGED MY LIFE – OSGOOD

My fellow delegates, we are done! Finished! Stick a fork in it. This is the last edition of the Statesman. I thought it'd be pretty awesome to just tell you guys if my experience and opinions of the happenings at Nevada Boys' State.

So, time to be honest. I dreaded going to Boys' State before I came. I regretted signing up, even considered just not going altogether. I was just thinking, man, I am wasting a whole week of my summer by going to this dump camp, what the hell am I doing? And then when I showed up, I felt like I stuck out like a sore thumb. All these government masterminds, gathered together, and all I knew about current politics is that I hated Obama, Mitt Romney got robbed, and Hilary Clinton will burn this nation to the ground. But that was one of the great things this program did for me, it helped inform me to become at least a semi knowledgeable teenager in the field of government. I am now highly interested and will continue to inform myself as a moderate federalist.

Another thing is I got a chance to show off my leadership skills I already possessed, and learn new ones. Not only in sports, but the newspaper, and the senate. And that was really nice because I want to be a community leader one day wherever I may end up.

Also, the trip to the Capitol building was truly amazing for me. To see all the history that took place there, all the great men and women that have been there truly inspire me. Having my own seat in the senate and being able to debate in that room as a senator, I believe truly changed me as a person. It was a bunch of fun, and it was genuinely eye opening to the importance of government to everyday life.

Lastly, I made some amazing friends, spread out across all the cities. But mostly, I have come to

cherish my fellow citizens as great friends. Everyone of you has made this experience so special for me. I just want to shout out the friends I have become closest to here. Jordan Parker, Parker Miller, Jaegar Perkins, Nick Wolfram, Tommy G, John Lidang, Todd, Noah Dahir, and Branden Basche. I've spent a considerable amount of time with all of you, and would not have gotten through the week without you guys. Thank you so much and I hope we keep in touch.

Lastly, thank you to my staff, and mostly Noah. You were amazing man and this paper wouldn't have happened without you. And a HUGE thank you to all of the amazing counselors. You all are hilarious, somewhat caring, and just amazing. A big shout out to my counselors. Firstly, Chris Castagnetti, I've known you for a long time prior, and cherish you as a friend, but this camp gave me a whole new respect for you as a leader. Love you Chris. Secondly, Andrew Valdez, you are just hilarious man. Constantly cracking me up. And you're so caring and I appreciate that. When you saw I was down, you went out of your way to try and pick me up and make me feel better. I honestly would've probably left the camp without you. Lastly, Ryan Hamilton, you are an now an inspiration to me. You receive respect from all around you, everyone enjoys being around you, and you succeed in your work and as a leader. Thank you for caring about me individually as well. Not to mention you have some sweet calves. Those are goals. I am pleased to announce I will apply to be a counselor next year, because I'd love to lead along side you guys. Thank you so much! This is your Editor in Chief, signing off.

~Dylan Tuttle



A WEEK IN ANDERSON

When my counselor told me about this program I was so excited to apply for a position! I eagerly await is an acceptance letter back. As soon as I was excepted my family and I marked it on the calendar. When I finally got to UNR I was so excited, but nervous at the same time; I didn't know what to expect. However, when I got with my group/city I was instantly regarded with kindness and acceptance. In short, I felt at home. As we were soon swept away from get to know you games, we began our influential week. Through the plethora of meetings and lectures, I slowly started to comprehend more and more about what really goes on in the government system. I learned many things, from how to submit and pass legislation to how to run an effective campaign, and each new topic brought a deeper understanding and meaning to the program itself.

The overall gratitude that I have for this program is hard for me to fully express, but nonetheless I know how deep of an impact it had on me. Every morning in the program a theme was presented for us to think about throughout the day, and at the end of the day we discussed it more in detail as a city. These things ranged from perseverance, to overcoming fears, and having an attitude of gratitude. As these discussions occurred I obtained a new found respect and then as well as a deeper understanding and a higher personal connection with them.

SPORTS FINAL

1st Osgood - 2nd Howard - 3rd Anderson - 4th Las Craigas - 5th Martie and Jaytown

I know we said that the sports scores were final in yesterday's paper, but 3 tied scores apparently didn't sit well with the staff, and that is why we had tie-beakers yesterday.

Is good and Howard duked out on the football field to break their tie and for one city to rise victorious. Vicky was intense and with both teams performing at their best that was expected. However, with a score of 20-14 Osgood came out on top.

As the matches between Anderson and Las Craigas went on it was difficult to predict the true victor on chances alone; the volleyball match was a test of teamwork and spirit. With a continuous chanting coming from both teams the game was close, by in the end and you set out on top and received 3rd place.

As for the match between Martie and Jaytown for 5th place, it ended in yet another tie!

After the tie-breaker matches occurred, the NBS staff and our nominated delegates from each side completed in an ultimate frisbee match. The staff and the delegates each and competed at their best. For a moment in the game it looked as if the delegates were catching up, but as "luck" would have it the staff were saved by the bell and with a

I ran for city reporter and was elected into the office. See my efforts, as well as the entrance of my crewmates, we were able to bring attention to important topics, controversies, and events that the other delegates needed to do again. I really enjoyed my job is reporter, especially when I was able to moderate the gubernatorial debate. However, I believe that my favorite part of the my new job was to inform my fellow Nevada boys state delegates wha however, I believe that my favorite part of my new job was to inform my fellow Nevada boys state deletes is all of the important happens in the program. It was also really nice to see people enjoy my work as they read it as they wake up in the morning.

In short boys state is something that I will never forget, and I pray that I will think about the program and remember what I've learned here. Those many things include but are not limited to: how to overcome personal fears, but having an attitude of gratitude is good, how to an act bills and other types of legislation, and most importantly having perseverance in all of my endeavors so that I can achieve my high goals. In conclusion, this program was amazing!

~Riley Grieve



score of 5 to 4 the staff won. Secondly, after the All-Star over the cities competed in a tug-of-war. Each city matchup was crazy as it was intense. However, no match was as intense as the championship tug of war match between the city of Anderson in the city of the city of Howard. By far this match was the longest and MOST intense. with 3 major shifts in the lead Howard ended up winning the match, thus leaving Anderson in 2nd place. Right after this incredible match the staff challenged Howard to a let's just say staff but it wasn't truly considering that all of Howard was exhausted after their previous match, but that's ok (The counselors feel good once in a while).

~Riley Grieve

FROM HOWARD

(to veterans)Not only am I saying thanks for the work put into this program , i am also saying thanks for your work in the country. You guys are veterans , brave men who have fought in wars, just to keep the protection of fellow citizens. Huge thanks from me, to you. Boys' State consists of nights with no sleep, arguments and disputes over topics, and an amount of tedious work that is going to be brought upon to you. With this finally stated out, it is not any pessimistic ways over ruling the minds of the positives. This week was one of the longest weeks I know i will have in any of my future summers, regardless of high

school and college. This program taught me a lot of ways in the instruction of life. Finding the inner qualities of me, broke the bad, and brought the good qualities that would later be used in the future. Basically in a very simple sense this program literally "slaps some sense " into you.It slaps sense into you for the best. Boys' State is not easy, it is only for those who can actually take a good challenge. I am happy I got chosen into this program.

~Edgar Barbarin



OF LAS CRAIGAS

Coming into Nevada Boys' State I didn't really know what to expect. All I really knew about it was that my brother went there in 2014 and learned about the government. I came here, honestly, just to get away from home for a week. I felt it was a filler for a college application. However, it became so much more than that. I learned so much about other people, our government, and leadership. It was definitely the most influential experience in my life and I will never forget it. First off thanks to my city, Las Craigas, we

may not be honor city but we are brothers and I hope to keep in touch with you. To the news staff, thank you for all your hard work and for being yourself. And last but not least to the staff and Legionnaires, thank you so much for this opportunity, because without all of you I would not have left as the man I am now.

~Jeff Chamberlain



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