

# *Nevada Boys State* STATESMAN



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Today's theme is **Gratitude**: "For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile." - Elie Wiesel

## "Matt Morris and the Legislature"

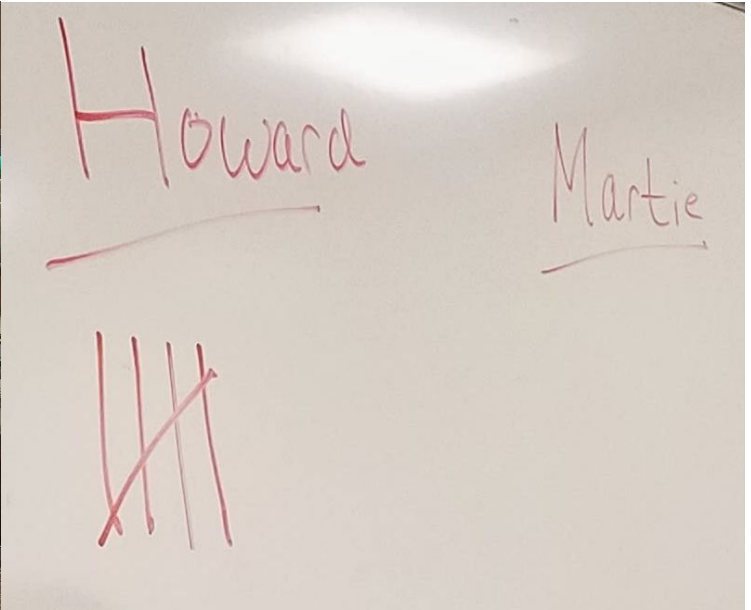


Matt Morris greeted us this morning with a great presentation on government and the role we play to be active members to sponsor change. Sharing us the story behind Section 504 accommodation with AB 504 with Haley, we got the opportunity to see where change comes about, and how we can be the change we wish to see in society.

With his presentation this morning, hopefully we all can be active members to inspire change as we debate and read legislation in Carson City!

## Quiz Bowl Highlights

One of the most important ideas that NBS has tried to teach us is the idea of perseverance. Quiz Bowl and Athletics are good activities. Here are a few that the press has noticed.



### Final Quiz Bowl

By: Starving Man

The staff started off with a strong. Ryan Hamilton took started off with stunningly fast responses, baffling many of the delegates. They refused to surrender, however, they made a valiant effort to try and take the victory, eventually coming within two points of taking the lead. Never surrender, you guys tried your hardest.

### Howard vs. Martie (June 19)

By: Starving Man

If you remember the results of this match, Martie ended up winning. The determination to continue trying even when you start off at a huge loss is a phenomenal skill. This is definitely not the only example of this; all of you are passionate and able to preserve, continue being you.

## Howard Crushes Tug-O-War

By: Jay Town!

The city of Howard earned first place yesterday in Sports, dominating the entire field with their energy and bolstering music. Taylor Swift riled up cities, and may have even contributed to their overall success. Soon enough, the speeding Howard victory train screeched to a halt when it came around to delegates versing staff, where the delegates had a strong start but soon fell through. The staff continued their streak of victory, yet, delegates can't help but hope next year's cities finally beat the counselors.

## JAY TOWN!

By: All Other Cities

Jay Town's influence has spread through every single city, where delegates are drawing a J with their pinky, and then forming the shape of a tent with their arms. This is, of course, accompanied by the call of "JAY TOWN!". Essentially, whether it be in the bathrooms of Howard or the halls of Las Craigas, the moment someone squawks out those two words, everyone in the area replies with the same. "JAY TOWN! JAY TOWN! JAY TOWN! JAY TOWN! JAY TOWN! JAY TOWN! JAY TOWN! JAY TOWN!"  
LETS GO JAYTOWN!



### A message from our Chief Justice

Jubilant (adjective): feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph. Remember to spread happiness and kindness, it truly develops a difference and will bring about good change. P.S Honorable mention for cutie of the day.

## Cutie Of The Day

By: S.T. Cunningham

There's public figures and celebrities, but then there's Shawn.  
This swollen monster hails from Howard and will stop at  
nothing to prove the lockers have a total combination  
possibility of 10,000.

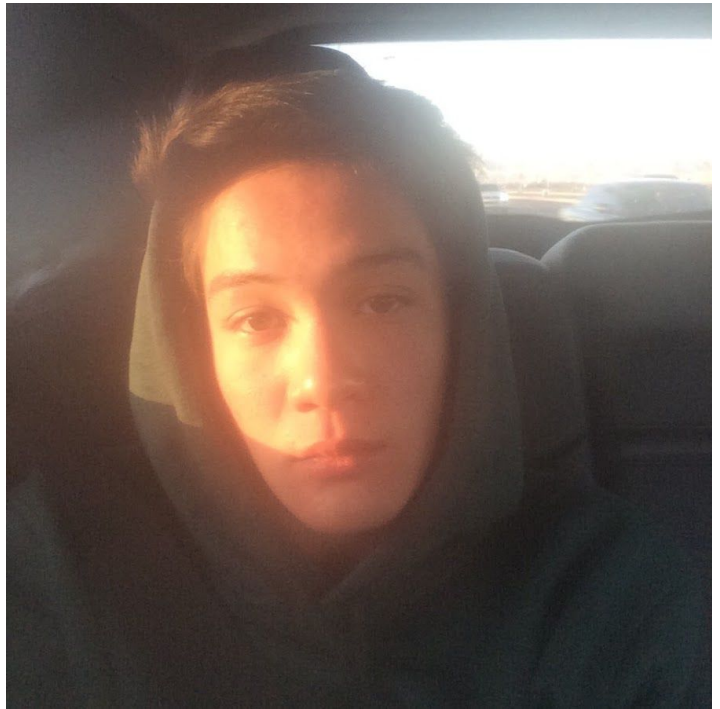


### **NBS From The Howard Paper Boi**

*By Dylan Bricker*

I didn't know what to expect from this program in all honesty. Hopping on that bus near midnight I was surrounded by guys I didn't know and that I figured I would never have to know. Turns out, I was wrong. Doesn't matter what city, we have all become brothers through various trials, sports and just overall community. Every person has their own skills and background and this program has allowed us to become true family. Teamwork is the root of all we have accomplished here. My entire perspective and feelings about this program have changed entirely. "It didn't suck" as said by my amazing new friend Regan Divar, and I wholeheartedly agree. Howard has become a family to me, and it deeply saddens me that we have to leave tomorrow after Carson City Day. We've known each other for less than a week and it already feels like we're true brothers. I love you all, I hope we can stay together as family when we go home and continue to help each other all throughout our lives.

Boys' state has taught me leadership, character, and most of all, the importance of what being a good leader can do to those around you. The best in every single one of us was brought out, only thanks to the amazing people we were surrounded by. It's hard not to cry thinking about what we've all become within a week and how it all has to end. You guys, I don't care what city or background are my family. Once again, I love you all. Thanks for an amazing week I will never forget.



**Newspaper Staff!**  
(Minus Ethan Since He Was Playing  
Yu-Gi-Oh)

## Opinion: Impact VS. Intent

Okay, I wanted to write a short and sweet goodbye article, but I feel I have a duty per the values of the Boys State to write this article with more serious intentions. We need to start a dialogue about the power of words and how your intent may not correlate with it's impact.

Words are no longer under your control once they leave your lips. They have a mind of their own, taking on new forms than you originally intended. So, when it comes to humor, sometimes it can be a real hit and miss. Rather than bringing people together with laughter, it can ostracize and demonize people.

I am a firm believer that all the people at Boys State are good people. You all care about your country; you all want to make a difference. But good people aren't perfect people. You are allowed to make mistakes as long as you learn from them, and we came here to learn. So, learn.

When it comes to making jokes about identity (race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation), you have to realize that offence can and probably will be taken. If I can leave you with anything, remember that words have power. We are training to be leaders, and leaders think before they speak.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to write for this community. I hope that you have learned something from me because I have definitely learned from you.

Yours Truly,  
Millan Gledhill

## Delegate Demolition: How the Staff Dominated All-Star Games

Talk about bloodbaths. Ultimate frisbee was nothing short of a disaster for the delegates, both in morale and ego. The final score was 4-1. Everyone knows the point scored by the delegates was a mercy point, because that's what we've come to expect from the star-studded gentlemen of the NBS staff. Are they not merciful? Only when they feel like it. Let's get to the highlights. Andrew, Garrett, Parker, and Nick did great work driving the disc down field. Craig, Tyson, Robbie, and Adrian continually launched the disc through the back of the delegates' endzone. Ryan danced with the frisbee like a ninja in a kimono with a bad Italian accent. All pale in comparison, however, to the absolute stunning performance of the staff's Justin Brush. Brush was involved in all 4 of his teams points by throwing 3 scores and catching 1 score. As impressive as his performance was, the game lived in the shadow of the grave knee injury suffered by Zach Heit. Later that night, he described the incident: "I just have a bad knee, and I tweaked it." Doctors have yet to report his chances of walking again.

The tug of war match was the same story. Hardly exciting. The delegates appeared to have the upper hand initially, but once the staff members finished yawning from boredom they yanked the rope past their end line with a dominant "UGH". During the yank most of the delegates fell forward into the mud. One delegate from Jaytown flew through the air about 3 feet. Staff members were admittedly impressed with one particular Las Craigas delegate whose arms were torn off because he never let go of the rope. Talk about dedication. That's the kind of heart and perseverance we've seen time and time again throughout the history of this program, and we couldn't be prouder.

Justin Brush

