

2004 Bulletin Staff Selected

By Andrew Culp - Newspaper Advisor

Boys' State Bulletin is ready for another exciting year. Serving your Boys' State needs, from weather to election updates and town reports, don't leave for the morning without it. The Bulletin would like to congratulate its newly appointed staff; Chuck Lippstreu from Valley Forge will be our Editor. Eric Svingen and Scott Lindgren from Manila Bay are the new Layout Technicians. Additionally, Dan Smith of Alamo and Ed Jaros of Belleau Wood were chosen as Grammatical Experts.

A History of Producing Greatness

By Chuck Lippstreu- Valley Forge

In his letter to incoming Boys' Staters this year, American Legion National Commander John Breiden III reminded us that the program has often proved a springboard for political, legal or other public service-oriented careers.

"It is possible," Brieden wrote, "That a future governor, congressman or even president will be in your class of Boys' State citizens."

Even if this statement seems like a baseless *Chicken Soup for the Boys Stater's Soul*-like claim, history has proven that Boys' State has launched many a public service career. Michael Jordan, Senator Ben Nelson and political radio host Rush Limbaugh join dozens of other government officials and prominent personalities who graduated from Boys' State in years past. These men are all living, breathing proof of the future greatness we may be in the midst of this week.

Tradition Banned

By Lukas Bomar-Bataan

As most of the 376 attendees have heard, a Boys'/Girls' State dance used to be held during this week. Unfortunately, this annual opportunity has been cancelled, due to the 'hip,' inappropriate dances popular with today's youth. Shouldn't we get a chance to prove we are mature enough to have a fun, clean dance? Every generation differs; how they perform in each tradition shows their true character.

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Brian Reed – Bataan
Lukas Bomar – Bataan
Mark Ruchart – Bataan
Brian Fleming – Gettysburg
Andrew Ristow – Gettysburg
Derek Hester – Gettysburg
Burke Bourne – Bunker Hill
Ryan Camp – Bunker Hill
Andrew West – Bunker Hill
Enrique Mazon - Yorktown
Kyle Hathorn - Yorktown
Micah Nielsen – Yorktown
Eric Svingen – Manila Bay
Brent Schmoeker – Manila Bay
Scott Lindgren – Manila Bay
Nick Klein – Alamo
Jeff James – Alamo
Dan Smith – Alamo
Chuck Lippstreu – Valley Forge
James McAndrew – Valley Forge
John Zimmer - Belleau Wood
Ed Jaros- Belleau Wood
Adam West- Belleau Wood

Andrew Culp, Brian Hernandez,
Frank Dolezal and Leo Glass serve as
the advisors to the Bulletin.

The Call of Duty

By Burke Bourne – Bunker Hill

It is said that only two things are constant: death and taxes. More and more this old adage is ringing true. The world is changing at a pace more resembling an A-list celebrity's little black book than the river it was compared to back in Heraclites's day. In the past 5 years, the amount of change has been mind-boggling; the consolidation of the EU, the tech market bust, the attacks on the World Trade Center, the war in Iraq and now the death of our 40th President, the Cold Warrior himself, Ronald Reagan.

It falls on us to make sense of this world, and one year from now, enter into it and make a difference. As Aaron Zabawa said, we are the "best of the best." The concept of *Nobles Oblige* is a just one. We have the ability and the talent to go out there and leave the world a better place than we found it. So, I hereby challenge all of my fellow Boys' Staters, myself included, to get the most out of this week as possible. Learn as much as you possibly can, meet as many new people as possible and most importantly get to know how the structure of our government works. I have the feeling that more than a few of us will one day enter the hallowed halls of some governmental office and make decisions that effect the course of all our lives.

For those of you who don't want to be here, for those of you who just want to get through the week without earning a "giggy point" and even for those whose parents forced them to come here, don't do it for yourself, don't do it for your parents, don't even do it for the American Legion, (although we should thank them when we get home), do this one for the Gipper.

Just What I Needed

By: Kyle Hathorn – Yorktown

Boys' State is just what I needed. Being a good seven hours away from my parents is awesome. O! What would I do without my parents breathing down my neck for the next week! So let freedom ring. Let the good times roll. O YA LETS GO YORKTOWN!

The Common Question

By Jamie McAndrew – Valley Forge

Where are all the women? How could we forget the females? This is one common question among Boys' Staters that could be an ongoing problem for the entire week. Maybe it could have been a nice ploy to attract many of the attendees here at Boys' State, but the fact of the matter is, the week is about the government. It would be nice to see the ladies, but as long as we stay involved in our political goals throughout this week, Wednesday will come faster than we think.

Your Opinion Counts!

Submit a letter to the editor and let your thoughts be heard!

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Submit all material into the Boys' State "Letters to the Editor" Box located at the front Desk of Schramm hall (Where the T-shirt sales are located). Those who submit letters must identify themselves by name and Boys' State Town.