

A group of boys in white t-shirts and dark shorts are standing in a line on a paved area in front of a brick building. One boy is holding a large American flag. The building has a sign that reads "HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE". The sky is blue with some clouds.

The American Legion  
*Boys State of  
Virginia*

83rd Session

Hampden-Sydney College  
June 21-27, 2026



Dear American Legion Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations, and welcome to American Legion Boys State! On behalf of The American Legion, I am honored to welcome you to one of the most respected and selective citizenship programs in the nation. Your decision to participate places you among a distinguished group of young leaders who have chosen to step forward, learn, and lead.

American Legion Boys State is more than a program it is an experience. Here, you will engage in a hands-on approach to government, gaining a deeper understanding of how it functions and, more importantly, how it depends on the involvement of its citizens. This is a leadership action program designed to challenge you, stretch you, and equip you with skills that will serve you for a lifetime

You will quickly discover that government is not something distant or abstract it is shaped by those who participate. This program will show you that leadership, responsibility, and service are not just ideals, but actions. While the experience may be demanding at times, it will also be rewarding, memorable, and impactful in ways you may not fully appreciate until years from now.

Since 1935, American Legion Boys State has developed generations of young men who have gone on to serve their communities and nation with distinction. Among Boys State alumni are leaders in government, business, education, medicine, technology, and beyond. As you begin this journey, understand that the same opportunity lies before you.

Whether your future leads you into public service or another path, the relationships you build here and the lessons you learn will stay with you long after the program concludes.

As National Commander, I extend my very best wishes for a meaningful, engaging, and life-changing 2026 American Legion Boys State experience.

Dan Wiley  
National Commander

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Linden Dixon  
*Director*

Rick Oertel  
*Assistant Director*

Dan Combs  
*Program Director*

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*Chief City Counselors*

Steve Cox  
*Director of Logistics*

Rick Oertel  
*Director of Operations*

Mark Antley  
*Master of Ceremonies*

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*Newspaper*

Tonya Meunier  
*Yearbook*

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*Photographer*

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# A Proud History

The youth movement known as Boys State was originally sponsored by The American Legion to counteract Pioneer Camps, which were being conducted in the United States by the Nazi Freedom Foundation. Pioneer Camps taught that - although the democratic form of government has served its purpose well - it was outdated and should be replaced by a fascist form of government. Legionnaires in Illinois decided to organize civic programs to teach youth the American way of life. They wanted to develop some type of educational program to give youth a better understanding of America's form of government and to instill in them ways to preserve the freedoms we have under the democratic way of life.

The Americanism Committee of The American Legion of Illinois obtained use of the State Fairgrounds for a week in June 1935. The Legion contacted the high school principals in their state and asked them to select junior class leaders to attend a new program to study the constitution and government of the State of Illinois. During that week delegates were asked to suggest a name for the new program. The name Boys State was suggested and unanimously adopted. After a thorough evaluation of a course curriculum The American Legion National Executive Committee approved and named the program The American Legion Boys State.

Other States followed Illinois and developed Boys State programs based on their respective constitutions and governmental structures. In 1939, The American Legion Department of Virginia with the cooperation of Virginia Polytechnic Institute organized the Old Dominion Boys State. In 1956, the name was changed to The American Legion Boys State of Virginia. It has been held during the month of June every year since 1939 with the exception of the war years of 1942-1945 and in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Boys State program has been developed and refined on the assumption that youth can best learn by doing. The curriculum is patterned after actual mechanics of the Commonwealth and local governments in Virginia. Divided into 16 separate cities, the citizens elect mayors, delegates, senators, judges, and city officials to carry out the duties of each. They are divided into two political parties, and each party selects nominees for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General. Winning candidates create a replica government, which crafts and passes laws. Laws passed by the assembly and signed by the governor are presented to the assembled citizens during the last assembly before graduation. All graduates take with them an understanding of the democratic process and the way various offices of the Commonwealth of Virginia work.

Boys State is not just concerned with the government process, but also with the well-rounded citizen. With that in mind, a complete program of activities is included. There are organized sports, band, chorus, a daily newspaper, and educational programs other than government. There is also a talent show, which gives delegates a chance to demonstrate their individual skills and talents.

Unfortunately, there are still other forms of governments, alien to the democratic ideals, opposed to the American way of life. The American Legion continues to sponsor Boys State programs to help young citizens better understand the operations of the American democratic form of government and to safeguard those fundamental principles.

# Citizens Arrive



Hampden-Sydney Dean of Admissions, Crystal Russell and Scott Maddrea, Department Commander of Virginia, gather food donations brought by the arriving ALBS citizens.



Campaigning for office begins early.



Harrison Fink, Evan Maze, Tiemoor Ahmed, Olaoluwa Adebambo, Aydan Chartier and Ezekiel Fisher join the registration line.



Luke Mayers is greeted by ALBS Director, Linden Dixon.

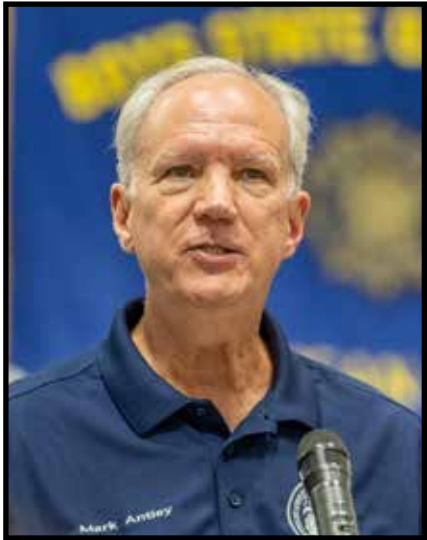


Delegates and their families pick up their Boy State shirt.

# Opening Sessions



Jalen Kotchka, from Jefferson City, opens the session in prayer.



Mark Antley, Master of Ceremonies.



The keynote speaker, RADM Russell Dash, U.S. Coast Guard, discusses responsible citizenship and the need for “attitude and effort.”



Distinguished 1961 Virginia Boys State Citizen, U.S. Senator Angus King (Maine), sends video greetings to the citizens.



Rick Oertel, Deputy Director, administers the VA Boys State Pledge.



Citizens recite the VA Boys State Pledge - their first official act.



An enthusiastic introduction to the Boys State Song.



The Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Wesley May, begins the session.



ALBS Director Linden Dixon welcomes the citizens.



Steve Cox motivates the citizens.



Dr. Larry Stimpert, President of Hampden-Sydney College.



The Honorable Brian Vincent, Mayor of the city of Farmville, welcomes the citizens.

# City Meetings and Elections



A City discusses the merits of the candidates for mayor.



Casting a vote for City Mayor.



City election officials check the voting box contents.



State Board of Elections: Clyde Blowe, Jack Dreany and Alex Ponce.



Winning the nomination.



Casting a vote in the city elections.

# General Assembly Members' Visit



Virginia State Delegate, Wren Williams.



Virginia State Delegate, Tommy Wright.



Virginia State Delegate, Wendell Walker.



ALBS citizen Ryan Hembree asks a question.



ALBS citizen, Steven Ye, asks a question.

# Party Primaries



Nationalist Coordinator, Mike Schramm, works with Boys State Nationalist City Party Chairs.



Federalist Coordinator, Sam McPherson, works with Boys State Federalist Party Chairman Nicholas Romero-Golopp.



A nationalist candidate addresses the party convention.



Federalist Party candidates await their turn to persuade the party.



A nationalist candidate delivers his speech.



Federalist Party candidate takes their turn at the podium.

# Religious Services



The band plays 'Nearer My God to Thee' as the chaplains enter services.



Chaplains await their turn in the service.



Christian Both delivers the morning sermon.



The Choir lends a musical note.



The Delegates begin their day with opening Prayer.

# Afternoon Activities



Football



Pool



Corinne Haskins, of Hampden-Sydney College, teaches the delegates on better speaking.



Soccer



Basketball



Dodge Ball



Ping Pong

# Local Government



The Honorable Juandiego Wade, Mayor of Charlottesville.



The Honorable Brian Vincent, Mayor of Farmville.



Mayor of Roanoke, the Honorable Joseph Cobb.



Mayor of Harrisonburg, the Honorable Deanna Reed.



City of Lynchburg Council Member, the Honorable Chris Faraldi, and ALBS citizen, Nicolas Tar Weele.



Mayor of Colonial Heights, the Honorable Greg Kochuba.



Brookneal Council member, the Honorable Conner Francis.

# Band and Chorus



The Band

ROW 4: Aidan DeFeo, Timothy DeMatties, Paul Okojie, Jacob Lokar, Benjamin Corneliussen, Matthew Fens, Silas Sherertz  
 ROW 3: Jacob Branson, Marshall Johnson, Bryden Lucero, Hunter Fracis, Nicholas Moore, Samuel Geller-Cheney, Henry Sumner  
 ROW 2: Aaron Guerrero, Jonah Lotto, Nicolas Ter Weele, Mason Page, Alexander Drum, Joel Ng, Isaac Lee, Waylon Malarkey  
 ROW 1: Ivar Golden, Kellen Colevas, Tayyib Ali, Aaron Hughes, Natahan Karas, Sawyer Kester, Aaron Hemming



The Choir (Alphabetical Order): Blake Aboosamara, Edward Academia, Olaoluwa Adebambo, Walter Anderson, George Aten, Seth Baron, Silas Bego, Walker Bobb, John Bradley, Aydan Chartier, Athri Cheboli, Wylie Combs, Sebastian Correa, Jason Cruz, Brennan Debutts, Aidan Defeo, Drake Dendtler, John Economou, Maximus Felix, Luke Flinter, Jack George, Ian Gill, Miles Goff, Andrew Grane, Oliver Hall, Clay Hamilton, Ryder Hamilton, Jacob Hanshaw, Tristan Hedges, Allan James, Dominic Judge, Jack Juncker, Luke Larimore, Andrew Lee, Patrick Manetto, Wesley May, Lucas McPhatter, Quinton Moore, Owen Morgan, Flux Neo, Joel Ng, James Payne, Eli Philpot, Elijah Price, Colton Reynolds, David Rimon, Leonardo Sandoli, Caleb Saville, Silas Sheret, Nelson Showalter, Lleyton Steines, Addison Thornburg, Brayden VandeSand, Paul Williams, Declan Winchester, Jonathan Yang, Ruger Young, Evan Yu, Joaquin Zubiaga.

# Special Groups



The Newspaper Staff

ROW 1: Willims Guieriz-Santo, Austin Myers, Leo Samdoli, Adam Paul, Ryan Jonson, Jaisan Samatov, Lucas Sahn  
 ROW 2: Al Hillman, Aiden Vergana, Brennan Napper, Watkins Irby, Vito Miro III, James Reed, Camden Newby, RC Johnson  
 Not Pictured: Aaron Winter, Jacob Miller, Koby Schneckenfdorf



The Chaplains

Devin West, Flux Neo, Sawyer Nester, Gavin Stephens, Matthew Fens, Harrison Fink, Christian Both, Henry Weier, Elias Bowes, Maxwell Shults, Jalen Kotchka, Isaac Culpepper, Landon Good, Greycen Brocato, William Zagurski, Alexander Drum  
 Chaplain: Demas Boudreaux, Assistant Chaplain: Jacob Goldstein

# The House of Delegates



Members of the VA Boys State House of Delegates.



The House Chamber.



Legislative Coordinator, Scott Maddrea, reviews legislative procedures with the House Speaker Joshua Gebhart.



City Delegates present their bill.



A House member addresses a bill's sponsor.

# The Senate



Members of the VA Boys State Senate.



The Senate votes on a bill.



President Pro tem of the Senate, Artin Safaie.



A Senator introduces bill.



Legislative Coordinator, Scott Maddrea, consults with a Senator.

# Structure of the Virginia Legal System



Circuit Court Judge for the 24th Judicial District, the Honorable Michael Doucette.



Commonwealth's Attorney for Nottoway County, the Honorable Leanne Watrous.



Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Radford, the Honorable Chris Rehak.



Commonwealth's Attorney for Henrico County, the Honorable Shannon Taylor.



Commonwealth's Attorney for Stafford County, the Honorable Eric Olsen.



Commonwealth's Attorney for Buckingham County, the Honorable Kemper Beasley.



Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Richmond, the Honorable Collette McEachin.



Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince Edward County, the Honorable Megan Clark.



Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Pulaski County the Honorable James Crandall.



Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Chesapeake the Honorable Mark McKinney.

# The Flag



James City answers to roll call.



Evan Cillo conducts the city roll call.



Cities come to attention and lower their stanchions in respect to the flag.



The Honor Guard: Brennan Napper, Peter Lasseter, Matthew Sam-Cook, and Andrew Sayasithsena.



Respect for the Flag.

# Virginia State Police

# Governor Visits



Sergeant  
Jason Stitt



Senior Trooper  
Rodney Kenley



Sergeant  
Jason Cappel



Trooper  
Jordan Coleman



Trooper  
Cole Doss



Trooper  
Justin Lowe



Trooper  
Jon Mills



Trooper  
Samuel Norris



(Left to right) Trooper Jacob Burke, Sergeant London Atkins, Senior Trooper Rodney Kenley, Trooper Jordan Coleman, Sergeant Jason Stitt, Master Trooper Wade Blevins, K9 Clover, Trooper Samuel Norris, Trooper Justin Lowe, Sergeant Jason Cappel, Trooper Cole Doss, Trooper Jon Mills.



The Honorable Abigail Spanberger fields a question from the ALBS Newspaper.



The Govenor receives her Blue Shirt.



The Governor warmly greets Bradley Mayor, Dwight Riddick, II.



Jacob Branson helps the Govenor on the finer points of conducting the ALBS Band.



The Honorable Abigail Spanberger takes time after her appearance to pose for a group photo with the ALBS Mayors, State board of Elections and the newly elected ALBS Govenor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General.

# Former Lieutenant Governor Visits



Former Lt. Govenor Bill Bolling informs the cities about the role off the Lt. Governor of Virginia.



Mr. Bolling was greeted by the American Legion Viginia Boys State Song.



The role of polarization in Viirginia politics was discussed by Mr. Bolling.



Jacob Miller from MacArthur City asks Former Lt. Govenor Bill Bolling a question.



Citizens lined up to ask the Mr. Bolling questions about his years of service.

# The Lieutenant Governor Visits



The Honorable Ghazala Hashmi, Lt Governor of Virginia took time to send a video message.

# Deputy Attorney General Visits



Jacob Lambert, Deputy Attorney General, instructed Boy's State in the role of the Attorney General's office.

# Talent Show



The Amazing card magic of Joel Ng.



Quinton Moore performs, 'Fly Me To The Moon', with piano and vocals.



Luke Flinter play an electric guitar solo of Van Halen and Pantara.



Members of the Virginia Baoy's State Talent Show.



Aaron Guerrero with a vocal solo of, 'Tennessee Whiskey', by Chris Stapleton.



Jonah Lotto plays, 'Careless Whisper', on Alto Sax.



Liam Mahar's Bagpipe solo.



Jacob Branson performs the, 'Pina Colada', song by Rupert Holmes.



Sam Simons performs a rifle demonstration.



A Viola performance by Waylon Malarkey.



Aaron Hughs goes upside down on the Tenor Drums to play, 'Mary had a Little Lamb'.



Mitchell Keene plays, 'Say Yes', by Elliot Smith.



A Diabolo exhibition by Jonathan Yang.



A Vocal solo of, 'You'll be back', from Hamilton by Drake Dentler.



Jacob Miller and Brendan Seger play, 'Nutshell', by Alice in Chains.



Alston Richey on guitar playing a song by Jonny Cash.

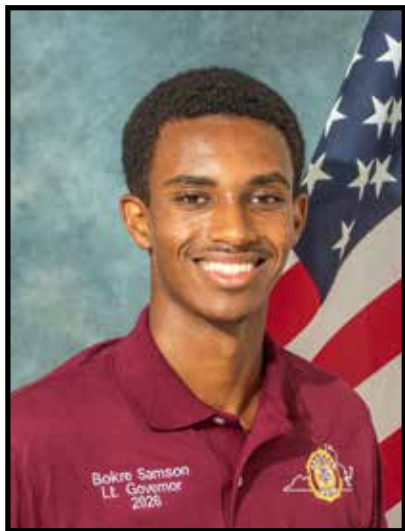


The B.S. Octet performs with members from Patton, MacArthur, Burke, Madison, and Washinton.

# Elected Virginia Boys State Officials



**Governor**  
**Olaoluwa Abebambo**



**Lieutenant Governor**  
**Borke Samson**



**Attorney General**  
**Neel Kamath**



**Speaker of the House**  
**Joshua Gebhart**



**Senate President Pro Tempore**  
**Artin SafaleBen Fields**



**Chief Justice**  
**Judah Barnnarbie**



**VA Boys State Cabinet**

# Awards and Honors



**Boys Nation**  
**Dylan Hancock**



**Boys Nation**  
**Bokre Samson**



**Boys Nation Alternate**  
**Leonardo Sandoli**



**Boys Nation Alternate**  
**Mukund Marri**



**Moot Court Winner Nimitz City**  
**Crew Harris, Mukund Marri, John Loftin, Alistair Hogge**



**Samsung Scholarship**  
**Elijah Price**



**Virginia Boys State Supreme Court**  
**Paul Okojie, Judah Barnnarbie, John Kamireddy, Jonathan Terrell, Onyiego "Shawn" Masese, Jalen Kotchka, Brandon Kim,**

# Elections and Appointments

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| OFFICERS OF BOYS STATE<br>GOVERNOR: Olaoluwa Adebambo<br>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Bo Samson<br>ATTORNEY GENERAL: Neel Kamath                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR<br>Olaoluwa Adebambo (N)<br>Gavin Grove (F)<br>Luke Bowman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR<br>Bo Samson (N)<br>Tiemoor Ahmed (F)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | CANDIDATES FOR ATT. GEN<br>Neel Kamath (N)<br>Austin Bustillos (F)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BEST CITIZEN<br>BRADLEY - Steven Ye<br>BURKE - Aaron Guerrero<br>EISENHOWER - John Bradley<br>GRAVELY - Aaron winter<br>HENRY Larry Tucker<br>JAMES - Andrew Sayasithsena<br>JEFFERSON - Carter Price<br>MACARTHUR - Jscob Miller<br>MADISON - Joel Ng<br>MARSHALL - Aiden Linville<br>MINROE - Henry Weien<br>NIMITZ - Paul Bothwell<br>PATTON - Christian Both<br>PERSHING -Benjamin Kralovec<br>PULLER - Lucas Shon<br>WASHINGTON - Ryan Willging |  | MAYORS<br>BRADLEY - Dwight Riddick<br>BURKE - Winston Miller<br>EISENHOWER - Athri Cheboli<br>GRAVELY - Colin Robinson<br>HENRY -Jonathan Butler<br>JAMES - Jonathan Lee<br>JEFFERSON - Sebastian Correa<br>MACARTHUR - John David Bulford<br>MADISON - Thomas McBride<br>MARSHALL - Issac Lee<br>MONROE - Brody Schrecker<br>NIMITZ Patrick Phillips<br>PATTON Christian Both<br>PERSHING - Franklin Jacoby<br>PULLER - Alexander Royston<br>WASHINGTON - Christopher Purdy |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES<br>BRADLEY - Owen Shannon<br>BURKE - Gavin Dosier<br>EISENHOWER - Andrew Lee<br>GRAVELY - Jack Maurer<br>HENRY - Sawyer Kester<br>JAMES - Easton Kaefer<br>JEFFERSON - Oliver Hall<br>MACARTHUR - Alexander Misleh<br>MADISON - Joel Ng<br>MARSHALL - Kevin Colevuas<br>MONROE - Henry Weien<br>NIMITZ - Alistair Hogge<br>PATTON - Jack Mackey<br>PERSHING - Reed Rivas<br>PULLER - Vadym TolStoi<br>WASHINGTON - Drew Bennett |
| BOYS NATION<br>Dylan Hancock - Senator<br>Bokre Samson - Senator<br>Leonardo Sandoli - 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate<br>Mukund Marri - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | SUPREME COURT JUDGES<br>Judah Barnnarbie - Chief Justice<br>Paul Okojie<br>Jonathan Terrell<br>Onyiego Shawn Masese<br>John Kamireddy<br>Brandon Kim<br>Jalen Kotchka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS<br>John Bradley, Chairman<br>Jeremiah Myers, Vice Chairman<br>Dusty Sarver, Secretary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SENATE<br>PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE: Artin SafaleBen Fields<br>CKERK: Sid Orugauti                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| BRADLEY<br>Micah Wollam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | BURKE<br>Yusuf Terber                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | EISENHOWER<br>Ryan Alaniz                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | GRAVELY<br>Luke Baker<br><br>HENRY<br>Larry Tucker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| JAMES<br>Walker Bobb                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | JEFFERSON<br>Edward Academa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | MACARTHUR<br>Jacob Miller                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | MADISON<br>Omar Kasseman<br><br>MARSHALL<br>Aiden Linville                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| MONROE<br>Joseph Coyle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | NIMITZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PATTON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PERSHING<br><br>PULLER CITY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| WASHINGTON<br>Caleb Saville                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| GOVERNOR’S CABINET<br>Chief of Staff: Nana Nicholas Snodgrass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Secretary of Administration: Lewis Tinklepaugh<br>Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry: Henry Marshall<br>Secretary of Commerce & Trade: Dominic Boucher<br>Secretary of the Commonwealth: Krish Balji<br>Secretary of Education: Levi Hall<br>Secretary of Finance: Dylan Hancock                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Secretary of Health & Human Resources: Gavin Dosier<br>Secretary of Natural Resources: Vaibhav Somesula<br>Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security: Evan Britton<br>Secretary of Technology: Mukund Marri<br>Secretary of Transportation: Jacob Branson<br>Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs: Angel Serrano |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

# Elections and Appointments

| HOUSE OF DELEGATES                                               |                                                                                       |                                                                         |                                                                    |
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| SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: Joshua Gebhart                             |                                                                                       | MAJORITY LEADER: Yoonsub Chow                                           |                                                                    |
| CLERK: Carson Hosseinipoor                                       |                                                                                       | MINORITY LEADER: Steven Ye                                              |                                                                    |
| BRADLEY CITY<br>Steven Ye<br>Yoonsub Choi<br>Tucker Sheridan     | BURKE CITY<br>Tyler Hieronimus<br>William Edwards<br>Colin Jamerson<br>Aaron Guerrero | EISENHOWER CITY<br>Carson Hosseinipoor<br>Sam King                      | GRAVELY CITY<br>Mason Munoz<br>Jay Hipes                           |
| HENRY CITY<br>George Atem<br>Edward Compton<br>Jake Lucas        | JAMES CITY<br>Declan Hathaway<br>Will Park                                            | JEFFERSON CITY<br>Leonardo Sandoli<br>William Crowe<br>Braden VandeSand | MACARTHUR CITY<br>Aden Harpole<br>Silas Joyce<br>Carter Thompson   |
| MADISON CITY<br>Thomas Agnew<br>Nathaniel Dunster<br>Eli Philpot | MARSHALL CITY<br>Jordan Thompson<br>Ben Krause                                        | MONROE CITY<br>John Weber<br>Liam Wilcox                                | NIMITZ CITY<br>Henry Weber<br>Joshua Gebhart                       |
| PATTON CITY<br>Benjamin Lee<br>Dominick Merida                   | PERSHING CITY<br>Benjamin Kralovec<br>Clay Johnson<br>Arthur Wu                       | PULLER CITY<br>Nathan Cha<br>Aman Singh<br>Thomas Hoffler               | WASHINGTON CITY<br>Ethan Evans<br>Maxwell Shults                   |
| OFFICERS OF ELECTION                                             |                                                                                       |                                                                         |                                                                    |
| BRADLEY CITY<br>Aaron Cothran<br>Owen Shannon<br>Westley May     | BURKE CITY<br>Jaiden Dixon<br>Weston Bogaczyk<br>Waylong Malarkey                     | EISENHOWER CITY<br>John Bradley<br>Justin Alston<br>Andrew Lee          | GRAVELY CITY<br>Braggeston Hudson<br>Andrew Cook<br>Harrison Fink  |
| HENRY CITY<br>Carter Callis<br>Pranav Nanawat                    | JAMES CITY<br>Jeremiah Myers<br>Carson Fenner                                         | JEFFERSON CITY<br>Joaquin Zubiaga<br>Evan Yu                            | MACARTHUR CITY<br>Aaron Francis<br>Sebastian Roncoroni             |
| MADISON CITY<br>Samuel Simons<br>Harry Fleet<br>Patrick Gill     | MARSHALL CITY<br>Gibson Yoder<br>Angel Serrano<br>Cervante Mansfield                  | MONROE CITY<br>Henry Weien<br>Felix Bishop<br>Elijah Price              | NIMITZ CITY<br>Samuel Kimble<br>Chase McPhatter<br>James Reed      |
| PATTON CITY<br>Jacob Vanharten<br>Allan James<br>James Solmerset | PERSHING CITY<br>Owen Fotinos<br>Jacob Bancroft<br>Jimmy Young                        | PULLER CITY<br>Drake Dendtletr<br>Kristopher Eagle<br>Maximus Felix     | WASHINGTON CITY<br>Janak Dreany<br>Alex Castro-Ponce<br>Clyde Bowe |
| PARTY CHAIRMAN                                                   |                                                                                       |                                                                         |                                                                    |
| BRADLEY CITY<br>T. Henry Scott IV (F)<br>Colin Hatch (N)         | BURKE CITY<br>Philip Zurn (F)<br>Micah Carroll (N)                                    | EISENHOWER CITY<br>Colin Wall (F)<br>John Bradley (N)                   | GRAVELY CITY<br>Kevin Sager (F)<br>Aaron Winter (N)                |
| HENRY CITY<br>Sawyer Kester (F)<br>Jackson Wharton (N)           | JAMES CITY<br>Aaron Hemming (F)<br>Kaeden Sigmon (N)                                  | JEFFERSON CITY<br>Andrew Grane (F)<br>Luke Larimore (N)                 | MACARTHUR CITY<br>Thomas Halliday (F)<br>Conner Jones (N)          |
| MADISON CITY<br>James Peeples (F)<br>Samuel Simons (N)           | MARSHALL CITY<br>Joey Shelton (F)<br>Angel Serrano (N)                                | MONROE CITY<br>Credan Reasons (F)<br>Jacob Themly (N)                   | NIMITZ CITY<br>Bryan Wood (F)<br>Dominic Boucher (N)               |
| PATTON CITY<br>Koby Shnekendorf (F)<br>Lucas MacPhatter (N)      | PERSHING CITY<br>Airik Rodriguez (F)<br>Alston Richey (N)                             | PULLER CITY<br>Graycen Brocato (F)<br>John Doss (N)                     | WASHINGTON CITY<br>Remington Kuecker (F)<br>Lukas Smith (N)        |

# Inauguration



Chief Justice Judah Barnnarbie delivers the oath of office to Virginia Boys State Governor, Olaoluwa Adebambo.



Justice Paul Okojie, swore in Lieutenant Governor Bokre Samson.



Justice Jonathan Terrell swore in Attorney General Neel Kamath.



The Governor addresses the joint session of the Boys State General Assembly.



The Governor announces his cabinet.

# Boys State Parade



The Boys State Color Guard.



Members of the Boys State Band march.



The Executive branch nears the end of the route.



Passing the reviewing stand.



Members of the Supreme Court march by.

# The American Legion Night



The citizens of Boys State saying the Pledge of Allegiance..



Posting the Colors



Samsung award winner Elijah Price.



Boys State Chaplain, Sawyer Kester, offers an opening prayer.



A moving tribute to our POW and MIA Soldiers.



Better Speaker participant, Collin Pounds, addresses the cities of Boys State.



Virginia Department Commander, Scott Maddrea, speaks to the citizens, families and staff of Boys State.



Chief Justice Judan Barnnarbie announces Eisenhower as winner of the Moot court case.



Joshua Gebhart delivers the House Report on Legislation.



Artih Safaie delivers the report on the Senate Legislation.



# American Legion Va. Boys State Officials



Scott Maddrea  
Commander  
The American Legion  
Department of Virginia



Gene Malinowski  
President of  
Virginia Boys State



Linden B. Dixon Jr.  
Director Virginia Boys State



American Legion Boys State of Virginia Board of Directors:

Top Row: Steve Robertson, Gerald Rhoads, Steve Cox, Jean Burnett

2nd Row: Linwood Moore, Scott Maddrea, Mark Antley, Bill Stramm, Kevin Chaplin

1st Row: Larry Green, Denis Confer, Les Clevinger, Gene Malinowski, Matt Hartman

Not in Photo: Mike Gogan

## Virginia Boys State 2026 - Best City



GRAVELLY

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Bradley City



**Mayor**  
**Dwight Riddick III**



**Sheriff**  
**Ian Mathuse**

ROW 6: Alexander Bushey, Sam McPherson, Kevin Chaplin  
ROW 5: Gunnar Jamieson, Bokre Samson, Callan Cotton, Colin Hatch, Wesley May, Tucker Sheridan  
ROW 4: Richard Core, III, Jaden Seid, Anderson Haymore, Dwight Riddick, III, Jamison Cramer, Thomas Scott, IV, Evan Cillo, Ryan Bradley, Timothy DeMatties  
ROW 3: Samuel Valasko, Nathaniel Butler, Marshall Johnson, Sherma Watkins, Steven Ye, Luke Bowman, Vibhu Konduru, Owen Shannon, William Steele  
ROW 2: Sharveen Balan, Ian Mathuse, Matthew Fens, Yoonsub Choi, Alexander Elhart, Tanner Plageman, David Vermilya, Jacksen Wilson, Kyle Ingerick,  
ROW 1: Julian Cockburn, Peter Miller, Gage Smith, Ethan Cherayil, Aaron Cothran, Williams Gutierrez-Santos, Zachary Waterman, Alexander Caballero-Reyes, Micah Wollam

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Burke City



**Mayor**  
**Winston Miller**



**Sheriff**  
**Thomas Henderson**

ROW 7: Cameron Berry, Sergeant Jason Cappo, Rusty Dash  
ROW 6: Mason Pye, Cross Hendersen, Yannis Yitbarek, Waylon Malarkey, Weston Bogaczyk, Samuel (Mac) Turner, Jr., Winston Miller  
ROW 5: William McDonald, Alexander Shepard, Gavin Dosier, Paden Mizell, Zackary Foster, Tanner Ketchledge, Ethan Green, William Edwards, Jackson Wooten  
ROW 4: Tristin Blackstock, Zion Randolph, Luke Mayers, Richard (Conner) Stagg, III, Vaibhav Somesula, Sid Oruganti, Luke Bakshi, Noah McGee, Kyle Bastow  
ROW 3: Ian Mackenzie, Tobias Davidson, Philip Zurn, Yusuf Teber, Tiemoor Ahmed, David Debrecky, Colin Jamerson, Andrew Hawks, Halalisa Salazar  
ROW 2: Dylan Bornaes, Zachary Harrington, Martin Pena, William Zagurski, Jack LeRoy, Justin Hurt, Camden Newby, John Berardino, Nathaniel Butler  
ROW 1: Bradley Krueger, Jaiden Dixon, Ryan Morrison, Asher Nguyen, Tyler Heironimus, Micah Carroll, Jareth Kith, Aaron Guerrero, Sam Burnley

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Eisenhower City



**Mayor**  
**Athri Cheboli**



**Sheriff**  
**Kyle Wakefield**

ROW 4: Palmer Hubbard, Noah Mozar, Alice Cooper, John Hatzis, Mike Weaver  
ROW 3: Ryan Alaniz, Colin Wall, Aaron Hughes, Brady Thompson, Luke Sablan, Hamzah Abudhaim, Nathaniel Paisley, Michael Ingraham, Kyle Wakefield  
ROW 2: Justin Alston, Philippe Puck-Karam, Athri Cheboli, Gavin Grove, Ian Hand, Dylan Shattan, Carson Hosseinipoor, Samuel (Sam) King, Davis Snoots  
ROW 1: John Bradley, Andrew Lee, Mason Page, Jason Cruz, Jaisan Samatov, Jonah Lotto, Alexander Drum, Ethan Davison, Riley Ming,

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Gravely City



**Mayor**  
**Colin Robinson**



**Sheriff**  
**Noah Chinemilly**

ROW 4: William Culp, Mike Kimlick, Trooper Justin Lowe  
ROW 3 Luke Baker, Carson Bloom, Jay Hipes, b5Lambert Venema, Andrew Cook, Parker Boike, Harrison Fink, Illia Chupryna,  
ROW 2: Jonathan Terrell, Neel Kamath, Michael O'Brien, Aaron Winter, Alexander Amerine, Mason Munoz, Noah Chinemilly, Kevin Sager, Colin Robinson  
ROW 1: Braggeston Hudson, Jake Maurer, Justin Han, Riley Arrowood, Pietro Crigna, Dylan Hancock, Gavin Williamson, Austin Bustillos, Jackson Bohannon,

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Henry City



**Mayor**  
**Jonathon Butler**



**Sheriff**  
**Declan Bryan**

ROW 4: Jackson Wharton, Mike Schramm, Trooper Cole Doss, Jacob Goldstein  
ROW 3: Olaoluwa Adebambo, Jacob Branson, Edward Compton, Sawyer Kester, Austin Weiderhold, Henry Herz, Jake Lucas, Robert Guelich, Declan Bryan  
ROW 2: Luke Natalie, Isaac Muenzer, Parker Henze, Neil Churchill, Andrew Day, Mason Dominguez, Jonathan Butler, Adam Paul, George Aten  
ROW 1: Jin Sung Ahn, Alexander Reyes-Lorzano, Larry Tucker, Sijan Vecchione, Ryan Hembree, Evan Watson, Carter Callis, Brandon Kim, Pranav Nanawat

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - James City



**Mayor**  
**Jonathon Lee**



**Sheriff**  
**Brandon Asumado**

ROW 3: Mike Chmielewski, Mark Seavey, Richard Ward  
ROW 2: Landon Good, William Bobb, Evan Britton, Luke Flinter, Brandon Asumadu, Collin Pounds, Declan Hathaway, Easton Kaefer, Irmuun Yeruulderene, Henry Rogers  
ROW 1: Will Park, Jonathan Lee, Carson Fenner, Austin Myers, Kaden Sigmom, Andrew Sayasithsena, Jackson George, Aaron Hemming, Jeremiah Myers, Jake Thomas

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Jefferson City



**Mayor**  
**Sebastian Correa**



**Sheriff**  
**Carter Price**

ROW 4: Tom Sherlock, Matt Goldstein, Jimmy Payne, George Nebeling, Alexander Byrd, Brayden VandeSand, Luke Larimore,  
ROW 3:Kayden Small, Ryder Hamilton, Leonardo Sandoli, Silas Bego, Jalen Kotchka, Carter Price, Joaquin Zubiaga, Miles Goff, Andrew Grane  
ROW 2: Oliver Hall, Jackson Bertozzi, Aydan Chartier, Sebastian Correa, Colton Reynolds, Nelson Showalter, Edward Academia, Tayyib Ali, Patrick Manetto  
ROW 1: Declan Wincheste, Roderick Winston, Jonathan Yang, Quincy Brewster, Henry Marshall, Addison Thornburg, William Crowe, Evan Yu, Isaac Replogle

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - MacArthur City



**Mayor**  
**JD Bulford**



**Sheriff**  
**Trent Ragland**

ROW 5: Mitchell Lugar, Sebastian Roncoroni, Levi Hall, Olli Bober,  
ROW 4: William Milton, Aden Harpole, Thomas Halliday, Nicholas Walter, Thomas Friebon, George Murray, Silas Joyce, JonDavid (JD) Bulford, Jacob Miller  
ROW 3: Victor Flores-Raymundo, Brendan Seger, Patrick Fowlkes, Mack Strahm, Noah DeLuke, Isaac Culpeper, Trent Ragland, Conner Jones  
ROW 2: Zachary Walker, Everett Jaca, Eli Stevens, Tyler Gresham, Ayden Thrower, Zeeshan Hussain, Ronald Lui, William Whitson, Quinton Moore  
ROW 1: James Ferreira, Dusty Sarver, Thomas Cruz, Alexander Misleh, Wylie Combs, Kellen Colevas, William Tackaberry, Saechan Jung, Aaron Fracis,

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Madison City



**Mayor**  
**Tommy McBride**



**Sheriff**  
**Mateo Peterson**

ROW 5: Linwood Moore, Mark Farmer, Omar Kasseman, Aiden Defeo, Zheng Zhang, Gary Braswell  
ROW 4: Silas Sheretz, Jacob Hanshew, Mitchell Keene, Eli Philpot, William Worthan, Maiwand Ahmadi, Andy Yang, Henry Fleet, Patrick Gill  
ROW 3: Lewis Tinklepaugh, Joo Won Park, Yacoub Korkian, Barrett (Bear) Mendel, Alexander Gillen, Nicholas Romero-Gollopp, Thomas McBride, Mateo Peterson, Rahan Martinez  
ROW 2: Celio Alba, Thomas Agnew, Isaac Weis, Nathaniel Dunster, Vito Mirro, III, Ronald Johnson, Brennan Debutts, William Falkenstein  
ROW 1: Uriel Cabral Arias, Trevor Chapman, James Peeples, Connor Dignan, Joel Ng, Samuel Simons, Sebastian Cross, Kenny Chen, Zachary Kendris

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Marshall City



**Mayor**  
**Isaac Lee**



**Sheriff**  
**Mathew Smith-Cook**

ROW 3: Andy Bushey, James Woodfin, Joey Shelton, Joseph Ellsworth  
ROW 2: Brennan Napper, Ben Krause, Liam Maher, Matthew Smith-Cook, Gibson Yoder, James Carnody, Conor Childs, Ezekial Flsher, Elias Bowes  
ROW 1: Angel Serrano, Jadon Thompson, Henry Olsen, Aidan Linville, Isaac Lee, Alexander Albright, Kevin Colevas, Cervante Mansfield, Jacob Katz

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Monroe City



**Mayor**  
**Brody Schrecker**



**Sheriff**  
**Grady Gocke**

ROW 4: Jay Krail, Joe Shine, Samuel Sasson  
ROW 3: Anthony Lazzuri, Felix-Roger Bishop, Dominic Judge, Brody Schrecker, Henry Weien, Liam Wilcox  
ROW 2: Credan Reasons, John Weber, Malachi Gary, Alexander Foos, Elijah Price, Aiden Vergara, Joseph Coyle,  
ROW 1: Jacob Themely, Ishaan Kar, Grady Gocke, Kevin Hunt, James Payne, Bence Fulwiler, Charles Rogers

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Nimitz City



**Mayor**  
**Patrick Phillips**



**Sheriff**  
**Jacob Lokar**

ROW 4: James Reed, Jerry Netherland, Cabot Fisher, Not Pictured: Trooper Jonathan Mills  
ROW 3: Mukund Marri, Crew Harris, Alistair Hogge, Chase McPhatter, IV, Samuel Kimble, Matthew Pack, Lleyton Steines, Ronan Conway, Rayan Benlemlih,  
ROW 2: Benjamin Corneliussen, Jacob Lokar, Aiden MacGarvey, Malcolm Hess, Henry Weber, John Loftin, Neo Flux, Bryan Wood, Patrick Phillips  
ROW 1: Grant Dywan, Dominic Boucher, Arbaaz Singh, Nicholas Moore, Onyiego Masese, Joshua Gebhart, Ivar Golden, Elijah-James (EJ) Lee, Kingsley Abraham

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Patton City



**Mayor**  
Christian Both



**Sheriff**  
Amin Larkin

ROW 4: Niernberger, Wayne Parent, Kelly, Tyler Sanders

ROW 3: Allan James, Cyrus Allana, Jack Mackey, Ryan Scharpf, Armin Larkin, Samuel Jett, Brydon Lucero, Jacob Vonharten, Henry Sumner,

ROW 2: Lucas McPhatter, Koby Shnekendorf, Raymond Gao, Eric Lin, Matthew Taylor, Grayson Hatcher, John Kamiredddy, James Somerset, Nana Arhin-Mensah

ROW 1: Paul Williams, Joshua Dewan, Benjamin Lee, Nicholas Chase, Aiden Cummins, Dominick Merida, Christian Both, Frank Smith, Oscar Balderas

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Pershing City



**Mayor**  
Franklin Jacoby



**Sheriff**  
John Gilliam

ROW 4: Arthur Wu, Eric Wong, Tony Sarver, Trooper Jordan Coleman

ROW 3: James Young, Owen Fotinos, Krish Balaji, Franklin Jacoby, Paul Okojie, Jack McCraw, Samuel Hoffman, Clay JohnsonHudson Toone,

ROW 2: Dakota Sage, Gregory Chudd, Marcus Glotfelty, John Gilliam, Matthew Lazo Kaser, Alston Richey, Josiah Henson, Nathan Parsons, Jacob Bancroft

ROW 1: Benjamin Kralovec, Lucas Trejo, Reed Rivas, Ryan Johnson, Airik Rodriguez, Nickolas Witcher, Eric Pereira, Dorin Brunson, Gavin Stephens.

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Puller City



**Mayor**  
Hughs Hong



**Sheriff**  
Jack Junker

ROW 5: Dwight Myers, Noah Gearey, Leland Hudik  
ROW 4: James Panico, Ethan Phillips, Thomas Meade, Tristan Hedges, Samuel Hines, Andrew Pierce, Vadym Tolstoi, Caleb Velasquez, Jacob Hallissy  
ROW 3: Owen Morgan, Marcus Bowley, Stephen Mikell, Judah Matson, Chase Harris, Walter Anderson, Franklin Fling, Aman Singh, Artin Safaie  
ROW 2: Jack Juncker, Maximus Felix, Albaro Garcia, John Doss, Kristopher Eagle, Reed Murphy, Lucas Sohn, Seth Heironimus  
ROW 1: Thomas Hoffer, Greycen Brocato, Penn Watkinson, Hughs Hong, Drake Dendtler, Blake Aboosamara, Daniel Gallivan, Nicolas Tar Weele, Ryan Pillion

# Virginia Boys State 2026 - Washington City



**Mayor**  
Blake Larson



**Sheriff**  
Ryan Willging

ROW 4: Russell Lomax, Steve Robertson, II, Alex Dixon  
ROW 3: Remington Kuecker, Ethan Evans, Anderson Bolyard, Samuel Geller-Cheney, Ian Gill, Judah Bannarbie, Clyde Blowe, Watkins Irby, Nathan Karas  
ROW 2: Peter Lasseter, Jack Dreany, Jacson Cole, Owen Anderson, Blake Larson, Caleb Saville, Daniel Bell, Noah Yazdani, Maxwell Shults,  
ROW 1: Lukas Smith, Alex Castro-Ponce, Mark Davenport, Griffin Willford, Drew Bennett, Gabriel Williams, Ryan Willging, Hunter Fracis, Kush Patel









# 2026 Boys State Citizens

# Speakers and Presentations



Honorable Stanley Meador, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.



New York Times Best selling author, Jason Wright, inspires the citizens.



Darrell Green, Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2008, spoke to the citizens of Boys State about how strong youth can help build strong communities.



John Maxwell, Commissioner of the Veteran Affairs Department of Veterans Services.



Department Comander, Scott Maddrea, identified the five aspects of "Running for Office".



The Honorable Kirk Cox, Former Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates.



The American Legion Dept. of Va Oratorical winner, Varsha Shankar, explains to the citizens how important voting is.



Collin Lee spoke on "Digital Marketing, AI, and the Future of Campaigns".



Virginia National Guard, Colonel (P) Denis Rohler, speaks to the citizens regarding how to be servant leaders.



Nikki Dean of Piedmont Senior Resources thanks the boys for their donations.



Lary Greene delivered a moving speech on respecting the American Flag.



Jeff Ryer, Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, speaks about the role of political parties during campaigns.

# Past Governors of Virginia Boys State

|                 |                                           |        |                                    |        |                                   |        |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 1939 -          | George Spencer<br>Narrows                 | 1964 - | Donald Nelson<br>Fort Lee          | 1986 - | Lee Barnes<br>Suffolk             | 2007 - | Eric Hunter<br>Montclair            |
| 1940 -          | Allen Webb<br>Portsmouth                  | 1965 - | Lester N. Ellis, Jr.<br>Annandale  | 1987 - | Jack Lake<br>Chesapeake           | 2008 - | Clarence Bell<br>Pikesville, MD     |
| 1941 -          | Lewis Tyree<br>Newport News               | 1966 - | Stuart Lindsay<br>Rixeyville       | 1988 - | Joel Weiss<br>Lorton              | 2009 - | John Asare<br>Richmond              |
| 1942-<br>1945 - | Boys State Not Held                       | 1967 - | T. Mitchell Willey<br>Springfield  | 1989 - | Rodney Pressley<br>Yorktown       | 2010-  | Devontae Green<br>Hampton           |
| 1946 -          | J. B. Johnson<br>Osaka (Wise Co.)         | 1968 - | M. Anderson Bradshaw<br>Norge      | 1990 - | Eddie Hatrick<br>Leesburg         | 2011-  | Eugene Coleman<br>Alexandria        |
| 1947 -          | Arnold Stallman<br>Vienna                 | 1969 - | Wyatt G. Andrews<br>Norfolk        | 1991 - | Brian Baker<br>Burke              | 2012-  | James Payne II<br>Hampton           |
| 1948 -          | Alton Thomas<br>Charlottesville           | 1970 - | Bert Tussing<br>Chesapeake         | 1992 - | Thomas Redd<br>Hampton            | 2013-  | William Smith<br>Kilarnock          |
| 1949 -          | James Stokes<br>Kenbridge                 | 1971 - | Douglas Carlton<br>Alexandria      | 1993 - | Christopher Yates<br>Falls Church | 2014-  | Harrison Walker<br>Buffalo Junction |
| 1950 -          | Melvin L. Minnick, Jr.<br>Salem           | 1972 - | David Urban<br>Lynchburg           | 1994 - | Milton Welch<br>Newport News      | 2015-  | Javon Calloway<br>Lynchburg         |
| 1951 -          | Rudolph Woods<br>Chase City               | 1973 - | Grady Hedgespeth<br>Virginia Beach | 1995 - | Dan Grattan<br>Vienna             | 2016-  | Yosaph Boku<br>Alexandria           |
| 1952 -          | Eugene Rawls<br>Bayside                   | 1974 - | James C. Pittman<br>Richmond       | 1996 - | Christopher Molino<br>Springfield | 2017-  | Denzel Mitchell<br>Heathsville      |
| 1953 -          | Ross Fletcher<br>Arlington                | 1975 - | Patrick Warfle<br>Alexandria       | 1997 - | Josh Johnson<br>Bluefield         | 2018-  | Xavier Williams<br>Hampton          |
| 1954 -          | Michael Durfee<br>Arlington               | 1976 - | Gary Malone<br>Richmond            | 1998 - | Jeeho Park<br>Fairfax             | 2019-  | Lenroy Dasilva<br>Newport News      |
| 1955 -          | Robert Johnson<br>Richmond                | 1977 - | Stephen Cooley<br>Fredericksburg   | 1999 - | Matthew Wells<br>Mechanicsville   | 2020-  | Boys State Not Held-COVID-19        |
| 1956 -          | Earl C. Dudley<br>Vienna                  | 1978 - | Gregory Brainerd<br>Virginia Beach | 2000 - | Hunter Hanger<br>Chesterfield     | 2021-  | Aryan Hamdard<br>Aldie              |
| 1957 -          | Reese Smith<br>Norfolk                    | 1979 - | Ronald Adler<br>Reston             | 2001 - | Milton Miller<br>Norfolk          | 2022-  | Treton McMillen<br>Suffolk          |
| 1958 -          | Charles F. Porter<br>Portsmouth           | 1980 - | Lester D. Dunman, III<br>Pulaski   | 2002 - | Justin Roberts<br>Virginia Beach  | 2023-  | Jonathan Barnard<br>Springfield     |
| 1959 -          | David Vaughn Oceana<br>(Princess Ann Co.) | 1981 - | Andrew Lewis<br>Leesburg           | 2003 - | Robert E. Cole<br>Hampton         | 2024-  | Owen Hupp<br>Charlottesville        |
| 1960 -          | James K. Walters<br>Alexandria            | 1982 - | Neal Naff<br>Boones Mill           | 2004 - | Erik Carter<br>Heathsville        | 2025-  | Jay Fuller<br>Ashland               |
| 1961 -          | Angus King<br>Alexandria                  | 1983 - | Randall Reed<br>Hampton            | 2005 - | James Watson, Jr.<br>Suffolk      |        |                                     |
| 1962 -          | “Teddy” O’Toole<br>Baskerville            | 1984 - | Michael Crenshaw<br>South Hill     | 2006 - | Samuel Bates<br>Richmond          |        |                                     |
| 1963 -          | Harvey Bryant<br>Portsmouth               | 1985 - | Russell Herkovich<br>Blacksburg    |        |                                   |        |                                     |

# Past Hall of Fame Recipients

|                                                                                           |                                                                            |                                                              |                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1982</b><br>Glen Rardin<br>Andy Renick<br>Charles Crush<br>Arthur James<br>John Wicker | <b>1989</b><br>Dom Scaffido<br>Joe Crouch                                  | <b>1999</b><br>Thomas Starling                               | <b>2010</b><br>Larry Greene<br>Ken Knight<br>Jarad Phelps          |
| <b>1983</b><br>Guy Pobst<br>Les Lam<br>Gates Richardson<br>Fritz Heller                   | <b>1990</b><br>Harold Purnell<br>John Blackwell<br>William Vest            | <b>2000</b><br>Edwin Dentz<br>Lloyd Stacy                    | <b>2011</b><br>Garland Ray Rhyne<br>Marty Rhyne                    |
| <b>1984</b><br>Tom Dobyns<br>Alvin Lyle                                                   | <b>1991</b><br>Stanley Ryan<br>Terry Plunk                                 | <b>2001</b><br>Bruce Jamerson<br>Jack Rainey                 | <b>2014</b><br>Robert “Bob” Brady<br>Gordy Smith<br>Kathleen Lyons |
| <b>1985</b><br>Rodney Lester<br>Richard Poff<br>Sam Snow                                  | <b>1992</b><br>Phil Budahn<br>Lee Peters<br>Wilbur Walker<br>Emmett Burley | <b>2002</b><br>Harriet Williams                              | <b>2015</b><br>Fargo Wells                                         |
| <b>1986</b><br>George Blume<br>George Whitley                                             | <b>1993</b><br>Andy Bradshaw<br>Fred Schauss                               | <b>2003</b><br>Mike Harris                                   | <b>2016</b><br>Steve Cox                                           |
| <b>1987</b><br>Carlyle Tiller<br>Henry Roughton                                           | <b>1994</b><br>Glen Conrad                                                 | <b>2004</b><br>Rev. Dr. Jerry Falwell                        | <b>2017</b><br>Michael “Frenchie” Burnett<br>Robert O’Keefe        |
| <b>1988</b><br>Jim Pilley<br>Rex Tillotson<br>John Bright<br>Sidney Weil                  | <b>1995</b><br>Joseph Holleman                                             | <b>2005</b><br>Rick Foster                                   | <b>2018</b><br>Erik Campbell                                       |
|                                                                                           | <b>1996</b><br>Edwin Burnette<br>James Draper                              | <b>2006</b><br>Elaine Kramer<br>Vera Bright<br>Roger Messier | <b>2019</b><br>Jeffrey Finch                                       |
|                                                                                           | <b>1997</b><br>David Braun<br>L. F. Payne                                  | <b>2007</b><br>Robert Steele                                 | <b>2020</b><br>James Flint                                         |
|                                                                                           |                                                                            | <b>2008</b><br>Curt Dickinson                                | <b>2021</b><br>Rear Admiral William W. Cobb, Jr.                   |

# Administrative & Support Staff



**Linden Dixon**  
Director

**Rick Oertel**  
Deputy Director/  
Operations

**Dan Combs**  
Program Director

**Mark Antley**  
Master of Ceremonies

**Matt Hartman**  
Chief City Counselor



**Larry Greene**  
Treasurer

**Denis Confer**  
Registrar

**Kathy Lyons**  
Office Manager

**Harriet Williams**  
Office Assistant

**Steve Cox**  
Logistics



**Jean Burnett**  
Nurse

**Bob Brady**  
College Day

**Michael Gogan**  
Logistics

**Saalih Muzakkir**  
Athletic Director

**Tonya Meunier**  
Yearbook



**Scott Maddrea**  
Legislative Staff

**Fargo Wells**  
Logistics

**Chris Fens**  
Band Director

**Demas Boudreaux**  
Chaplain & Choirmaster

**Mark Seavey**  
Moot Court

# Administrative & Support Staff



**Tony Sarver**  
Parliamentary Instructor

**Andrew Wilds**  
Photographer

**Al Hilman**  
Newspaper

**Collin Lee**  
Media and  
Communications

**Luke Wheeler**  
Administrative Helper

## In Memorium



**In Memory of Rick Foster**  
**Passed Away May 27, 2026**

Virginia Boys State mourns the loss of Rick Foster, a dedicated counselor, respected leader, and tireless advocate for the Boys State program whose influence will be felt for generations to come.

A native of Illinois, Rick's Boys State journey began in 1966 when he was selected to attend Illinois Boys State as a student from Seneca Township High School. The experience left a lasting impression on him and helped shape his lifelong commitment to developing future leaders through the Boys State program.

Following his studies at Illinois State University, Rick enlisted in the United States Army Security Agency, serving in signal intelligence assignments in Vietnam, Thailand, and the United States. After completing his military service, he made Virginia his home and embarked on a distinguished career with the Prince William County Police Department, from which he later retired.

For more than twenty years, Rick faithfully served Virginia Boys State as a counselor, City Counselor, and Chief City Counselor. He was known for his strong work ethic, steady leadership, and willingness to help wherever he was needed. Whether guiding citizens, mentoring counselors, or taking on behind-the-scenes responsibilities, Rick approached every task with dedication and a commitment to the success of the program.

In recognition of his outstanding service and selfless devotion to Virginia Boys State, Rick was inducted into the Virginia Boys State Hall of Fame in 2005. The honor reflected what so many already knew - that Rick's contributions were motivated not by personal recognition, but by his desire to serve others and strengthen the Boys State experience for every young man who attended.

Rick's legacy is one of service, leadership, and unwavering commitment. His example, friendship, and dedication to Virginia Boys State will be remembered with gratitude and admiration by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

**"A leader who served without seeking reward, and whose impact will endure through the lives he helped shape."**

# In Memorium



**In Memory of Leonard Tetsuo Kaneshiro**  
**July 19, 1942 – October 7, 2025**

Virginia Boys State mourns the loss of Leonard “Lenny” Kaneshiro, a devoted counselor, proud veteran, and cherished friend whose impact on countless young men will long be remembered.

Lenny honorably served his nation in the United States Army from 1962 to 1965 as a member of the Signal Corps. Following his military service, he enjoyed a successful career as a computer programmer, generously sharing his knowledge, skills, and expertise with those around him.

A dedicated member of American Legion Post 247 in Remington, Virginia, Lenny brought the same spirit of service and commitment to Virginia Boys State. During his five years as a counselor, he took great pride in mentoring young men, helping them develop leadership skills, confidence, and a deeper appreciation for citizenship.

Lenny was known for his ever-present smile, positive attitude, and genuine kindness. He had a remarkable ability to brighten a room, encourage others, and make everyone feel welcome. His enthusiasm, sense of humor, and unwavering dedication to the Boys State program left a lasting impression on fellow counselors and citizens alike.

Though he is no longer with us, Lenny’s legacy of service, mentorship, and friendship will continue to inspire future generations of Virginia Boys State participants.

**“Well done, good and faithful servant.”**



**In Memory of Alford Dennis Carter, III**  
**September 1, 1950 - April 28, 2026**

Virginia Boys State mourns the loss of Alford Dennis “A.D.” Carter III, a devoted counselor, proud veteran, and dedicated servant leader whose influence touched the lives of countless young men.

A.D. honorably served his nation in the United States Navy and carried that spirit of service throughout his life. Deeply committed to supporting fellow veterans, he remained an active and respected member of his community, always willing to lend a helping hand and put the needs of others before his own.

For fifteen years, A.D. faithfully served as a counselor at Virginia Boys State. He took great pride in mentoring future leaders, sharing his wisdom, encouragement, and unwavering belief in the potential of every citizen. His guidance, patience, and genuine care helped shape the Boys State experience for generations of young men.

Known for his outgoing personality and warm smile, A.D. never met a stranger. He had a gift for making others feel valued and welcomed, and his selfless nature inspired those around him. Whether counseling citizens, assisting fellow staff members, or supporting veterans in his community, A.D. exemplified the values of service, leadership, and compassion.

Though his passing leaves a void in the Virginia Boys State family, his legacy lives on through the many lives he touched. His dedication, friendship, and commitment to serving others will be remembered with gratitude and admiration for years to come.

**“His life was a testament to service, and his example will continue to inspire those who follow.”**

# In Memorium



**In Memory of Gary Dean Hoover**  
**November 19, 1941 – April 21, 2026**

Virginia Boys State mourns the loss of Gary Dean Hoover, a devoted counselor, proud veteran, respected law enforcement officer, and dedicated community leader whose life exemplified service to others.

Gary honorably served his nation as a member of the United States Army before embarking on a distinguished 31-year career with the Virginia State Police. Throughout his military and law enforcement service, he earned the respect of those around him through his integrity, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to helping others.

A passionate advocate for veterans, Gary dedicated countless hours to ensuring the sacrifices of America’s service members were never forgotten. As a member of The American Legion, AMVETS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Moose Lodge, he remained actively involved in numerous community and veterans’ initiatives.

For twenty years, Gary faithfully served as a counselor at Virginia Boys State. He took great pride in mentoring young men and helping them develop the leadership, citizenship, and character necessary to become future leaders. His steady guidance, encouragement, and commitment to the program left a lasting impression on generations of Boys State citizens and fellow counselors.

Gary’s life was defined by leadership and service. From serving as vice president of his high school class to his military service, law enforcement career, veterans advocacy, and mentorship at Virginia Boys State, he consistently placed the needs of others above his own. He believed deeply in community, citizenship, and the responsibility to leave the world better than he found it.

Though Gary’s passing leaves a void in the Virginia Boys State family, his legacy endures through the lives he touched, the veterans he honored, and the young leaders he inspired.

**“A servant leader whose life was dedicated to duty, honor, and helping others - his example will continue to guide future generations.”**



**In Memory of William Chan**  
**Passed Away June 20, 2025**

Virginia Boys State remembers with gratitude and respect the life of William Chan, a devoted counselor, distinguished veteran, and mentor whose commitment to service left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

William’s dedication to Boys State began in 1990 when he attended Oregon Boys State as a young citizen. The lessons and experiences he gained there stayed with him throughout his life and inspired his passion for developing future leaders. As a counselor for Virginia Boys State, he faithfully served for three years, bringing enthusiasm, wisdom, and genuine care to every citizen he mentored.

A proud Marine and retired United States Navy veteran with more than twenty years of military service, William exemplified the values of duty, honor, and commitment. His military career reflected a lifelong devotion to serving his country, and he carried those same principles into every aspect of his life.

William was known for his warm smile, kind spirit, and unwavering encouragement of others. He possessed a unique ability to connect with people, making everyone feel welcome, valued, and capable of achieving great things. His belief in the potential of young leaders and his dedication to helping them succeed made him an invaluable member of the Virginia Boys State family.

Though his time with Virginia Boys State was brief, his impact was profound. The citizens he mentored, the counselors he worked alongside, and the many friends he made will remember him as a man of character, compassion, and selfless service.

William’s legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the example he set for others. His dedication to service, leadership, and the development of future generations will continue to inspire all who follow in his footsteps.

**“His life was defined by service to his nation, his community, and the young leaders he so passionately encouraged. His memory will remain a lasting part of the Virginia Boys State family.”**

# City Counselors



Craig Berry



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Eric Wong

Past Governors of Virginia Boys State

|                 |                                           |        |                                    |        |                                   |        |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 1939 -          | George Spencer<br>Narrows                 | 1964 - | Donald Nelson<br>Fort Lee          | 1986 - | Lee Barnes<br>Suffolk             | 2007 - | Eric Hunter<br>Montclair            |
| 1940 -          | Allen Webb<br>Portsmouth                  | 1965 - | Lester N. Ellis, Jr.<br>Annandale  | 1987 - | Jack Lake<br>Chesapeake           | 2008 - | Clarence Bell<br>Pikesville, MD     |
| 1941 -          | Lewis Tyree<br>Newport News               | 1966 - | Stuart Lindsay<br>Rixeyville       | 1988 - | Joel Weiss<br>Lorton              | 2009 - | John Asare<br>Richmond              |
| 1942-<br>1945 - | Boys State Not Held                       | 1967 - | T. Mitchell Willey<br>Springfield  | 1989 - | Rodney Pressley<br>Yorktown       | 2010-  | Devontae Green<br>Hampton           |
| 1946 -          | J. B. Johnson<br>Osaka (Wise Co.)         | 1968 - | M. Anderson Bradshaw<br>Norge      | 1990 - | Eddie Hatrick<br>Leesburg         | 2011-  | Eugene Coleman<br>Alexandria        |
| 1947 -          | Arnold Stallman<br>Vienna                 | 1969 - | Wyatt G. Andrews<br>Norfolk        | 1991 - | Brian Baker<br>Burke              | 2012-  | James Payne II<br>Hampton           |
| 1948 -          | Alton Thomas<br>Charlottesville           | 1970 - | Bert Tussing<br>Chesapeake         | 1992 - | Thomas Redd<br>Hampton            | 2013-  | William Smith<br>Kilarnock          |
| 1949 -          | James Stokes<br>Kenbridge                 | 1971 - | Douglas Carlton<br>Alexandria      | 1993 - | Christopher Yates<br>Falls Church | 2014-  | Harrison Walker<br>Buffalo Junction |
| 1950 -          | Melvin L. Minnick, Jr.<br>Salem           | 1972 - | David Urban<br>Lynchburg           | 1994 - | Milton Welch<br>Newport News      | 2015-  | Javon Calloway<br>Lynchburg         |
| 1951 -          | Rudolph Woods<br>Chase City               | 1973 - | Grady Hedgespeth<br>Virginia Beach | 1995 - | Dan Grattan<br>Vienna             | 2016-  | Yosaph Boku<br>Alexandria           |
| 1952 -          | Eugene Rawls<br>Bayside                   | 1974 - | James C. Pittman<br>Richmond       | 1996 - | Christopher Molino<br>Springfield | 2017-  | Denzel Mitchell<br>Heathsville      |
| 1953 -          | Ross Fletcher<br>Arlington                | 1975 - | Patrick Warfle<br>Alexandria       | 1997 - | Josh Johnson<br>Bluefield         | 2018-  | Xavier Williams<br>Hampton          |
| 1954 -          | Michael Durfee<br>Arlington               | 1976 - | Gary Malone<br>Richmond            | 1998 - | Jeeho Park<br>Fairfax             | 2019-  | Lenroy Dasilva<br>Newport News      |
| 1955 -          | Robert Johnson<br>Richmond                | 1977 - | Stephen Cooley<br>Fredericksburg   | 1999 - | Matthew Wells<br>Mechanicsville   | 2020-  | Boys State Not Held-COVID-19        |
| 1956 -          | Earl C. Dudley<br>Vienna                  | 1978 - | Gregory Brainerd<br>Virginia Beach | 2000 - | Hunter Hanger<br>Chesterfield     | 2021-  | Aryan Hamdard<br>Aldie              |
| 1957 -          | Reese Smith<br>Norfolk                    | 1979 - | Ronald Adler<br>Reston             | 2001 - | Milton Miller<br>Norfolk          | 2022-  | Treton McMillen<br>Suffolk          |
| 1958 -          | Charles F. Porter<br>Portsmouth           | 1980 - | Lester D. Dunman, III<br>Pulaski   | 2002 - | Justin Roberts<br>Virginia Beach  | 2023-  | Jonathan Barnard<br>Springfield     |
| 1959 -          | David Vaughn Oceana<br>(Princess Ann Co.) | 1981 - | Andrew Lewis<br>Leesburg           | 2003 - | Robert E. Cole<br>Hampton         | 2024-  | Owen Hupp<br>Charlottesville        |
| 1960 -          | James K. Walters<br>Alexandria            | 1982 - | Neal Naff<br>Boones Mill           | 2004 - | Erik Carter<br>Heathsville        | 2025-  | Jay Fuller<br>Ashland               |
| 1961 -          | Angus King<br>Alexandria                  | 1983 - | Randall Reed<br>Hampton            | 2005 - | James Watson, Jr.<br>Suffolk      |        |                                     |
| 1962 -          | “Teddy” O’Toole<br>Baskerville            | 1984 - | Michael Crenshaw<br>South Hill     | 2006 - | Samuel Bates<br>Richmond          |        |                                     |
| 1963 -          | Harvey Bryant<br>Portsmouth               | 1985 - | Russell Herkovich<br>Blacksburg    |        |                                   |        |                                     |

# Administrative Staff

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# Schedule of Events

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|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    |                                                                                       | <b>Thursday</b>                                                                   |
| 11:00            | Registration of Citizens                                                              | 7:00 Breakfast                                                                    |
| 2:00             | First City Meetings                                                                   | 8:45 Flag Raising                                                                 |
| 4:00             | Opening Assembly                                                                      | 9:00 Religious Services                                                           |
| 4:45             | Flag Courtesy                                                                         | 9:30 Campaign Rally                                                               |
| 5:00             | Dinner                                                                                | 10:15 Statewide Elections                                                         |
| 7:30             | Flag Lowering                                                                         | 11:30 Instructional Session – Office of the Governor                              |
| 7:45             | Athletic Directors Meeting                                                            | 12:00 Election Results                                                            |
| 8:00             | Official Opening of the 83rd Session of<br>The American Legion Boys State of Virginia | 12:00 Lunch                                                                       |
| 8:00             | Welcome to Farmville and Hampden-<br>Sydney College                                   | 1:30 The American Legion Boys State of<br>Virginia Inauguration                   |
| 8:30             | Keynote Address by RADM Russell Dash, USCG                                            | 2:30 Instructional Session – Governor’s Cabinet                                   |
| 9:30             | City Meetings                                                                         | 3:30 Afternoon Activities                                                         |
| 11:30            | Lights Out                                                                            | 5:00 Dinner                                                                       |
| <b>Monday</b>    |                                                                                       | 6:30 Boys Nation                                                                  |
| 7:00             | Breakfast                                                                             | 7:00 Flag Lowering                                                                |
| 8:45             | Flag Raising                                                                          | 7:30 American Legion<br>Oratorical Contest<br>Winner                              |
| 9:00             | Religious Services                                                                    | 7:45 Community Service<br>Report                                                  |
| 9:40             | Instructional Session- VA General Assembly                                            | 8:00 Talent Show                                                                  |
| 11:00            | Instructional Session - Running for Public Office                                     | 10:00 City Meetings                                                               |
| 11:45            | Photos                                                                                | 11:30 Lights Out                                                                  |
| 12:00            | Lunch                                                                                 | <b>Friday</b>                                                                     |
| 1:30             | Instructional Session- Virginia’s Political Parties                                   | 7:00 Breakfast                                                                    |
| 2:25             | Swearing-in Ceremony for Sheriffs                                                     | 8:15 Flag Raising                                                                 |
| 2:30             | Instructional Session – Speaker of the House                                          | 9:30 Religious Services                                                           |
| 3:30             | Afternoon Activities                                                                  | 9:00 Instructional Session – Office of the Attorney<br>General                    |
| 5:00             | Dinner                                                                                | 10:00 Instructional Session –<br>Virginia National Guard                          |
| 7:00             | Flag Lowering                                                                         | 11:00 AI and the World of Politics                                                |
| 7:00             | Officers of Election Meeting                                                          | 12:00 Lunch                                                                       |
| 7:30             | Instructional Session - Local Government in Virginia                                  | 1:30 Final Moot Court Arguments                                                   |
| 8:45             | City Meetings                                                                         | 3:00 College Day                                                                  |
| 11:30            | Lights Out                                                                            | 5:00 Dinner                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                                                                                       | 7:00 Flag Lowering                                                                |
| 7:00             | Breakfast                                                                             | 7:30 Parade                                                                       |
| 8:45             | Flag Raising                                                                          | 8:00 American Legion Night                                                        |
| 9:00             | Religious Services                                                                    | 10:00 City Receptions                                                             |
| 9:30             | City Elections: Mayors, Senators, and Delegates                                       | 12:00 Lights out                                                                  |
| 10:30            | Instructional Session- Virginia Judicial System                                       | <b>Saturday</b>                                                                   |
| 11:45            | Swearing in of Mayors, Senators & Delegates                                           | 7:00 Breakfast                                                                    |
| 12:00            | Lunch                                                                                 | 8:45 Flag Raising                                                                 |
| 1:30             | Election Results – Mayor, Senators & Delegates                                        | 9:00 Religious Service                                                            |
| 2:00             | Instructional Session – Writing a Bill                                                | 9:30 Special Musical Presentation<br>– Boys State Chorus and<br>Band              |
| 3:30             | Afternoon Activities                                                                  | 9:50 Report to Boys State on Legislation Signed into<br>Law – Boys State Governor |
| 5:00             | Dinner                                                                                | 10:00 Graduation Program: Awards and<br>Recognitions                              |
| 7:00             | Flag Lowering/Flag Retirement                                                         | 11:00 Session Closed                                                              |
| 7:30             | Party Candidate Forums                                                                |                                                                                   |
| 7:30             | Legislature in Session                                                                |                                                                                   |
| 10:00            | City Meetings                                                                         |                                                                                   |
| 11:30            | Lights Out                                                                            |                                                                                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                                                                                       |                                                                                   |
| 7:00             | Breakfast                                                                             |                                                                                   |
| 8:45             | Flag Raising                                                                          |                                                                                   |
| 9:00             | Religious Services                                                                    |                                                                                   |
| 9:30             | Statewide Primary Elections                                                           |                                                                                   |
| 10:15            | Instructional Session<br>– Office of the LG                                           |                                                                                   |
| 11:45            | Statewide Primary<br>Election Results                                                 |                                                                                   |
| 12:00            | Lunch                                                                                 |                                                                                   |
| 1:30             | Virginia Department of Veterans Services                                              |                                                                                   |
| 2:30             | Strong Youth Strong Communities - Darrell Green                                       |                                                                                   |
| 3:30             | Afternoon Activities                                                                  |                                                                                   |
| 5:00             | Dinner                                                                                |                                                                                   |
| 7:00             | Flag Lowering                                                                         |                                                                                   |
| 7:30             | Flag Tribute                                                                          |                                                                                   |
| 7:50             | Announcement of Supreme Court Justices                                                |                                                                                   |
| 8:00             | Virginia State Troopers                                                               |                                                                                   |
| 9:00             | Embracing Detours - Jason<br>Wright                                                   |                                                                                   |
| 10:15            | City Meetings                                                                         |                                                                                   |
| 11:30            | Lights Out                                                                            |                                                                                   |

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