



Roll Call Of Awards 2009



Model Citizen
 Alex Williams, Keller



Commander's Award
 Kyle Newhouse, Savage



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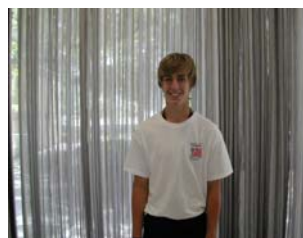
Sportsmanship Award
 Brad Miller, Hayes



Boys Nation
 Kyle Newhouse, Savage



Boys Nation
 Brian Elliot, Stelle



Alternate 1
 Brad Miller, Hayes



Alternate 2
 Alex Williams, Keller



Samsung Scholar
 Parry Draper, Savage



Oration Winner
 John Carroll, Savage



Essay Winner
 Daniel Ricci, Savage

Leadership of Boys State 2009—2010



GOVERNOR
Brian Elliot
Macomb, IL



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Sean Doherty
Elmhurst, IL



SECRETARY OF STATE
Kriston Johnson
Elgin, IL



ATTORNEY GENERAL
Evan Schroeder
Peoria, IL



STATE COMPTROLLER
Brian Wang
Lake Bluff, IL



STATE TREASURER
John Vito
Marengo, IL

2009

MODEL COUNTIES

*OVERALL — SAVAGE
EAST WING — KELLER
WEST WING — STELLE*



Alumni Association: Stay Connected * By: Austin Potthoff

The Alumni Association was founded June 14, 2002 at the Cracker Barrel in Mattoon during lunch with the County Counselors. The current President of the Alumni Association is Doug Howell, who is a counselor in Gleason County. The founders' purpose for creating the Illinois Premier Boys State Alumni Association was to keep all alumni connected and informed. Everyone is encouraged to join the alumni association, all you have to do is fill out the form provided and return it to The Bank or the address provided. It only takes ten dollars to become a member for a one year membership, forty dollars for five years, seventy-five dollars for ten years, or one hundred thirty-five dollars for a lifetime membership. All of these proceeds go towards helping pay for young men to come to Boys State, along with scholarship money for citizens that receive awards, and also a special gift given out on certain anniversaries of Boys State. At times people who graduate from Boys State will lose contact with one another, but the alumni association was founded to help unite the members who enjoyed the camp to continue to enjoy the camp after completion.

Pass & Review of The Week, By: Staff Compilation

Arriving at Boys State, one was easily overwhelmed by the pace at which citizens were thrown into action. The transportation experience to Eastern Illinois included very different means: some came by bus, others by van, and still others lived so close that their parents could drive them. Regardless, upon pulling in, each boy was assigned one county, one city, and one room. Although these labels seemed insignificant to us at first, we quickly realized that our very identity as Boys State citizens would be created by them. Coming from many different backgrounds, it's surprising that our personalities seemed quite homogenous in the beginning: most of us were quiet and reserved. However, it soon became apparent that in order to enjoy ourselves, we would have to start coming out of our shells to meet new people.

The main piece of advice that many citizens arrived here with stressed the importance of reaching out. Only then would it be possible to make friends or win an election; and only then would Boys State be a great experience. We came from all over Illinois, and only when we were put together did we realize how large our state is. It can be difficult to show one's personality when thrown into a new environment, but we did our best to try and make good first impressions. We looked for common interests and quickly found that just the atmosphere of Boys State made friends come together.

Friendships can be tough and hard at times but it may come at a surprise at Boys State that that is not the case at all. Upon arrival to Boys State, consolors, leaders, and Legionaries all said the same thing about how you will make lifelong friendships here and will keep in contact with all of those friends. This may come off seeming not possible in a week's time but on the contrary it is easy to do. Because diversity of personalities is prominent, it is not hard for one to find someone who is similar to themselves and make a new friend.

Dorm life is truly an adventure after making new friends, from just hanging out to playing various sports throughout the hallways. The dorms are where most spent their free time, and the possibilities for fun are endless. Some counties mattress joust, play various forms of dodge ball, and much more, all of which unite cities and counties even more. Many people will spend time in one room talking into the wee hours of the night, just having a good time. Several will group up and order takeout food, trying to avoid the latest cafeteria surprise. Most people just try to have fun, and that's what dorm life is all about.

Outside of the classroom, hands-on experience played a large part of the Boys State experience. When I arrived here, I knew elections were little more than glorified popularity contests, but I did not realize the potential to rise from a nobody to a somebody. When I arrived, I imagined running for a local city or county office, but I never-

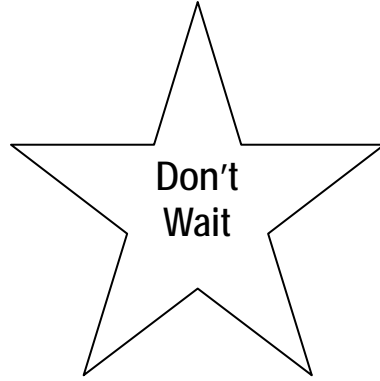
theless found myself in the Federalist statewide primaries, comparing the office of Lieutenant Governor to a muffler in an attempt to get a few laughs and consequently votes. Even after being defeated, I emerged with new confidence in myself and my abilities.

This week at Boys State has been full of competition. Whether it is sports, academic challenges, marching the best, or who has the most clever chants, competition has shown through. Pride in ones county is needed to do well at a sport or an academic challenge. Pride is defined as the best of a group, class, or society. Spirit is the general atmosphere of a place. These two words have been working hand in hand describing Boys State this week. Spirit has been shown by how well counties march, chant, or compete in other activities. Pride has been shown through the reactions of counties when they receive the Model County Award, and the cheering shows just how proud they are to be a Model County.

We as citizens of Boys State have had a wonderful opportunity to learn new ways of how our government really functions. Most of us were looking forward to the sports portion of Boys State and dreaded having to attend these seminars, but in reality, the seminars were different from that of a high school history class. The seminars we were to attend throughout the week consisted of the Parliamentary Procedure and the Electoral, Judicial, Executive, and Legislative Processes. The classes were taught by those with experience in the field such as Michael Flanagan. Some citizens were even able to participate with the seminars making them even more enjoyable and easier to learn.

Never have I walked into a crowd of strangers who knew nothing of me yet socially accept me in every way possible. From academic sports were sportsmanship was greater than victory, to games indoors were the only purpose was to make friends and entertain oneself. Boy State compares to nothing I have experienced before for where in one hello developed a lifelong friendship that I will never forget. Since I will never see many of you again, I wish you good luck citizens of Boys State and may the world take after our example.

Today is our last day at Boys State; although it seems we've been here for a lifetime, it's only been one week. While most of us are looking forward to returning home, we will also miss the choices and opportunities available to us at Boys State. We've learned a lot about our local, state, and country's governments, as well as made many new friends. Upon returning home, we Boys States citizens will be better educated, encouraged to make a difference, and inspired to change to the world. We will have friends from every corner of Illinois supporting us in all of life's challenges. Boys State truly was a "week that shapes a lifetime."



IMPORTANT

Send application and dues payment to:
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 Questions contact Doug:
 howelld@illinoisboysstate.org

- All Citizens/Staff are eligible for membership
- Benefits of membership include:
 - Membership card and lapel pin
 - Networking opportunities
 - Periodic newsletters

Application Instructions for Membership

In order to apply or renew please return this completed form
 Complete the form below with your information
 Enclose a check or money order payable to the Premier Boys State Alumni Association for amount selected

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Name (First - Middle Initial - Last) _____

Mailing Address _____

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Contact Phone () _____

e-mail address _____

Citizen Year: _____ and/or Year(s) on staff: _____

Select Membership level:

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Member Signature

Date

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