

# Are you a current 2025 HS Junior Interested in Leadership, Government, Politics???



## Testimonials

WHAT OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS SAY ABOUT MD BOYS STATE...

**KYLE HAYWARD - 2017 (HARFORD TECH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018)**

I would like to thank Boys State for such an empowering week. The counselors were great mentors especially (Flag City). I made new friends and learned important lessons. It was a hard week but a life-changing week. I would like to thank the American Legion for all their hard work and contributions. I have come away with new tools to help me continue on my life's journey.

**MATTHEW GEIGER - 2019 (SOUTH CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018)**

For many individuals, Boys State was a way for them to learn about civics and government. For me, however, I learned how to be productive. You have five full days to elect a dozen-plus positions, participate in those roles, and still find time to sleep and eat. As soon as I got back home, I applied that mentality (besides the sleeping and eating part) to my daily life, and I've been much more productive. I'm working every day to better myself and those in my community; it's become my fixation.

I thank Boys State for that; they've showed me that if you really, really, want something, you can get it. There is absolutely nothing out of reach in your life if you work for it.

**MISSY SHEPPARD BAJADEK - PARENT OF SEAN BAJADEK (2019)  
(MOUNT ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020)**

A simple "thank you" somehow seems inadequate to express the gratitude my husband and I have for the staff at Maryland Boys State 2019- You are all amazing and the impact you had on the boys is tangible. Thank you for sharing your time and talent...it is truly appreciated!!!

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# Testimonials and Famous Alumni



The summer of 1963...was one of the most formative in my life. I was seriously considering a life in public service at the time I attended Boys State a program sponsored by The American Legion....

Boys State and Boys Nation helped to teach me from a young age that democracy requires us to get off the sidelines and into the arena. Imperfect as it may be we can't take this system of ours for granted and if we want to make it better and make a difference in peoples lives we need to stand up, show up, and speak up day after day, and year after year.

William Clinton  
42nd President  
AR Boys State '63  
Quote from: Apple Podcast  
"Why am I Telling You This? with Bill Clinton"

Some Famous Alumni of Boys State programs around the country:

Sen. Tom Cotton (AR)  
Gov. Mike Huckabee (AR)  
Sen David Pryor (AR)  
Gov. Bruce Babbitt (AZ)  
Ron Rivera (NFL Commander's Coach) (CA)  
Sen. Joseph Lieberman (CT)  
Sen. Chris Murphy (CT)  
Joseph R. Biden III (Beau) (DE)  
Gov. Charlie Crist (FL)  
Gov. Lawton Chiles (FL)  
Sen. Sam Nunn (GA)  
Hines Ward Super Bowl MVP (GA)  
Sen. Mike Crapo (ID)  
Lou Dobbs (ID)  
Sen. Richard Lugar (IN)  
Gov. Mitch Daniels (IN)  
Sen. Charles Grassley (IA)  
Sen. David Vitter (LA)  
Gov. Buddy Roemer (LA)  
Thurl Bailey (NBA) (MD)  
Sen. Trent Lott (MS)  
Stan Kroenke (Owner Multiple Sports Franchises) (MO)  
Gov. Matt Blunt (MO)  
Gov. Robert Holden (MO)  
OR Gov, Ted Kulongoski (MO)  
Sen. Max Baucus (MT)  
Gov. John Hoeven (ND)  
Sen. Ben Sasse (NE)  
Michael Jordan (NBA) (NC)  
Gov. James Hunt (NC)  
Gov. James Martin (NC)  
Gov. Richard Riley (NC)  
Sen. Robert Menendez (NJ)  
Gov. Chris Christie (NJ)  
Justice Samuel Alito (NJ)  
Jon Bon Jovi (NJ)

James Gandolfini (Actor) (NJ)  
Bruce Springsteen (NJ)  
Sen. Cory Booker (NJ)  
Gov. George Pataki (NY)  
Neil Armstrong (NASA) (OH)  
Roger Ailes (Fox News) (OH)  
Sen. Tim Scott (SC)  
Tom Brokaw (NBC News) (SD)  
Sen. Larry Pressler (SD)  
Sen. Tom Daschle (SD)  
Sen. John Thune (SD)  
Sen. Lamar Alexander (TN)  
Sen. Mike Lee (UT)  
Sen. Angus King (VT)  
Gov. James Scott McCallum (WI)  
Gov. Scott Walker (WI)  
Nick Saban (Univ of AL) (WV)  
Vice President Richard Cheney (WY)

*"You learn how to lead"*

Fmr. Sen. Lamar Alexander

*"A real hands-on civics lesson"*

Sen. Bob Menendez

*"I learned the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship"*

Sen. Chuck Grassley

*"I still stay in touch with the friends I made"*

Sen. Roger Wicker

*"The valuable lessons of democracy and community engagement that are instilled through these programs will last a lifetime and help these young men and women make meaningful contributions to our nation."*

Sen. Cory Booker