

# Boys State Sentry

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## WINNERS OF STATEWIDE PRIMARIES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED



# CONFIRMED IN-PERSON APPEARANCE TODAY FROM GOVERNOR SPANBERGER

Governor Abigail Spanberger will be speaking to the citizens of the Virginia Boys State this afternoon. Many people were under the impression that the Governor would be making a video appearance, however we are glad to announce that she will be attending in person at the Kirby Sports Center. She will give details about her experiences as a legislator, and offer insight for young leaders. Spanberger's notable accolades include serving for eight years as a CIA officer, and being elected Virginia's first female Governor. The Governor will answer three questions from three selected reporters from the Boys State Senate Staff.



*“NEVER PASS THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO TELL  
YOUR STORY”*

*- DARRELL GREEN*



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# CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

## *OLAOLUWA ADEBAMBO*

Olaoluwa Adebambo wants Boys State to be effectively governed by the people! He will allow every citizen to have a say within the government. He will push for active participation from every Boys State member. He will connect cities, unify parties, and run on the principals that matter to you! He has allowed citizens of every city to apply for his cabinet, he has built a campaign not from elites but an army of the people. He is here for this state, Boys State! He strives to make

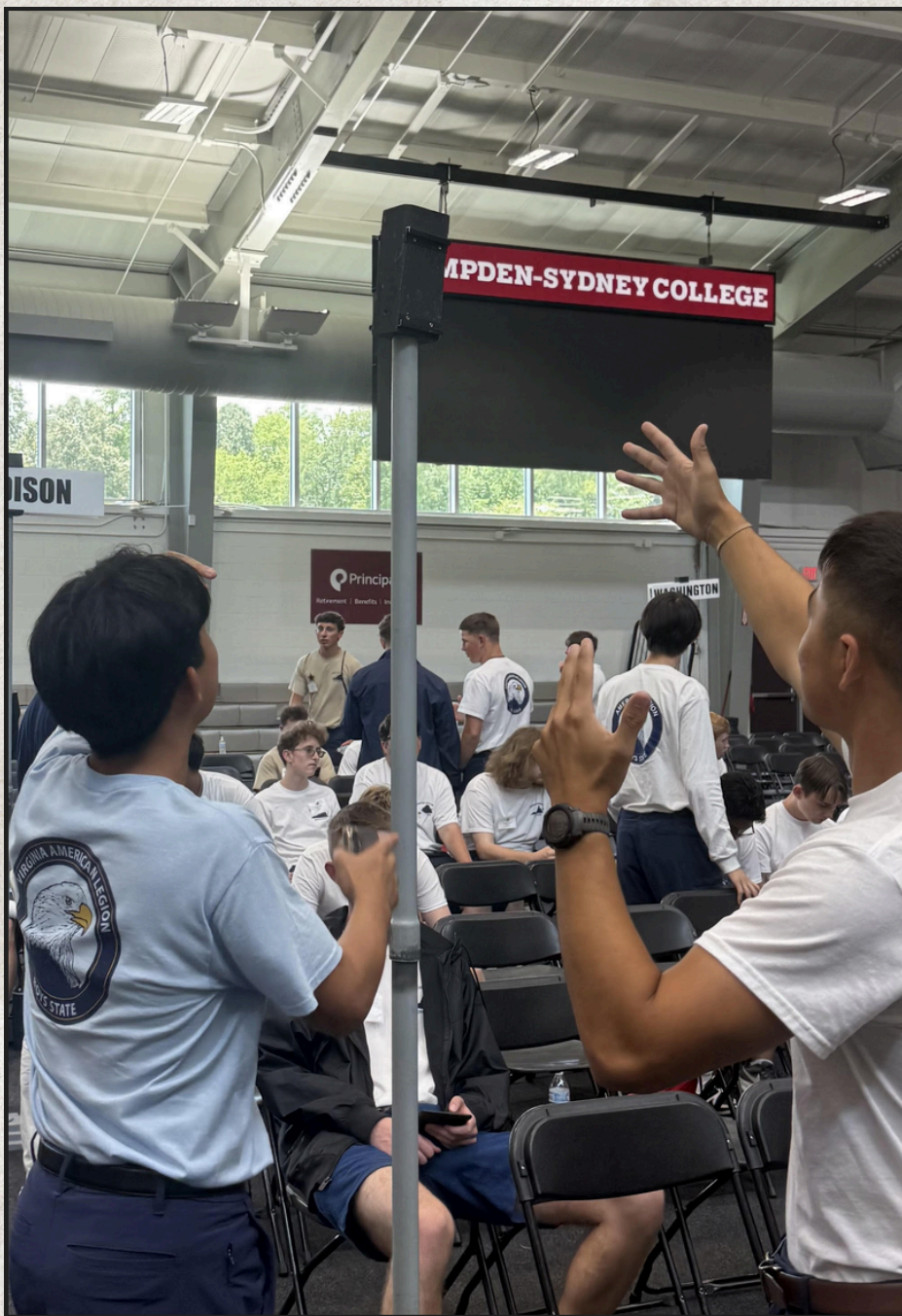
## *GAVIN GROVE*

Nicknamed “White Lightning” by his peers at home, he has earned the position as the Governor candidate of the Federalist party. Grove took the stage by storm at the Federalist rally after the rambunctious and boisterous speeches by the few nominees prior. His campaign focuses on supporting the collective energy of the delegation rather than simple and impossible political talking points. Grove aims to ensure that every delegate has a direct voice in legislation, and wants to represent you as Virginia Boys State Governor.



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## STRIKE AGAINST NIMITZ: A THIEF IN THE NIGHT



### WHERE'S THE SIGN?

In the main hall of the Diaz Arena in the Kirby Sports Center, each city has a pole standing tall with their city name displayed proudly. The first day, the rule was set by administration that the poles were not to be messed with. Despite this warning, someone has vandalized them. Sometime Wednesday morning, the back sign of the Nimitz pole was taken. Talk of the missing sign began to spread around amongst both counselors and citizens. Then sometime between the morning instructional sessions and afternoon sessions, the front side sign was also stolen. Before the second session began, administration stated that if the signs were not returned to him within the next five minutes, when the perpetrator was found he would be removed from the program early. No one stood up to take his offer. Taking Boys State property that was clearly stated to be off limits is not the way to go about expressing your dislike for a city. So for future reference, stealing things at Boys State may not be the brightest decision.



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# Larry Greene's Flag Tribute Brings American History to Life

By: Adam Paul

Virginia Boys State Treasurer Larry Greene delivered a memorable and thought-provoking tribute to the American flag, taking delegates on a journey through the nation's history while emphasizing the values and sacrifices the flag represents. Greene opened his presentation with a series of famous excerpts from some of the most significant moments in American history. Examples of these include portions of the Preamble to the Constitution, Patrick Henry's famous declaration of "Give me liberty or give me death," President Franklin D. Roosevelt's description of Pearl Harbor as "a date which will live in infamy," President John F. Kennedy's challenge to Americans to "ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country," and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic "I Have a Dream" speech. The sequence served as a powerful introduction, reminding delegates of the words that have inspired generations of Americans.

Towards the beginning of the presentation, Greene switched to a personified version of the American flag, speaking as though he were the flag itself. From the nation's founding to the modern era, he recounted the story of America's growth, struggles, and triumphs through the eyes of the Stars and Stripes. He described the evolution of the flag as the Union evolved. Greene painted a vivid picture of the United States by highlighting many of its most recognizable landmarks and landscapes.

Delegates were reminded of the towering Golden Gate Bridge, the faces carved into Mount Rushmore, the vast fields of Kansas, and the rugged beauty of the Rocky and Blue Ridge Mountains. These images helped illustrate the diversity and scale of the nation represented by the flag.

The tribute also reflected on defining moments in American history. Greene referenced seemingly all aspects of U.S. history with examples including the "shot heard round the world" at the battles of Lexington and Concord that sparked the American Revolution, the attack on Pearl Harbor, the sacrifices made during both World Wars, and the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. He honored the generations of Americans who fought and died defending the country, as well as the military families who have borne the burden of service alongside them.

In addition to historic events, Greene recognized many of the individuals who helped shape the nation. He spoke of Betsy Ross and the creation of the early American flag, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his leadership during the Civil Rights Movement, Booker T. Washington and his contributions to education and equality, and Neil Armstrong's historic moon landing, which carried the American flag beyond Earth for the first time. Together, these figures represented the innovation, perseverance, and determination that have defined the American story.

As the presentation concluded, Greene shifted his focus to the present day. He expressed concern over what he views as a decline in respect for the flag, citing examples such as athletes kneeling during the national anthem, individuals failing to properly salute or acknowledge the flag, and incidents in which the flag has been defaced or damaged. Greene argued that regardless of political differences, Americans should recognize the flag as a symbol of the sacrifices made by countless citizens and service members throughout the nation's history.

The tribute served as both a history lesson and a call for reflection. By combining famous speeches, historical events, influential Americans, and patriotic symbolism, Greene challenged delegates to consider the meaning of citizenship and the responsibility of honoring the ideals represented by the American flag.



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# THE AMPHIBIOUS INTRUDER OF THE WHITE HOUSE QUADRANGLE

BY LUCAS SOHN

## Frog Discovered in Puller City Dorms

At approximately 11:00 PM on Tuesday night, in the aftermath of a grueling day of elections, primaries, and political maneuvering, delegates from Pershing City returning to their quarters made an unexpected discovery: a live frog, situated outside their dormitory. What began as an innocuous encounter with local wildlife rapidly escalated into a matter of inter-city consequence.

Acting with the kind of decisive swiftness rarely seen outside of wartime, a Pershing strike team seized the opportunity and deployed the amphibian into the dorm room of Franklin "Triple F" Fling of Puller City. The operation was clean, coordinated, and executed with remarkable speed. The perpetrators managed to escape.

## Puller City's Counterattack

After successfully extracting the frog from Fling's quarters, a Puller response unit mobilized immediately and attempted to return the creature to Pershing, a retaliatory strike that, had it succeeded, would have closed the book on the matter entirely.

It did not succeed. Pershing operatives intercepted the convoy before the handoff could be completed. Diplomatic negotiations were attempted. They failed. The frog remained in Puller custody.

Regrouping and improvising, the Puller unit redirected its assets inward. On an infiltration mission that would become one of the most memorable moments of the evening, the frog was placed inside the sheets of a bed in another Puller dorm. Chaos promptly ensued.

Multiple delegates scrambled to locate and contain the asset, which proved far more elusive than anticipated, evading capture with what witnesses described as an almost supernatural agility. After a tense period during which the frog vanished entirely beneath the furniture, it was eventually recovered, contained, and released safely back into the wild, albeit by all accounts severely traumatized by the evening's events. Relations between Puller and Pershing have since taken on a notably more mischievous character.

No delegates or frogs were injured in the making of this story.



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# LT. GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL

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The two candidates for Lt. Governor were voted on this morning. These candidates ran great campaigns, offered great speeches, and worked hard to gain voter support this week.

Nationalist: Bo Sampson

Federalist: Tiemoor Ahmed

## LIUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

Along with the Lt. Governor position, the esteemed role of Attorney General is on the line. These candidates performed exceptionally well at their party rallies, and have connected with voters across campus.

Nationalist: Neel Kamath

Federalist: Austin Bustillos

## ATTORNEY GENERAL



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# DAILY SCOOP

## Luke Bowman

Luke Bowman is running for Governor as an independent because he believes leadership should be about people, not political labels. Throughout Boys State, he has worked with delegates from different backgrounds and perspectives and learned that the best solutions come from listening to one another, not just from whoever has the loudest campaign speech or the most stickers. His campaign is focused on making sure every delegate has a voice, including those who have mastered the art of nodding in meetings while having absolutely no idea what is going on. As a student leader, varsity athlete, and volunteer firefighter, Luke has learned the importance of teamwork, responsibility, and staying calm under pressure, skills that come in handy when putting out fires, whether they're actual fires or group project disasters. He believes a Governor's job is to bring people together, solve problems, and represent everyone, not just the people who agree with them. If elected, Luke will lead with an open mind, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to serving all delegates. And if nothing else, voting for Luke gives you the opportunity to tell people you helped elect a Governor who has a better chance of finding a fire hydrant than most politicians. Good luck on your Governor Candidacy Mr. Bowman.

## Boys State Serial Toilet Clogger

On another type of news. Boys State has faced many challenges over the years, but none quite as mysterious as the rise of the Serial Toilet Clogger.

It started with one bathroom. Then another. Soon, reports began appearing all across Boys State. No witnesses. No evidence. No explanation.

Just when everyone thought the culprit couldn't get any bolder, the unthinkable happened: the administration bathroom was clogged.

Somehow, the Serial Toilet Clogger bypassed all obstacles and struck without being caught. Rumors spread quickly. Some say it's one person. Others believe it's an organized operation.

For now, the bathrooms are safe. But the mystery remains unsolved, and nobody knows where, or if, the Serial Toilet Clogger will strike again.

Stay vigilant. Trust no flush. And God help us all.



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## RESULTS AND SCHEDULE FOR MOOT COURT

### MOOT COURT RESULTS – 6/24

Wednesday, June 24

#### *Round One*

Event	Time	Location	WINNER
Bradley (S) vs. Madison (C)	3:30 – 4:10	Court Room A	<b>Bradley</b>
Puller (S) vs. Jefferson (C)	3:30 – 4:10	Court Room B	<b>Jefferson</b>
Marshall (S) vs. Burke (C)	3:30 – 4:10	Court Room C	<b>Burke</b>
Washington (S) vs. Henry (C)	4:15 – 4:55	Court Room A	<b>Henry</b>
Monroe (S) vs. Patton (C)	4:15 – 4:55	Court Room B	<b>Patton</b>
Gravely (S) vs. Nimitz (C)	4:15 – 4:55	Court Room C	<b>Nimitz</b>
Eisenhower (S) vs. James (C)	5:00 – 5:40	Court Room A	<b>Eisenhower</b>
MacArthur (S) vs. Pershing (C)	5:00 – 5:40	Court Room B	<b>Pershing</b>

Thursday, June 25

#### *Round Two*

Team	Time	Court Room
Jefferson (C) vs. Patton (S)	3:30 – 4:10	Court Room A
Pershing (C) vs. Burke (S)	3:30 – 4:10	Court Room B
Eisenhower (C) vs. Nimitz (S)	4:15 – 4:55	Court Room A
Bradley (C) vs. Henry (S)	4:15 – 4:55	Court Room B

*BE PREPARED TO ARGUE EITHER SIDE IN ROUND 3*

#### *Round Three*

Team	Time	Court Room
City vs. City	5:00 – 5:40	Court Room A
City vs. City	5:00 – 5:40	Court Room B

Friday, June 26

#### *Final Round*

Team	Time	Court Room
City vs. City	1:30	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center

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# DAILY FOOD REVIEW



## BREAKFAST

Breakfast today was consistent with the past few days; the eggs were great, the bacon was crispy, and the biscuits were fantastic. The new additions of the week were tater tots and sausage casserole. I found the tater tots satisfying when paired with the sour cream. They weren't too fluffy nor hard, and fit right in with the previous hash browns and French toast sticks. I heard the sausage casserole was hearty and savory, bringing breakfast overall to a **7/10**.

## LUNCH

Reminiscent of our Chipotle-esque meal from Monday, lunch today was full of taco ingredients like beef, chicken, shredded cheese, and more. I personally had two hard shell tortillas and one soft shell. I don't think I've ever seen shredded chicken, but it was just as tender and juicy as I hoped. The soft shell tortilla was definitely the most filling item I had - I only had one and felt fuller than I did with the two hard shell tacos. If you didn't want to have a tortilla, you could choose from a few options of rice instead. Solid **7.5/10**.

## DINNER

Ngl, food could've been a bit better. Much love to the workers preparing our meals every day, but unfortunately, last night's dinner did not hit as hard. I might be a bit biased, but after the amazing meals we've consumed throughout the week, yesterday's dinner felt like a nothing sandwich. It felt like going home, excited to eat leftovers, but discovering your sister ate it. I would rate dinner as a - light **6/10**.

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Although dinner wasn't hitting as hard as usual, yesterday's overall meals can be rated as a **7/10**.