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City Spotlights:

Tyler City Joseph Lampard

Welcome to Tyler City. Tyler City is a port town with a population of around 4,000 residents. It is named after the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler. This town faces many controversial issues that plague its community. Despite this adversity, Tyler City has shown an immense amount of resilience and teamwork. The mayor, Josh, has worked relentlessly with both Federalists and Nationalists to ensure a happy future for the City. Additionally, students attending a Tyler high school were split between allowing trans-gender individual to use the bathroom of their gender identity, and forcing individuals to use the bathroom of the gender that is listed on their birth certificates. After long deliberation, Tyler City decided to convert a few of the faculty bathrooms into gender-neutral bathrooms to keep individuals from feeling uncomfortable. Quick thinking and innovation, similar to that seen in Tyler City, is exactly what Boys State needs. Keep it up, gentlemen!

Van Buren City Ky Yurchuk

I've been to a lot of different camps and sleep-away events in the past. I was always used to knowing a good portion of the people I'd be camping with, but this time, I knew nobody. I had no idea what was coming. So when I arrived at my dorm with the sign "Van Buren" in front of the door, I took my chance and walked inside. The people that started out as strangers turned out to be amazing, talented young men who all shared a mutual drive for success and progress. Over 15 delegates ran for the role of athletic director on the first day! These are men who are in it to win it.

Now Van Buren's city description is an interesting one to say the least. It is a historical town with a population of 28,000, with a crippled economy, failing police force, rising crime, a broken bridge, and the looming threat of losing school funding. If that already wasn't too much to swallow, a recent scandal, where an official sent an inappropriate photo to everyone in the high school is sully Van Buren's rustic, historical lore. Officials have left the current citizens of Van Buren with several options for saving the city: a very rare lock of George Washington's hair, and an opportunity to build a sex museum to generate income. Van Buren's new mayor and council are prepared to tackle the task, as Van Buren charges to win Best City. Ears open, men!

Today is Wednesday, June 20.

Today's Weather:

Low of 65

High of 81

Precipitation: Low Chance

Today will be warm with clouds appearing in the afternoon.

Today's Events:

12:30-2

**Gubernational Primary
Elections: Remember to Vote!**

12-2:15

Museum Trips

4-5 PM

**WWII Seminar-Charles Wiley
Reminders:**

**Remember to sign up for the
Blood Drive on Thursday, 12
PM at the Fireside Lounge!
City and County Manuals due
on Thursday at 7:15 PM!**

ALJBS Life

Sports Recap Chad Nelson

World Cup

June 19th Results:

JAPAN Def. COLUMBIA 2-1

SENEGAL Def. POLAND 2-1

RUSSIA Def. EGYPT 3-1

June 20th Matches:

PORTUGAL v. MOROCCO 8:00 AM ET

URUGUAY v. SAUDI ARABIA 11:00
AM ET

IRAN v. SPAIN 2 PM ET

ALJBS Sports

1st: Ridgeway

T-2nd: Marshall & Vandenberg

4th: Eisenhower

5th: Bradley

6th: MacArthur

7th: Halsey

8th: Nimitz

9th: Schwarzkopf

Public Speaking 101 Ashwin Bindra

The purpose of Boys State is to build and shape the leaders of tomorrow. Through crash courses on government structure, service, and talks from leaders of New Jersey, Boys State teaches all statesman how to grow into young men.

However, one skill that isn't taught, is one of the most important at Boys State: public speaking. As one of the most common phobias, public speaking scares many to death. However, there are methods to help overcome this fear. I hope to provide all interested with some simple tips and tricks to render someone terrified of getting up in front of a crowd a gubernatorial-level public speaker.

Something I like to remember when making speeches is that the audience does not care about what you have to say if you are not interesting or intelligible. You need to be engaging and easy to understand to maintain the attention of your audience. The following are skills I think will help you achieve this goal.

First, eye contact. Eye contact is one of the most important skills of public speaking. We have all seen or heard a statesmen attempt to give a speech while looking straight at the ground. In doing this, they come off as not confident, unclear, and not interesting. Instead, you should try to scan the audience, periodically pausing and making eye contact with one or two members of the crowd. This shows the audience that you are engaged, and truly interested in what you have to say.

Second, voice projection. A vital skill, especially when microphones are not available, is being able to project your voice loudly and clearly to your audience. A loud voice is a commanding one. As always, the golden rule is that you want to make your speeches as easy as possible for your audience to follow.

Third and finally, hand movements. They are an easy way to become more opening to your audience. By showing the palms of your hands and spreading your arms out a bit – not too much this isn't a test on your wingspan. This allows you to appear more open and accessible to your audience.

I hope these tips allow you to become the statesmen that lead our nation into a bright and prosperous future at Boys State and beyond.

Seminars

Joseph Mezza

“Becoming an Entrepreneur- One of the Greatest Paths to Personal Wealth”

This seminar featured only one speaker, Chris Carey, who kept the audience engaged throughout his fifty minute program. Carey's eponymous company, Chris Carey Advisors LLC, defines itself on its website as an advisory [service] to improve financial performance, raise capital and assist in a sale, merger, or acquisition”. The company was recently named “Turnaround Consultant of the Year” by M&A Advisor, and Carey has been featured in several prestigious newspapers and periodicals, including The New York Times. Carey is an advocate of continuing education, remarking that, as a man in his mid-sixties, he still attends a Harvard business program once per year to further his understanding of the ever-evolving business world.

“Careers in Engineering”

The engineering seminar featured two SCCs, both are whom are former statesmen. Charles Miskolcy (ALJBS '10) specializes in Civil Engineering and is the Chief Draftsman & Engineer-in-Training at Horn, Tyson, and Yoder Inc. Morgan Vallee is an optical Engineer at BAE systems. The former attended Stockton and is working on his masters degree at NJIT, while the latter attended the University of Rochester. Both men noted the importance of pursuing a masters degree in advancing their careers, saying that it greatly reduces the time needed to get licensed as an engineer. Since Miskolcy and Vallee are both ALJBS counselors, they will be available throughout the week for questions, although they mentioned they do not know much about the college admission process for engineering schools other than those they attend or attended.

“Careers in Politics”

The politics seminar attracted a substantial crowd of statesmen. A number of individuals, many of whom are on the ALJBS staff, spoke about their careers in politics. The first three speakers, Ziad Shehady (ALJBS '01), Aymeric Vincenti (ALJBS '10), James Lynch (ALJBS '04), demonstrated how much variety there is in the loosely defined career area that is politics. Shehady joined the military after 9/11 and subsequently became involved in public service. He has served as the mayor of Springfield twice, and is currently the Business Administrator for the Bureau of Redbank. James Lynch worked on Senator John McCain's political campaign in college, and is now a Client Manager at a major communications company. Aymeric Vincenti, who prefers the term “public servant” over “politician”, has worked for several prominent politicians, including Senator Bob Menendez and presidential candidate Hilary Clinton, whose campaign he worked for during the 2016 election season. Each of these individuals took different approaches and come from different ideological backgrounds, but all of them, as well as the seminar's other speakers, have been successful in the political world.

“Sports Business”

Dennis Robsinon, one of this seminar's speakers, described sports as the only industry with its own section in the newspaper. He cited this as one of many compelling reasons to get involved in the sports industry. Robsinon played football throughout his time at Wesleyan University, and decided at that time that he should pursue a job in the field because he was, and is, passionate about it. He has held high level positions in several prominent sports organizations, including MetLife Stadium in the Meadowlands (where he was the CFO), Formula 1 Racing, and the University of Houston. The seminar also featured Chris Mann, who had left the conventional sports industry for a job in e-sports.

Politics & Education

D-Day Presentation: A 17-Year Old's Appreciation Ky Yurchuk

I have never had a gun to my head. I have never had my house destroyed by bomber planes, or worried if my closest friends are going to betray me to save themselves. I've never had to worry about where I'm stepping, or who I'm looking at, or what I'm thinking about. I'm allowed to live this conflict-free life because the veterans, who stood before me last night at the D-Day presentation, risked their lives to protect my freedom. To be honest, though, it is this conflict-free life that leads me to not understand the struggle which these heroes underwent. I came to ALJBS in hopes of finding a new appreciation for those who have served, and I got exactly what I asked for.

The presentation began with an excerpt from the movie *Saving Private Ryan*. Having never seen this movie, the scene hit me hard: I am not usually one to be heavily impacted by violent scenes, mostly because of the plethora of violent video games that fill our living rooms and basements. However, seeing that same kind of violence occur in the 1940's particularly resonated with me. It made me realize that violence like this has existed for decades, which means that there have been people with extreme courage for decades as well.

After the scene from the movie, we were shown a piece made by ABC marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day, in which interviews with real WWII veterans were shown. They seemed like ordinary people, with senses of humor and families and lives. However, it was their extraordinary bravery and service that set them apart from the crowd. Yet again, I was touched.

However, I cannot forget about the part of the presentation that affected me the most: the veterans that were there that night. I already had seen these people everywhere around Rider, counting the people going into the kitchen, selling pins, and being a part of the retreat ceremony every evening. Every one of the veterans that stood in front of us told us where they served, when they served, and what they went on to do afterwards. After they finished, I was speechless. I hate to be such a sappy writer, but I can't help to say that there are superheroes that walk among us here at ALJBS. I am eternally grateful for being able to meet all these veterans and finally learn to appreciate all they have done for us.



Veterans and American Legion members stand in front of the boys after they had finished watching the D-Day film. Photo

Credit: Colin Tofts

Snapshots



Boys gather around a military vehicle on the main quad on Monday. The observance was part of a seminar that featured many Army and Marine veterans and recruiters to speak about their experience and answer questions.

Photo Credit: Steven Doldy

The boys listen keenly to a speaker during a general assembly in the Alumni Gym on Tuesday. Their colored shirts, a departure from the traditional white uniform, reveal sports are not far away.

Photo Credit: Steven Doldy



Boys practice CPR on practice dummies during a seminar on Tuesday on the basketball courts. The training was part of a course to get certified in CPR.

Photo Credit: Steven Doldy



The boys gather in their county meetings on Tuesday, awaiting to hear the results of their county elections. The votes are sure to shake up the political landscape for the rest of the week.

Photo Credit: Steven Doldy



Review

College and Career Fair Awakens Spirit

Over the past few days all delegates have entered assemblies tired. Heads bob as they fall in and out of naps attempting to stay focused on the speech of county politicians. However, yesterday all of Boys State gathered on the basketball courts, looking with wide eyes at the dozens of schools available for questioning and consideration. While the seminars and assemblies, which make up the heart of Boys State, are certainly important, I believe events like these are the ones which will prove most impactful for our delegates.

Throughout the gym, students asked college administrators questions about the SAT and admission requirements, hoping to gain even the slightest edge over their competitors come this fall's application cycle. These are examples of interest and dedication in our weeklong program, and the most authentic displays of participation.

Yes, the leadership opportunities and political activism are a massive part of the impact of this event, but we must give our peers the opportunity to consider what might lay beyond this week, and the lives their leadership will impact. Giving us the opportunity to see options for our future education plays a massive role in allowing us to grow, and put the skills of this week to their best possible use.

Letter to the Boys on Important Values

As members of the elected press, it is our duty at The Jersey Statesmen to inform both parties equally about what had occurred on Sunday. As such, I believe that there is no better way to do so than to summarize and discuss some of the values that were taught. For simplicity's sake, I will limit myself to writing about one value per day so that way my entries don't get too long.

The first value I would like to remind everyone about is engagement. Above all things, the goal of Boys State is to teach the importance of being active through an outlet of your choice. Whether that be in your city's government, your county's sports, or any of the plethora of other activities at ALJBS, there are plenty of opportunities for you to become an active member of your respective communities.

This message was also put forth Sunday afternoon by speaker Raymond Miller. He said that he "implores [them] to engage and enjoy" the opportunities this week has to offer. Most importantly, for those of you who have lost elections or have felt too shy to participate, it does not mean that you should stop now. There are still plenty of positions to run for, and history has shown how many past governors were discouraged by their early losses too! So get out there and remember to engage.

Correction:

In yesterday's issue we mistakenly identified Herb Conaway, the man who got to fire his principal, as Dominic Santillo. The Jersey Statesman apologizes for the error.

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