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Boys' State: When You're Here, You're Family

On Monday, June 19, famed actor Richard Masur paid a visit to the 61st annual Boys' State Conference. Speaking at the "Careers in Entertainment" seminar, Masur, alongside Boys' State staff members James Bracchitta and Chris McDevitt, gave statesmen personal insight into their experiences in the entertainment field. Masur, a crowd favorite who has appeared in several major motion pictures, shared with us his road to success.

When Richard Masur was younger, he was heavily influenced by actor Gene Hackman. He looked up to Hackman and the way he committed to a role. This prompted Masur to begin acting. He attended Yale University as an acting student. However he could not fully afford college expenses, so Richard was forced to take a job as a technical director building sets for movies and television. Shortly thereafter, Richard dropped out of Yale and began working as a technical director full time. However, being around sets all day

long again sparked Richard to enter the field of acting. Many statesmen would later ask Richard how he managed his day job and an aspiring acting career. However, unlike most actors, Richard Masur did not keep a day job. When he made the decision to become an actor, he wholeheartedly dedicated himself to it and, because of this positive attitude, was relatively successful from the beginning of his career.

On one of his first jobs Masur was able to work with acting all-stars like Donald Sutherland. After a scary experience while filming a scene in the ocean, Sutherland and Masur became close friends. As Masur got more involved in the Hollywood scene, his focus began to transcend into politics. Masur started the Actors Creative Coalition and was president of the Screen Actors Guild. He championed public health care and even testified before the house. In both acting and politics, Masur has been very successful.

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Above: Actor Richard Masur (center) explains the entertainment biz, while comedian/counselor Chris McDevitt (left) and actor/counselor Jim Bracchitta look on.

Below (from left): McDevitt, Masur, Bracchitta.

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The EBO Experience

When I first arrived important it was and all the at Rider University to attend ins and out of what I was Boys' State, like most supposed to do. Another everyone else I had no idea thing I realized was that with what to expect. This would this position it made me one all soon change when in our of the most recognizable first city meeting in Madison people in the city and I I was appointed the all suddenly found myself important position of EBO. fielding questions and

At first I had no idea concerns from my peers. what to expect with my vast After learning all new responsibilities. When I that I was doing with my job got here the last thing I it wouldn't take long for me expected to be doing was to realize what a great job it hustling around from place was. By getting appointed to to place meeting deadlines this position it gave me the and what not. This of best chance to make my course was exactly what I time at Boys' State one of had to do since it was my job the best experiences that I'll to run voting, count ballots, ever have and I'm going to and other similar duties. do every thing I can to make

As the first couple of sure it is. days rolled by I learned even more of what my job entailed. I saw how

Greg DiMenna
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Blood and Glory

On June 19th, Carol Field came to Boys' State to deliver a presentation on the American Red Cross and to encourage statesmen to donate at the upcoming blood drive. Everyone who is eligible to participate (which includes most people over the age of 16) should gladly do so in order to demonstrate the important virtues of altruism and patriotism.

During the presentation, we learned that Clara Barton was called upon to lead a Red Cross blood drive after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Millions of Americans responded to her urgent call for blood and came out to donate on behalf of those brave soldiers fighting in WWII. The vast participation of American citizens in the early blood drives exemplified the character of this great nation and the emphasis placed on selfless sacrifice.

Unfortunately, participation in blood drives has waned in recent years, culminating in the shortage we are

experiencing today. As a nation, we are currently facing the immense challenges of winning the Iraqi war and recovering from catastrophic natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. However, even during periods of relative calm, blood is crucial in saving the lives of people affected by diseases such as sickle cell anemia. We must reverse this indolent trend, come to terms with our situation, and continue to donate blood.

We here at Boys' State have an obligation to serve our country and that need. We have been touted as the future leaders of this country and must prove our magnanimousness by giving blood and saving lives. It is as simple as that. We have been blessed with the opportunity of providing a suffering person with our own life-giving blood, and we must take advantage of it before we are forced to regret our selfishness.

Fillmore City

Jefferson Unites

All of the young men who attend Boys' State are quite aware of the sweltering heat in the dorms and outdoors. If left unchecked, such heat can have terrible effects on those who have stayed in the sun's glare for too long.

On Sunday, June 18, a citizen of Jefferson City, Daniel Colaneri, "began complaining about feeling faint due to the heat," stated his roommate, Adrian Colarusso.

Soon after Daniel fell unconscious. Adrian immediately got help and recounted that he began to attempt to revive Daniel by "rubbing his cuticles and sternum while checking his heart rate."

Jefferson city counselors Ty Clark, Anthony DiMartino and Tarence Smith were quick to respond and alerted the EMT. Other nearby Jefferson citizens came

together to help their fellow delegate by supplying water and helping the counselors. Both counselors and delegates stayed with Daniel until more help arrived. The way was expeditiously cleared for the EMT responders who brought more advanced equipment to the scene. Soon an ambulance was summoned and Daniel was moved to the local hospital with great haste. Daniel soon regained consciousness and has recovered in the hospital. He is currently in a hotel and is waiting to return to Boys' State, where his fellow delegates wish that he can rejoin his beloved Jefferson City.

It was believed that Daniel's loss of consciousness was brought forth by heat exhaustion and dehydration.

Jefferson City counselor Anthony DiMartino stressed the importance of "staying hydrated by drinking as much water as possible to prevent this from happening again."

Jefferson City