

June 22, 2012 The Honorable Nicholas Palmer

Governor of the 67th Session Jersey Boys' State



Trusted by his peers from day one and marked for his strong public speaking skills, Federalist governor Nicholas Palmer has consistently ascended throughout the city, county, and state governments at Boys' State. Governor Palmer, from New Providence in Union County, was sponsored by American Legion Post 321 in Morristown.

Palmer began his election success on the first day of Boys' State in Taylor City, when he was voted as the city news editor. When he reached his first editor meeting, he was chosen to be the opinion editor because of his strong political views.

However Plamer's Lieutenant Governor Nauman Ahmad from Washington City in Halsey also gained colossal support, with the delegates chanting "Nauman!" over and over. Nauman says "I am very big on bipartisan support and doing what is best for my people. In the two previous elections that I won, I was a federalist against a nationalist majority. Parties are insignificant to me, it is the community altogether that matters".

Governor Palmer chose Nauman as Lieutenant Governor based on the fact that they are two different people who agree and come together on different issues. Nick and Nauman together create the "newmen", as they represent all of Boys' State.

Despite the demands of being in the newspaper, Nick's political ambitions were not stopped. He remarked, "I knew I wanted to give it my best effort." He ran to be his city's mayor, attained a county position in Vandenburg County, and then became a state senator.

When Palmer's Federalist constituents chose him to be their gubernatorial candidate he said, "It was a real surprise and its a true honor." He then announced on Wednesday that his running mate and lieutenant governor candidate would be Nauman Ahmad of Washington City.

Now as the governor of the 67th session of Jersey Boys State, he hopes to work with the state legislature to focus on a variety of topics including: lowering college tuition for New Jersey students, building and repairing infrastructure, researching clean energy, and removing Kyleigh's Law.

He also has a particular focus on education reform and changing how standardized test scores affect public school funding.

Congratulations American Legion Jersey Boys' State, Nicholas Palmer is your brand new Governor and Newman Ahmed is the Lieutenant Governor!

"It is unbelievable to see the amount of support of boys throughout Boys' State and I can never express enough thanks," said Palmer.

Congratulations to the 67th Governor of Boys' State, Nicholas Palmer. His hard work and dedication are an inspiration to all the delegates at Jersey Boys State. And finally, Director David S. Bagatelle would like to wish you all the best in your future endeavors!