



# State of the Boys

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## The Buzz Around Campus

*Karsten Springborg, St. Paul*

Welcome to Boys State 2025! As our journey has begun, we take a moment to reflect on our first day while looking forward to the week ahead. Day one was filled with budding rivalries as we began filing for office within our cities and conspiring against other counties (Duluth). We also feel a growing sense of camaraderie as we begin forging friendships and political alliances.

I hope to use this platform not only to provide a brief summary of our days, but also to give a voice to all Boys Staters. If you see me around campus and would like to give a quote or promotion, please let me know.



**QUESTION: What are your first impressions and goals for Boys State?**

“My first thought about Boys State is that it is an exciting environment, and everyone wants to participate. I’m excited to take part in an inclusive legislature. I’m running for mayor, and I hope to create a fun and organized city. We’re only here for a week, so I’m hoping to make the most of it. I have previous experience leading student government.”

**Raymond - Rochester**

“Pretty hype to be here. Vote Brennen for state treasurer.”

**Brennen T. - Rochester**

“Boys state: It’s very organized. I’m hoping to run for treasurer”

**Andy D - St. Cloud**

“I have been thrilled to be here. I am fascinated with government. I feel like they have done a great job explaining that to us. What has surprised me is the connection all groups have felt. My goal is to learn and grow as a leader and a person both in government and how to be a better leader in those positions. My eventual goal is to run for governor and hold positions in law. I am hoping to pursue law as my career, so finding opportunities now would be a great learning opportunity.

**Ethan. - St. Paul**

## Breaking the Ice

*Keagan Klaers, Rochester*

Nervousness, fear, excitement, chaos. These are the feelings that I am sure many students felt as they pulled into the parking lot of St John's. However, shortly after arriving here, I have come to find that many of the fears I had were unfounded.

Immediately, I was introduced to many great people, both students and counselors alike. It is clear that there is genuine feeling of honor and connectivity that one gets from Boys State.

Despite the running around from building to building, the late night campaigning, and the debate on election rules that just drags on and on. It has truly been a wonderful experience to meet with so many great people who share similar passions and many diverse perspectives. I know that it is only day one; however, I for one am excited to see what this week brings.

## Elections in St. Cloud!

*Kort Booth, St. Cloud*

With campaigns in place and speeches on their way... City elections are just a couple of hours away! A multitude of different ideas from different people come from all different places, and they all aim to achieve the same goal of making St. Cloud the best it can be.

About 83% of all people in St. Cloud are running for something in office ranging anywhere from councilmen to mayor. We would like to wish all 24 of our wonderful candidates the best of luck!

*SHINE BRIGHT!*



## Fast Facts

American Legion Boys' State began in 1935 in Illinois . American Legion Minnesota Boys' State had its first session in 1949.

The first Minnesota Boys' State had \_\_\_\_ attendees and \_\_\_\_ staff members.

Minnesota's Boys' State has been hosted at the University of Minnesota's Ag Campus, St. Olaf College, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. John's University, and Southwest Minnesota State University.



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