

THE MOUNTAINEER

Primary Election Results

FEDERALIST

NATIONALIST

Governor

Ryan Bazzle

Will Behrens

Secretary of State

Alexander Alvarez

Samuel Stotler

Auditor

Thomas Nixon

Seth Harris

Treasurer

Atticus Reese

Jarrett Newlan

Attorney General

Zander Lamp

Cameron Kearns

Commissioner of Agriculture

Colin Street

Seth Sions

Final Election Results

Supreme Court Justices

Declan Hall

John Huff

Caden Youngblood

Thomas Gigenbach

Chase Steorts

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Federalist Platform

Adopted by Caucus on this Monday, June 13, 2022

We the Federalist Party do affirm the following platform, adopted with unanimous consensus, to be for the betterment of all Mountaineer Boy's State and ensuring further economic development that will be driven through legislation and good-works for the following areas:

Healthcare

- Affordable insulin
- Tax increase on incomes over \$150k to support nursing
- Full-time therapists on staff at schools

Education

- Subsidized AP Teacher pay
- Better Teacher's Insurance
- Larger budget for school supplies
- Update of school technology
- Built-in mental health days for students

Environment

- Expansion of Solar and Wind Energy Farms on mountaintop removal sites
- Funding of small farms with marijuana profits
- Expansion of endangered species within nature reserves
- Revitalize deforested areas

Worker's/ People's Rights

- Bonus for all current health insurance holders
- Break-time increase for all occupations
- Ranked Choice Voting to be adopted within all state elections for the betterment of political plurality

Infrastructure

- Integrate hydro-powered dams
- Recruit Civil Engineers to practice and educate STEM in schools

Legalization of Marijuana

- Profits of Marijuana used to fund all platforms
- Expungement of criminal records for previous marijuana convictions
- 45% of profits go to state charities



Nationalist Platform

Adopted by Caucus on this Monday, June 13, 2022

We the Nationalist Party do affirm the following platform, through a general consensus, to be for the betterment of all Mountaineer Boy's State and ensuring that the future of all Mountaineer Boy's State Citizens is secure and prosperous.

Access

- Gas
 - Through the reduction of state gas tax, and temporary suspension of the state gas tax.
- Water/Electricity
 - Give funding to areas that are lacking in water and/or electricity for construction to have access to said supplies.
- Roads
 - Creation of roads in rural areas that are overlooked compared to more urban areas.
- Access to Rehab
 - Protection for workers found with illegal substances to allow them to maintain an income.

Health

- Reduction of Teen Suicide
 - Mandated psychology classes in middle school to help teens learn to identify signs of declining mental health, as opposed to traditional methods.
- Taxes on Palm and Vegetable Oil
 - To fund the platform the oils will begin to be taxed, this tax is also attributed to the substances link to increases in obesity.

Economy

- Attract/Grow Businesses
 - Through subsidies businesses will be attracted to come here, this will result in and increase in the tax base.
 - Reduce unemployment
 - The previous policies will decrease unemployment, but furthermore we intend to provide tax breaks for people who have left unemployment and gained a job.
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Talent Show auditions are on Tuesday at
6:30pm – 7:30pm in the West Virginia Building.

If possible please come to auditions early to make the
auditions run more smoothly.



“Talent hits a target *no one else can hit*. **Genius** hits a target *no one else can see.*”

— Arthur Schopenhauer —

Boys State Forensics Lab introduction

Here in Mountaineers' Boys State, we are privileged to be the first boys state in American history to be granted the honor to have a forensics program. Forensics is a program that involves the study of what happened at a crime scene.

This honor gives citizens the chance to see how an investigation happens and how they correspond with different parts of crime including law.

"It's an interesting experience, it gives a look into forensics and into how crime scenes operate." Jonah Cottrell said describing his position as a laboratory technician. Lab techs are the guys who get the evidence from the investigators and test said evidence to obtain the crucial evidence of a trail.

Investigators lead the investigation in the field, "It will be interesting to see how we interact with law enforcement and to use what we found in court" Eli Smith said while explaining what he does.

"It's interesting to see how it [the crime scene] happened and who the suspect is, it gets you into their mind to see what they were thinking" said supervisor Jacob Adkins.

The Forensics Program brings even more interest and possibilities into Boys State. This field will bring people value in not only the police force but also the process of how crime scenes are dealt with.



Interview with Wyatt DeBord, Federalist Chairman

In a recent interview with Federalist Chairman, Wyatt DeBord, he talked about his Federalist political platform, regarding the Federalist “Five Pillars” plan and strange overwhelming support from the rival Nationalist party for his Five Pillars platform. The Five Pillars platform can be reviewed on page two. “Rights of some will transfer to others.” That is the mindset of the Federalist platform.

It has recently been discovered that the Nationalist party is split on deciding the legalization of marijuana, and that some members of the Nationalist party have begun donating and supporting the Federalist Five Pillars. Some of the Federalist party have begun to doubt the leadership of the Nationalist party, with the party beginning to split into factions. What DeBord only and ultimately wants is to all of the citizens, both Nationalist and Federalist, to come together and cooperate together in an orderly and efficient way.

The Federalist party has been praised for their Five Pillars platform and what shows strong and reliant funding plans for their pillars, which cannot be same for the Nationalist party. Others have also shown support to DeBord’s ideology of bringing everyone together and solving everyone’s problems together.

“It’s not about Nationalists or Federalists, its about reasonable means to achieve your policies,” said an anonymous Nationalist after being asked about the Nationalist issues.

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Interview with Hunter Gracey, Nationalist Chairman

After the Nationalist second caucus, the party seems to be split over the issue regarding the legalization of marijuana, with chairman Hunter Gracey in the middle of all the crosshairs. However, Gracey has since wanted to clarify and apologize on the decisions made at the caucuses.

“The rumors about my impeachment are believed to only be rumors. I made mistakes because of my own bias. It is free for the people to choose to support. This is entirely debatable and voices will be listened to. These issues will be addressed in a fully supportive and co-operational way with both the people and the candidate.” Gracey said in an interview.

Gracey is reassuring that the third caucus will go as smoothly and as good as the first caucus, unlike how roughly he said the second one went.

Regarding the Nationalist plan on preventing teen suicides, he is advocating for schools to teach psychology and mental health classes that focus on identifying suicidal or murderous thoughts and how classmates can detect and alert that in a person.

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Senator Capito's Visit

Yesterday, after the Boys State citizens had finished up their lunch, they were honored with a guest appearance and speech from Shelley Capito, who represents our great state of West Virginia in the U.S. Senate. Capito, who is the first female Senator from West Virginia and the 45th female Senator in American history, has spent her entire career making West Virginia the best place it can be.

In her speech, Capito highlighted the memories and lifelong friendships the citizens would make as they progress further through the week, providing an example of how her father made a friend while attending WV Boys State decades ago and remains in contact with him to this day.

When asked about how she first got into politics, Capito said that her father worked a politician and it inspired her to become a politician at a young age. She wanted to use her position to make a difference in the world, especially when it came to school and child safety.

For the past two and a half years, schools and programs across the nation have been shut down and restricted due to COVID and its protocols. Because of this, the WV Boys State decided to hold off the annual Boys State meetings to ensure student safety. Now that Boys State is up and running again, Capito wants the citizens to make the best out of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

In her speech, Capito talked about ways to make West Virginia a better place, touching on subjects such as how the Boys State citizens are the next minds and leaders of West Virginia and how they will determine West Virginia's future.

Capito was asked about how the average West Virginian could help give back to the state. Her solution is to get more young people into WV and fighting the hurtful stereotypes surrounding the state would make West Virginia a better place.

Capito does not always agree with her co-worker Joe Manchin, however, instead of slandering political opponents and being loud mouths on social media, the two respectfully disagree and go about their day. She emphasized to every Boys State citizen running for a political position that a good leader is someone who listens to people.

To conclude her speech, Capito reminded the citizens that this week was an opportunity to observe and learn about politics and how the world of politics and the workforce will work as an adult. Capito's final remark to the citizens was that the community of West Virginia was a special thing and that the state needed the citizens of Boys State to be the leaders of the future.



Visit Recap of Secretary of State Mac Warner



Yesterday morning, the Secretary of the state of West Virginia, Mac Warner, came to visit the WV Boys State citizens after their breakfast meal to give a speech about the Boys State experience and how it would help them become better people for West Virginia.

Warner, a West Point graduate, shared words of inspiration to the young citizens for their upcoming week at Jackson's Mill as they learn about the government and politics. He also answered questions from the citizens as they were curious of how the Secretary of State operated and did his job.

One of the questions that he was asked was what he thought what was the biggest problem with America right now? His response was that he believed the biggest problem was the division between the two political parties and the division of America in general. He said that the only way to fix the problem was for all Americans to come together

Since this week will be so lifechanging for folks, you need to make sure your fun isn't overpowering your safety watch. You and others should watch out for signs of heatstroke, such as dizziness, headaches, or rapid breathing from others. Make sure to drink two cups of water a meal, this week will be fun so you need to make sure you'll enjoy it while being safe!

BREAKFAST

Sausage Gravy, Biscuits & Eggs

Hot & Cold Cereal

Fruit & Bananas

LUNCH

Tacos and Sour Cream

Salad w/Dressing

Black Beans & Churros

DINNER

Baked Ham

California Veg Mashed Potatoes
Rolls

Chocolate Cake

Water/Tea

Sports at Boys State

Sports is a great way that to help you make friendships that last a lifetime. During morning, afternoon and evening activities, the citizens of Boys State who are athletes can participate in athletics. And we think it's a good idea to inform you on what sports there is and how they are going to work.

Basketball

The first sport that we'll go over is basketball. There can be only ten players on the court at all times and every must wait on the side until someone needs to go out. In each game there will be two twenty-minute halves with a water break in between. The team who has the most points at the end of the second half is the winner. During the game yesterday afternoon, I asked citizen Curry Taylor of Lewis cabin, why did you choose to play basketball? He responded with "I saw my friends [from the cabin] out playing so I wanted to help the cabin."

Volleyball

The next sport we'll go over is volleyball. Don't worry, every game will be played on the sand courts so you don't have to worry about your shoes melting. There will be two different teams. The amount of people who will be on each team will vary on the amount of people in the two cabins. The first team to get two twenty-one points wins a set and the team who wins two sets first wins. Yesterday morning I asked the councilors of Lewis, Upshur and Kanawha and Matt Anderson, senior councilor of Lewis cabin responded with "They're out here playing like gladiators."

Softball

Another sport that will occur during activities time is Softball. There will be two different teams. Like volleyball, the number of players on each team will vary on the number of players per cabin. Each game will be seven innings and the team with the most runs at the end of the seventh wins. If the team who bats first at the end of the seventh is still losing, the game ends there. The difference from regular softball and boys state softball is you only get on pitch here. You either get on base or get out. While observing the softball game yesterday afternoon, I saw some elite defense by Caden Youngblood from Monroe cabin. I asked him if he has played before and he responded with "Yes, my whole life."

Band

The last activity that needs a little spotlight is the band. They may be small at twelve members but they are mighty. Led by Drew Airs, they will be a great addition to Review and Graduation. I asked Thomas Nixon from the Panhandle cabin what's the difference from high school band and boys state band and he said "It's a whole lot faster pace. We sight read four pieces today. That's would take my high school band a week to do."

As a reminder, please make sure you drink plenty of water before, during and after the events this week.
