

March 21, 2025

Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to extend a warm welcome to all of you at the 86th Annual American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. This event is a celebration of your dedication to learning about government and public service. The academy was designed with the goal of fostering a deeper understanding of how our government functions through active involvement. There is no more impactful way to learn than by experiencing it firsthand.

Over the course of this week, you will participate in various sessions that focus on the inner workings of government and the political process, all while stepping into the shoes of public officials. This is a unique chance for you to develop the skills and insights necessary for leadership in the future. I stand with your family and friends in expressing how proud we are of the effort and commitment that has led you to this point.

The knowledge, skills, and experiences you gain this week will be invaluable in shaping your future endeavors. I wish each of you a rewarding and enriching time at Mountaineer Boys State, and I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to grow and learn, so that you may carry these lessons with you for years to come.

Sincerely,

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