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Advice that Speaks a Lifetime

By: Jacob Dominguez Valley Forge

On Monday night, Dr. Joanne Owens– Nausler visited Boys State for the twenty-fifth time to discuss how to be decent individuals, or what she coined as "possibilitarians." At the time of her entrance, the towns unanimously gave her a roaring standing ovation. Many of us were anticipating one of the greatest speakers to talk to us. Many can confirm Dr. Joanne was an outstanding speaker who could have all boys cheering in a matter of seconds.

Dr. Jo presented her ten points to become a possibilitarian. To begin, she discussed how we should be proficient in orchestrating our day. Next, she discussed how individuals can fuel their day to ensure they are prepared for anything. After fueling our day, she discussed the positives of sticking with individuals with similar visions. Additionally, rules five and six discussed the ability for negative energy and other individuals' negative visions to erode another's vision. While rules five and six discussed negative energy, rule seven emphasized the importance of communication.

Furthermore, rule eight implores people to proceed with their visions with passion and purpose. Finally, rules nine and ten were important as the rules preached about enjoying the journey. Dr. Joanne is widely acknowledged as one of the strongest speakers to visit Cornhusker Boys' State. Her advice is so powerful it will stick in the hearts of us much longer than she was speaking.

Party Primaries Play Out
By: Mason Childers, Bunker Hill

We held our primary election campaigns for both the Nationalist and Federalist parties. Each of our party candidates gave entertaining speeches and hosted quick Q&A's. Despite the local and county roles not having the big stage, they had their moments as well. Whether their platform relied on policy or popularity, each candidate had something to say.

Each speaker in the Nationalist Convention was asked difficult questions about how they will deal with inevitable issues throughout their term. Each answer further revealed the potential each candidate had for their respective roles. In the Federalist Convention there were reports of a Trump impersonator with plans to invade Iowa, and promising a candidate named Carson Mau who has been referred to as a "True Leader".

With the deadline of ballot counting coming ever-closer, each candidate finished off their campaigning for the day by visiting each floor and giving a 30 second speech to the towns. Some floors had their own unique spin on the process with a handful allowing for a following Q&A session, and a couple of floors playing music as the speakers entered the room. When all campaigning had come to a close, all ballots were submitted and the results were released after dinner.

Manila Bay Town Report
By: Preston Larson

As we heard whistles blaring and banging on doors, we knew it was yet another day of Boys' State that the residents of Manila Bay would enjoy. We were hyped as ever as it was campaign day! We had submitted every single citizen for a position. Each time we had one of our own campaign on the floor, we screamed our lungs out– especially for our gubernatorial candidates Jeremiah Theork and Clay Brandenburger. We are a brotherhood, and we get hyped for our brothers. After all the state position candidates finished up with their words of persuasion, we got to head back to our floor to hear campaigning on a more personal level at each of the floors. The hype didn't end.

Counselors Think…
By: Jafar Liebers, Manila Bay

We had the opportunity to speak with two Manila Bay counselors Ethan (Sr Counselor) and Caleb (Jr Councilor) about why they came back as counselors, who the best speaker is, and other advice they have. Ethan, along with Caleb, said they came back because of the brotherhood. They both agreed that Dr. JoAnne Owens-Nauslar was the best speaker at Boys State so far. When asked for advice on how to make the most of the week, Caleb said, "Be ready to talk to even more people, and be ok with being uncomfortable." Similarly, Ethan said to have an open mind and soul, with the courage to push yourself out of your boundaries.

Bunker Hill Town Report
By: Jonathan Scheopner, Bunker Hill

Yesterday, as campaigns jolted into action, tensions ran high in the Boys' State town of Bunker Hill. Led by the inimitable Kaleb Kindler, Holden Fershee, and Andrew Moyer, the 3rd floor has been well coached. As each party begins campaigning, it is vital to recall a pillar of leadership; Fershee remarked: "Sometimes leadership is not about being the one in charge, sometimes leadership is supporting others."

Dose of Belleau Wood's Mayor

By: Dahlton Fisher

Brayden Dose's plan for governing the town of Belleau Wood is first and foremost listening to the people. Dose wants every boy in Belleau Wood to succeed, whether that be in athletics, newsletter, or in their campaigning. He comments, "the town coming together and being able to have a discussion, forming a bond of unity and camaraderie takes precedence over the ordinances being passed." on his approach to City Council. Dose desires a town not where one just knows their peers' names, nor where one works for themself, but a town where people understand and support each other. A true community.

Alamo Town Report

By: Lucas Bargen

The Alamo town is all about brotherhood. Like other towns, the Alamo has frequent discussions together, and we all get along. It creates a true sense of community. The Alamo truly shows that a town can also be a brotherhood. Last night the Alamo had a deep and thoughtful discussion about what it means to be a true leader. Almost everyone gave thoughtful feedback. The Alamo is really coming together as a town and, more importantly, a

Federalist Madness

By: Dahlton Fisher, Belleau Wood

The Federalist Party started their day off by debating the party planks. It started with quick, polite conversations about increasing efficiency in the K-12 public education in Nebraska, and expansion of the agricultural sector and tax relief. The next two topics prompted fierce and fiery debate over stricter gun guidelines and the legalization of marijuana. The next two planks were swiftly approved, getting high medical prices under control, and increasing Nebraska's recreation and tourism. Following the approval of the six planks, the state candidates gave their speeches. Speeches varied from bombastic and grandiose, to eloquent and concise.

Gettysburg Town Report

By: Ian Classen-Criscuolo

Yesterday saw Gettysburg hit the campaign trail with candidates filling almost every office ranging from Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State to State Board of Education and County Sheriff. The Getty boys set out with high hopes for

Nationalist Campaign Speeches

By: Elio Nila, Gettysburg

Tuesday was an eventful morning as we kicked off the campaign speeches. As I attended the Nationalist campaigning, I can speak from first-hand experience that it was quite a show. We had many great candidates with a lot to bring to the table and deciding on the best candidate was a difficult task that I'm sure everyone can vouch for. The position first on the agenda this morning was National Lieutenant Governor. Each of these intelligent candidates had amazing ideas and interesting backgrounds. The common strategy for these individuals was to present their qualities, motives, and goals, a strategy that seemed to be effective. With that being said, deciding was difficult and we were all eager to hear the re-

Yorktown Town Report

By: Brodie McConville

The men of Yorktown have been working hard the past few days nominating themselves and others for state elections. The state candidates and their positions from Yorktown worked hard to secure

Flag Raising Tradition

By: Cole Mickells

Every morning, Boys Staters start their day by congregating in the Harper Hall courtyard. At 8am, the attention of the group moves to Staters involved in their own school's color guard, who mark the start of the day by raising the American flag. This is an important tradition at Boys' State, helping remind Staters this week is about understanding and respecting civic duties and responsibilities. Luke Reiter is one of the color guard Staters who commented on the tradition by saying, "When the sun rises, the flag needs to go up because it's a sign of respect." The passion and patriotism at Boys' State runs deep and this tradition is indicative

Valley Forge Town Report

By: Nikolas Kelsey

As yesterday's elections wrap up, the town of Valley Forge anxiously awaits the results. While also anticipating the night's daily story told by counselor Elijah Riley, followed by the tuck in. These are due to the new city ordinances declared by the city council of Valley Forge. They have also laid down punishments for those who decide not to abide by the ordinance. In this case, the punishment if the

Good Eatin'

By: Trevor Hancock

We all got here on Sunday afternoon, with an expectation of the food and of the dining hall. However, none of us knew how the food was actually going to be.

For the majority of time, the lines are quite fast-moving, and offer a range of foods that are the expected quality on a university campus. There are some great foods offered, like the delicious pizza, but it truly depends on who you ask. The dining hall offers a large array of chairs and seating, without spacing others too far apart. As we all know, the best part of the dining hall is the desserts, especially the ice cream cones!

Inspiring a Generation

By: James Padgett

Our speaker on Monday night is an inspiration to all. Joanne Owens has been a staple to the American Legion for 25 years and has made a lasting impact on Cornhusker Boys' State as a whole. Her lessons ranged from moving forward and never giving up, to making someone's day just a little better.

Aside from her 25 years of volunteering her time, she has shown her dedication in other ways as well. For example, in a previous year despite her husband's passing 6 days before she needed to attend a speech for us, she still came to reap the benefits of the Boys Staters' enthusiasm and energy. Another remarkable thing she does is spreading awareness about mental health issues. She stated that if some of us don't feel like we want to be here, "call someone", because all of us "can't call timeout."

One final example of her incredible actions is how she showed the ease with which we can make someone's day better. Joanne had mentioned that she had thanked a garbage man for the job he was doing, rather than the job he had. All of us should be driven to be like Joanne. All of us here at Boys' State should try to power through any tough situation that we are faced with, never give up and ask for help if ever needed, and to try and make everybody's day a little