

History of Keystone Boys State

The essence of a Boys State program is one in which participants learn about leadership by becoming a mock or virtual government. This technique, which we refer to as learn by doing, was the goal of Legionnaires Hayes Kennedy and Harold L. Card wanted to reach when they founded Boys State in Illinois in 1935. Today, just as Legionnaire Kennedy and Card saw over 70 years ago, the youth of America can be easily discouraged by people peddling the truth wrapped up in easy answers which require little work grappling with complex issues and which seek compromise between extremes as a sign of weakness rather than strength. To that end Boys State still fills an important role in the education of emerging political minds.

In 1936 Pennsylvania adopted a similar program here in the Keystone State. Keystone Boys State (KBS) was first conducted at Fort Indiantown Gap where it was held for several years. From Indiantown Gap, the KBS program moved to Penn State University until early 2000 when it moved to the Scotland School for one year before coming to Shippensburg University, its present home.

In the period since 1936, over 20,000 students from High Schools all over Pennsylvania have participated in the program.

YEARLY ATTENDANCE AND GOVERNOR

<u>Year</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Governor's Hometown</u>
1936	387	Carl Savino	Scranton
1937	526	John Fritz	Jamestown
1938	623	Morgan	"
1939	1025	McCoy	"
1940	1000	William Patterson	"
1941	352	James Brown	"
<i>1942 through 1947—No Keystone Boys State—World War II</i>			
1948	199	"	"
1949	700	Robert Friedman	York
1950	600	William Bruce Boyer	Lockhaven
1951	"	"	"
1952	"	"	"
1953	234	William W. Hutchison	"
1954	167	David Reed	Pittsburgh
1955	192	Roy Kenneth Yeager	Pittsburgh
1956	224	Victor Kornrunph	Westmoreland
1957	283	J. P. Kannaman	Tyrone
1958	276	James Palmer	Easton

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1959	283	Kenneth Sube	Somerset
1960	340	Richard Partington	Beaver Falls
1961	340	Lester Nagel	Lititz
1962	380	William Hildebrand	Linglestown
1963	412	Eric Myers	New Cumberland
1964	389	James Harold Neal	"
1965	"	"	"
1966	404	Samuel T. Cooper	Harrisburg
1967	"	"	"
1968	366	William D. McDaniel, Jr.	Lemoyne
1969	410	Ronald McKnelly	New Cumberland
1970	414	Joseph Harmon	Pittsburgh
1971	400	Norman Craig	Bethel Park
1972	394	George Zagorac	Swissvale
1973	376	Raymond Heisey, Jr.	Hershey
1974	397	Ronald G. Rahall	Bellevue
1975	468	Joseph G. Belechak	North Braddock
1976	411	Michael Martin	Philadelphia
1977	361	Michael M. Apfelbaum	Sunbury
1978	372	David Ruffley (Clifford Early)	Edensburg (Pittsburgh)
1979	344	Frederick A. Clarke	Middletown
1980	289	David A. Terosky	Natrona Heights
1981	300	William Rodgers	McClellantown
1982	348	Matthew S. Buckley	Lewisberry
1983	307	James N. Dixon	Portersville
1984	349	Mike Hagg (Kevin Pawlowicz)	Rochester (Butler)
1985	350	Andy Smith	Lancaster
1986	350	Bill Watkins	Pittsburgh
1987	320	Randy Merrill	Berlin
1988	320	Donald Collier	Hanover
1989	300	Eric Mosier	Rices Landing
1990	250	Walter M. Mancing	Beaver Falls
1991	260	Steven Mills	Grove City
1992	185	George Kelly	Butler
1993	211	Sean Smith (Greg Rotz)	Pittsburgh (Waynesboro)
1994	198	Mike Patterson (Scott Daley)	Jonestown (Bethel Park)
1995	198	Nate Homison	Cranberry Twp.
1996	196	Ernest Mancing	Beaver Falls
1997	194	Robert Auppert (Geoff Emigh)	Pottsville
1998	198	Adam Lipton	Pottsville

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1999	135	Derek D. Larthey	Elizabethville
2000	162	Robert J. Fairbanks	Wallingford
2001	165	John K. Irvine	Somerset
2002	173	Christopher C. North	Lewisburg
2003	135	Karl E. Shaginaw	Baden
2004	155	Justin M. Chambers	Freedom
2005	137	Luke Scott	Coopersburg
2006	132	Matthew Robinson	Chalfont
2007	115	Paul Szuhay	Pittsburg
2008	154	Antonio Giori	Freeport