

COSTAS TO ACCEPT LEHR CHAIR

Sports broadcaster Bob Costas will accept the 34th annual George W. Lehr Memorial Speaker's Chair on Tuesday night at Scheidegger Theatre.

Costas has won 29 Emmy awards, more than any sports broadcaster, and he has been named the "National Sports-caster of the year" a record eight times. In 2012, Costas was elected to the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame.

Born in 1952 in New York, Costas attended Syracuse University, where he received a

degree in communications in 1974. While at Syracuse, Costas began his professional career at WSYR-TV, and after graduating, he joined KMOX radio in St. Louis, where he called basketball games for the Missouri Tigers and the Spirit of St. Louis.

Costas then worked at WGN-TV in Chicago, calling play-by-play for Chicago Bulls basketball games. After one season, Costas went to work at NBC Sports, where he would remain for the next four decades.

While at NBC, Costas called

the "Baseball Game of the Week" during the 1980s. During the summer of 2018, Costas received the Ford C. Frick Award and was inducted into the broadcasters' wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Costas covered 12 Olympic Games, starting with the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics. He frontlined many Olympics for



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NBC, the last coming in 2016 at the Rio de Janeiro Summer Games.

In addition to the Olympics, Costas covered the NBA Finals 10 times, the Super Bowl seven times and the World Series seven times.

Costas was also a prominent part of NBC's coverage of other major events, such as the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes, as well as the U.S. Open.

Costas was also a TV personality with HBO Sports, where he hosted "On the Record with Bob

Costas" and co-hosted "Inside the NFL."

In 2000, Costas wrote "Fair Ball: A Fan's Case for Baseball," which spent several weeks on the New York Times bestseller list.

Currently, Costas is a baseball play-by-play announcer for TBS and MLB Network. He has also been a contributor on CNN.

The Lehr Chair was established during 1988 as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Missouri Boys State program. The Chair honors the late George W. Lehr, former Missouri state auditor, who attended MBS in his youth and continued to support the program during his public life. The Chair is designed to bring notable names in public service to each MBS session to interact with participants.

Past Lehr Chair recipients include elected officials, political consultants, journalists and authors such as Karl Rove, David Axelrod, Bob Woodward, James Carville, Robert Gates, Mike Huckabee and Missouri's own Kit Bond, John Ashcroft and Jay Nixon.

Greetings from the American Legion

Come out of this week with better knowledge of democracy

BY ROSE NOONAN
COMMANDER, MISSOURI DEPARTMENT
AMERICAN LEGION

Many honors go with being department commander of the American Legion, and perhaps the greatest of all is to have the pleasure of welcoming 800 outstanding young men from our great state of Missouri to the campus of the Lindenwood University in St. Charles for a full week of training and participating in one of the greatest Americanism programs ever devised by any organization.

The American Legion, an organization of war veterans banded together for "God and Country," takes great pride, nationwide, in its chosen Boys State program.

Like many other programs of the Legion, such as the High School Oratorical Contest, Legion Baseball, Boy Scouts and so on, the Boys State program has a definite purpose, and that is to demonstrate true democracy.

In fact, the slogan of American Legion Boys State is "Democracy Depends on Me."

While you are today an outstanding American youth, I am certain you will stand a little taller, feel more proud to be an American and even take a greater interest in your community after having attended Boys State.

It is my sincere hope you will return to your homes with a better knowledge of democracy, how it works, what it means and certainly with a knowledge of its worth to you and our nation.

I bid you welcome in the name of nearly 27,000 Legionnaires across the state of Missouri, and I sincerely hope your week here will be remembered as the greatest week of your lifetime.

Although Boys State is designed to teach government and politics, I believe you will find the personal interaction with young leaders from around the state to be a very rewarding part of our program.

My goal this week is to make sure your experience at Boys State is one you will always remember.

An incredible journey



Fireworks light the sky during the State Fair at last year's Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State session. The MBS/MGS State Fair will take place Thursday night at Lindenwood University's Hunter Stadium.

Use the week as chance to learn something new

BY LOUISE WELCH
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT,
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OF MISSOURI

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary of Missouri, I want to welcome 700 outstanding young women to the 81st session of ALA Missouri Girls State.

The Girls State program, first presented in 1937, is one of the most respected and coveted experiential learning programs presented in the United States. Auxiliary units in 49 states proudly host ALA Girls State, an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship and love for God and country. The program epitomizes the ALA's mission to honor those who have brought us our freedom through our enduring commitment to develop young women as future leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism.

You have been selected to attend MGS because you demonstrate leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service in your schools and community.

Girls State is a fast-paced, interactive program of campaigning, debating, voting and electing mock local and state leaders. You will be immersed into learning about the political process from dedicated volunteers, making sure the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic and civic objectives are carried out with intense learning along with some fun.

My hope for you this week is you become more knowledgeable of the democratic process and how our republic form of government works at the state and national levels. In addition, I hope you develop leadership skills and confidence, which gives young women a lasting foundation for success, both personally and professionally.

MGS citizens join the ranks of approximately 16,000 young women participating in ALA Girls State programs across the nation this summer. While you may feel overwhelmed upon arrival or at other times this week, know that nearly every participant has felt the same. The beauty of the program is each of these 16,000 Girls State citizens is new to the program and trying her best each day.

Use this as an opportunity to try something new, learn about a new idea or different perspective or venture out of your usual comfort zone. Girls State may help you identify your strengths, expand your knowledge, and connect with a new friend. Remember your leadership is important, and you are here because people in your home community recognize your potential. Please find support in your counselors and fellow citizens as you navigate this new experience.

Ultimately, my goal this week is you become knowledgeable stewards of freedom, democracy, and patriotism. Moreover, I hope the learning, experience, memories and friendships you develop in the next week at MGS last a lifetime.

Finally, I want to extend a special thank you to MGS citizens who donated non-perishable snack items to the Lambert International Airport USO during registration as part of the ALA MGS annual service project. The ALA appreciates your support of our servicemen and servicewomen. I hope you also take time to learn more about the work of the ALA and even join your local unit when you return home at the end of your time here at Lindenwood University.

Have a wonderful week of learning and fun!

Give your all, make the most of this week

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the exciting and historic 83rd session of the American Legion Missouri Boys State — our second session taking place at Lindenwood University. Countless hours have gone into planning a tremendous week alongside our sister program, the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State.

MBS draws together the best and the brightest high school juniors and helps lead them down the path of individual success and leadership through doing, not just learning. Using our democratic system as a basis, MBS equips you to construct your own state, utilizing the core values that hold true in our everyday lives. MBS teaches the need for competition, the value of public office and the strength of the individual voice and vote. By reinforcing these basic American ideals, MBS helps you shape



BRAD LEAR
MISSOURI
BOYS STATE
DIRECTOR

the future.

To fully realize these ideals and make the most of your week in St. Charles, you must be willing to participate, starting now.

MBS moves quickly and demands your participation every day, in every meeting, every class session and every assembly. Jump in and stay involved throughout the week.

If you become involved at the begin-

ning, the rest of the week becomes a series of logical events centered around the organization of two political parties and the elections of officials at the city, county and state levels of government.

Because Boys State will last only one week, I urge you to actively seek any office or opportunity that becomes available to you. To have conducted a campaign, held an office or participated actively in the court system at Boys State will leave a lasting impression on you that can never be gained in any classroom.

You will participate in this very intense week of activities with 800 Missouri Boys State citizens from across the state, plus 700 citizens learning similar lessons at ALA MGS. The opportunity for you to befriend neighbors from across the state will be a lasting part of the experience awaiting you this week.

I hope you will seek out and become better acquainted with your fellow Boys Staters and staff. Your exposure to differing backgrounds and the unique outlook of those participating are an important part of the Boys State experience.

You also have the opportunity to learn from speakers who developed their leadership skills in diverse careers such as the military, government, journalism, business, law and more. Give these speakers your attention and you will surely find lessons you can apply to your life now and in the future.

Like you, I came to Boys State when I was in high school, not knowing what to expect. Certainly for me, it was a week that shaped my lifetime. My goal this week is to make sure you can say the same when you depart in only eight short days.

EDITORIALS

Legionnaires deserve credit

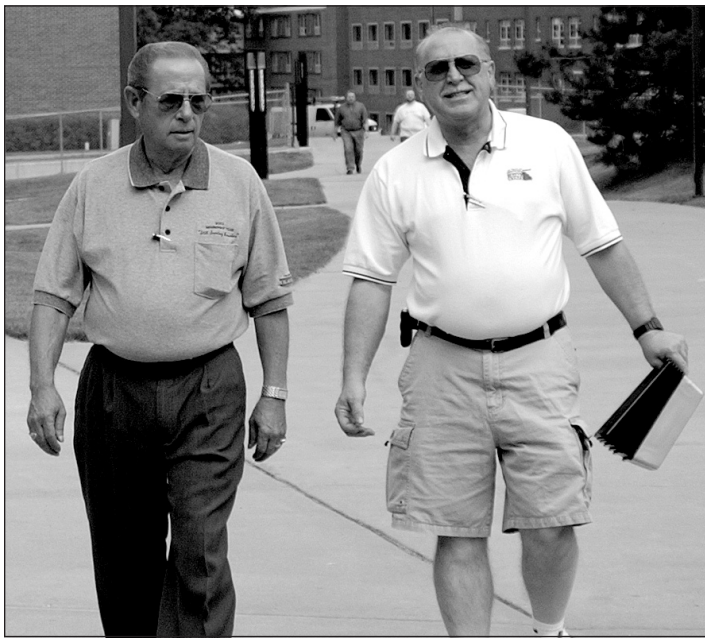
This will be an exciting week. Rallies. Elections. Speakers. It might be easy to get caught up in all the activities and forget who brought us this “Week to Shape a Lifetime.”

The American Legion has spent valuable time and money to make Missouri Boys State a week to remember. Through programs such as this, Legionnaires help rekindle patriotism and leadership; they help inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; they help promote democracy. In short, they help each of us become better Americans.

Though it would be impossible to show our appreciation in a monetary way, there are ways to give thanks. The most obvious way is to talk with one of the Legionnaires who is giving up his or her time this week to be with you. Let him or her know what you think of the program and what its impact on you has been.

Perhaps a better way to show appreciation, however, is to make the most of your time here at Boys State. Get involved in as many activities as possible. Actions are more powerful than words, so join the newspaper or the color guard and show the Legion your appreciation through high spirits and goodwill toward others.

Thank you, Legionnaires, for all you've done.



From the past

One of the most prominent complaints among the concerned youth of today is the general apathy that exists toward them. I am proud to say that we at Missouri Boys State are privileged to have a group of fine, concerned men with a willing desire to help the youth of our nation.

Each of us owes our counselors a hearty thanks for their advice, encouragement, leadership and general presence. In many ways, a counselor is a security blanket; we know we can turn to him when we face an unexpected situation and count on him to help us.

Each of these men has devoted himself to our service. He has left his home and his family to give himself freely for the benefit of the citizens at Missouri Boys State. We know that because of men like him we have gained much which should contribute to ourselves and our nation.

However, it is my hope that in some way the counselors have contributed to themselves as a result of their efforts here. Perhaps we can repay these men by exercising similar concern when we have become a few years older.

MORRIS KEARSE, EDITORIAL & SPECIAL EDITOR
(REPRINTED FROM THE LAST ISSUE OF THE LEADER DURING THE 30TH MBS SESSION, 1969)

Advice from a past citizen

Dear citizens,

Toward the end of my sophomore year in high school, I had received notice I had been selected as a delegate for the upcoming session of Missouri Girls State. I was ecstatic yet terrified, and as the months slowly ticked by I found my anticipation and eagerness to be a part of the event growing ever lastingly.

I will admit I was very skeptical about attending, even though I had already had some time to ponder my options, and as the week crept closer, my anxieties began to overtake my excitement.

I was seriously considering faking an illness or breaking a limb just to have an excuse to stay home. That would have been the worst decision I've ever made.

Ladies, this week will be the best of your life. You will walk in terrified and alone, and leave with dozens of new Snapchat friends and a deep rooted feeling of empowerment and unity.

Every girl here is going through the same internal struggle of identity and is simply looking for a niche to fall into. If you are the girl that is normally on the outside of the conversation, jump in and express your opinions and your ideas.

Nobody here knows your reputation or your past mistakes. Nobody is going to judge you for the clothes you wear or the way you look. Because together we stand as women and that is what makes us powerful.



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A word from our sponsors

Take advantage of this incredible opportunity

To the future leaders of tomorrow,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you on your remarkable achievement in being selected for Missouri Boys State. It is an honor to acknowledge your dedication and commitment to this prestigious program, and I commend you for the hard work and enthusiasm you will demonstrate throughout this experience.

Participating in Boys State is not only a significant accomplishment, but it also holds great value in the eyes of employers and colleges alike. The skills and knowledge you will gain during this program are highly regarded in various academic and professional settings. Your involvement in Boys State demonstrates your leadership potential, critical thinking abilities and commitment to civic engagement, qualities that employers and college admissions officers actively seek.

This unique experience is an incredible opportunity for personal growth and development. As you transition into the real world, I encourage you to carry the lessons and experiences from Boys State with you. The skills you will acquire, such as teamwork, effective communication and problem-solving, will undoubtedly serve as valuable assets in your future endeavors. Embrace the confidence and leadership potential Boys State has instilled in you, and let it guide you toward personal and professional success.

I also want to take a moment to remind you to cherish every moment of your Boys State journey. The friendships you will

form, the challenges you will overcome and the memories you will create will forever hold a special place in your heart. Appreciate the unique camaraderie and the diverse perspectives shared by your fellow participants, as these connections will continue to shape your life long after Boys State concludes.

Finally, I urge you to never stop learning. Embrace a mindset of continuous growth and seek opportunities to expand your knowledge and skills. The world is constantly evolving, and as leaders, it is our responsibility to adapt and stay ahead of the curve. Continue to challenge yourself, explore new horizons and seize every chance to broaden your understanding of the world around you.

Once again, congratulations on your exceptional achievement at Boys State. You have shown great dedication, leadership and potential, and I have no doubt you will continue to make a positive impact in your communities and beyond. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors and I am excited to see the great things you will accomplish.

At Central Bank, we're proud to support Boys State and the possibilities it provides for your future. Enjoy this moment of celebration. May your journey toward personal and professional fulfillment be filled with joy, growth and endless opportunities.

Warmest regards,

MARSHALL ABNEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CENTRAL BANK, WARRENSBURG

It's your chance to play critical role in larger team

Dear students,

Welcome to the Missouri Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State leadership program! Andy's Frozen Custard is delighted and proud to be the first-ever corporate underwriter of this event, supporting the best of the best Missouri high school students and your quest to become the future leaders of America.

My parents started this business in 1986 as a small, single frozen custard stand in Osage Beach. Their goal was simple: To make people happy by serving the best frozen treats with the finest freshest ingredients and to serve each one with a smile. Through the years, Andy's has blossomed into 135 stores in 15 states and we continue to grow. A lot has changed since we began, but one thing never did: Our commitment to family, community, hard work and supporting our employees to become the best they can be while making and serving the “World's Finest Frozen Custard.”

Through our evolution from one store to a multi-unit concept generating \$160 million in sales annually, I have come to realize there are multiple opportunities to apply specialized skills within the framework of just about any organization. As a matter of fact, some of the most successful CEOs of the past 50 years — including

Michael Dell of Dell Technologies, Lloyd Blankfein of Goldman Sachs and Jeff Bezos of Amazon — learned early skills in the hospitality and restaurant industry. Andy's relies on accountants, attorneys, graphic designers, procurement specialists, marketers, multi-unit operators and so much more. Each role is important, and each contributes to our success.

If I had one piece of advice to impart, it would be to approach every job you do with equal levels of importance and commitment. Take pride in every step of the way toward whatever your goal is and understand you are playing a critical role in the overall success of a larger team. Never underestimate the power or value of hard work. And always remember there are meaningful lessons to learn at each stage, so stay open to new ideas and always keep learning.

If you follow these simple guidelines, your path to success will be swift and sure. We are so proud of all you have accomplished so far and know you will continue to do great things.

Enjoy this week and remember, we are always ready with a sweet treat to top off your day with a smile.

ANDY KUNTZ
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD



City counselors serve ... you

The city counselors of the various cities of Boys State are the men who will put in their entire time for the benefit of citizens of Boys State. These men are worthy of your confidence and stand ready to assist you in any and every way.

Do not hesitate to go to them with any problem you may have. They are on the job day and night. They live with you. They sleep with you. They eat with you. Together, with the citizens of Boys State, these city counselors make Boys State what it is. They are on the job to see that each citizen gets everything possible out of the session. When in doubt, take it to the city counselor.

MBS NEWSWIRE

2022 Awards

Citizen of the Week

Kolten Fulks California

1st Alternate:

Tyson Ellison Boonville

2nd Alternate:

Aiden Pickett O'Fallon

Additional Alternates

Maxwell Bass St. Louis

Gerald Lewis Kansas City

Chinonye Omeife Blue Springs

Pranav Palaniappan O'Fallon

Rylan Turks Maryland Heights

Boys Nation Delegates

Hank Word Kansas City

Carter Gleason Ballwin

1st Alternate:

Pranav Palaniappan O'Fallon

2nd Alternate:

Royce Haynes Hillsboro

Harry S Truman

Model City Award

Carnahan City

Jerry L. Litton

Model County Award

Frank County

Athletic Competition

First Place: Kohn City

Second Place: Boone City

Third Place: Gambrel City

Man in the Arena –

Vogel Family Scholarship

Braden Lester Republic

Samsung Legion

Scholarship

Ethan Unruh Bates City

Charlie Mickey Scholarship

Quincy Meyer Gower

Lindenwood Full-Tuition

Scholarship

Royce Haynes Hillsboro

Vogel Family Spirit

of Service Grant

Bryson Chang

Logan Liguore

Miles Marshall

Will Mattock

James Larson

Justin W. Stephan

Public Service Award

Joe Jennings

Outstanding Participation

Scholarships

Athlete of the Week

Joe Kuster Jefferson City

Attorney of the Week

Miguel Madrigal III Independence

Commerce Scholar of the Week

Maxwell Meystrik Moberly

Journalist of the Week

Matt Zilz St. Peters

Local Official of the Week

Joshua Curley Osage Beach

Public Safety Officer of the Week

Brayden Brown Marceline

Outstanding Business

“Snacky Links”

William English

Carter Balsman

Christopher Braggs

Daniel Casey

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2022 Awards

Girls Nation Delegates

Hannah Rice

Marin Chamberlin

1st Alternate:

Gaaya Binoj

2nd Alternate:

Reagan Parker

Lindenwood University

Citizen Scholarship Winner

Emily Worthmore

Outstanding Political Citizen

Hope Smiley

Statewide Elected Officials

Gov. Cecilia Bartin

Lt. Gov. Laila Saint Christopher

Secretary of State Grace Wright

State Auditor Abigail Swink

Attorney General Tochi Ihekona

State Treasurer Mimi Tran

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND FEATURED GUESTS



LT. COL. DAN ROONEY
Saturday, June 24, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Boys State)
 Lt. Col. Dan Rooney is a decorated F-16 Fighter Pilot best known for founding the Folds of Honor, a leading nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships for children and spouses of fallen or disabled military service members and first responders. Since its inception in 2007, Folds of Honor has provided nearly 44,000 scholarships totaling approximately \$200 million. Rooney is also a bestselling author whose titles include "A Patriot's Calling" and "Fly Into the Wind." Rooney served three combat tours in Iraq and is currently stationed at Air Force Recruiting Service Detachment 1, located at Joint Base San Antonio, acting as a U.S. Air Force ambassador.



DENNIS VEGA
Sunday, June 25, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Girls State)
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 Dennis Vega is the chief of staff of the U.S. Agency for International Development. He previously served as the agency's deputy chief of staff and as the president and CEO of America's Promise Alliance, an organization dedicated to creating the conditions for success for all young people. Before joining America's Promise, Vega spent nine years in the federal government serving in senior positions at the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Department of State. Prior to government service, Vega worked for the 2008 Barack Obama presidential campaign, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and as a Missouri state public defender.



DONNA BRAZILE
Sunday, June 25, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Boys State)
 Donna Brazile is a political strategist and senior advisor at Purple Strategies. She is also a New York Times bestselling author, chair of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and an Emmy- and Peabody-award-winning media contributor. Brazile previously served as the interim chair of the Democratic National Committee and of the DNC's Voting Rights Institute. She was the first Black American to serve as the manager of a major party's presidential campaign, running the 2000 Al Gore presidential campaign. Brazile serves as an adjunct professor in the Women and Gender Studies Department at Georgetown University, served as the King Endowed Chair in Public Policy at Howard University and as a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School.

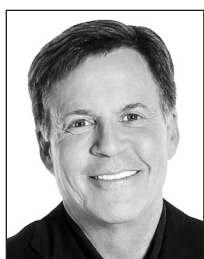


JUDGE SARAH CASTLE
Sunday, June 25, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Girls State)
 Sarah Castle is a circuit court judge of Division I in the 16th Circuit Court in Kansas City. She was appointed to that position by Gov. Mike Parson on Oct. 20, 2020. Prior to that position, Castle served as an associate circuit judge of Division 27, appointed to that position Jan. 29, 2020, by Parson. Before that, Castle served as an assistant prosecutor in the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, a position she held for seven years. Castle was a member of the Team USA women's wheelchair basketball team from 2005-12, winning a gold medal at the 2008 Paralympics. Also a swimmer, Castle earned a silver medal in the 100-meter breaststroke at the 2000 Paralympics. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 2008 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas City in 2012.



U.S. SEN. ERIC SCHMITT
Monday, June 26, 2023
Hyland Arena (Joint Assembly)
 U.S. Sen. Eric Schmitt is Missouri's junior senator, elected to the office in November 2022. Schmitt, a Republican, serves on the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and the Joint Economic Committee. Schmitt was elected as Missouri State Treasurer in 2016 and held that position until January 2019, when he was appointed to

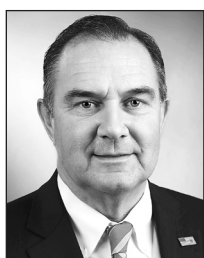
Missouri Attorney General by Gov. Mike Parson, taking over for Josh Hawley, who was elected to Missouri's other U.S. Senate position. Before that, Schmitt served two terms as a state senator for Missouri's 15th District. A graduate of De Smet High School, Schmitt received a bachelor's degree from Truman State University and a Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University.



BOB COSTAS
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Boys State)
 Bob Costas has been a sports broadcaster for more than four decades. A winner of 28 Emmy awards, Costas worked at 12 Olympic Games during his tenure with NBC Sports. He has also been either a play-by-play broadcaster or television host for the NBA Finals 10 times, the World Series seven times and the Super Bowl seven times. Prior to his national success, Costas began his career in 1974 by working for KMOX Radio in St. Louis, then worked for WGN-TV in Chicago. Costas, an eight-time National SportsCaster of the Year, received the Walter Cronkite Award for distinction in journalism in 2012 and the Ford C. Frick award from the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2017. Costas currently works for TBS and MLB Network.



MISSOURI STATE REP. DONNA BARINGER
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Hyland Arena (Missouri Girls State)
 State Rep. Donna Baringer is in her fourth term serving Missouri's 82nd District. Baringer, a Democrat, was first elected to her seat in the House of Representatives in November 2016 and has garnered at least 70 percent of the vote in all four general elections. Prior to holding a statewide office, Baringer served on the St. Louis Board of Aldermen from 2003-17, representing the 16th ward. Before holding public office, Baringer worked as the executive director of Magdalen Community Improvement Corp. Baringer received a bachelor's degree from Maryville University and a master's degree from Lindenwood University.



MISSOURI LT. GOV. MIKE KEHOE
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
Hyland Arena (Missouri Boys State)
 Mike Kehoe was appointed lieutenant governor of Missouri by Gov. Mike Parson in June 2018, after the incumbent, Parson, was sworn in as governor. Kehoe, a Republican, previously served as state senator of Missouri's 6th District, serving Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan and Osage counties since he was first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. As state senator, Kehoe served as the assistant majority floor leader for two years and as the majority floor leader for three years. Before running for state Senate, Kehoe was appointed by former Gov. Matt Blunt to the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, where he served from May 2005 to July 2009. In May 2023, Kehoe announced he was joining the 2024 race for Missouri governor.



SARAH KELLOGG
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Girls State)
 Sarah Kellogg is the Missouri statehouse and politics reporter for St. Louis Public Radio, a position she has held since August 2021. Prior to covering the statehouse, Kellogg worked as a morning host and state politics for 89.1-FM KUAR in Little Rock, Ark., where she covered Arkansas legislative sessions and statewide and city politics from November 2018 to August 2021. Kellogg is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, earning a bachelor's of journalism. She also covered the 2018 Missouri legislative session for 91.3-FM KBIA while working toward a master's degree. While at KBIA, Kellogg hosted "Exam," the radio station's weekly education show. Kellogg started her journalism career as a newsroom intern for St. Louis Public Radio in 2015.

MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE JAY ASHCROFT
Thursday, June 29, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Boys State)
 Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft will visit Missouri Boys State to deliver an address and certify and announce the results of the MBS statewide elec-



tion. Ashcroft, a Republican, was elected Missouri's 40th secretary of state in 2016. Ashcroft earned a bachelor's degree in engineering management from Missouri University of Science and Technology. Ashcroft moved to St. Louis in 2000 and taught engineering technology courses at St. Louis Community College. While teaching, Ashcroft attended the Saint Louis University School of Law and practiced law for eight years in St. Louis County prior to his election as secretary of state. In April 2023, Ashcroft announced he was joining the 2024 race for Missouri governor.



MISSOURI STATE SEN. JOHN RIZZO
Thursday, June 29, 2023
Hyland Arena (Joint Assembly)
 Missouri state Sen. John Rizzo is in his second term serving Missouri's 11th District, which represents Independence, Sugar Creek and northeast Kansas City within Jackson County. He currently serves as the Minority Floor Leader. Rizzo, a Democrat, was elected in 2010 to the Missouri House of Representatives, where he served as the Minority Whip for four years, before being elected to the state Senate in 2016. Prior to state office, Rizzo served as the 11th Ward Committeeman for Jackson County. He is a former member of the Kansas City Planning Commission and is a former board member for the Truman Medical Center. Rizzo graduated from St. Pius X: Kansas City High School and received two bachelor's degrees from Rockhurst University.



MISSOURI STATE SEN. CALEB ROWDEN
Thursday, June 29, 2023
Hyland Arena (Joint Assembly)
 Missouri state Sen. Caleb Rowden is in his second term serving Missouri's 19th District, which represents Boone County. He currently serves as the President Pro Tem. Rowden, a Republican, was elected in 2012 to the Missouri House of Representatives, where he served for two terms before being elected to the state Senate in 2016. Prior to becoming the President Pro Tem, Rowden was the Senate Majority Floor Leader from 2019-22. Rowden also owns Clarius Interactive, a media and marketing company based in Columbia. Prior to holding a statewide office, Rowden also had a full-time ministry career as a Christian singer/songwriter.



HERB KOHN
Friday, June 30, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Boys State)
 Herb Kohn is the founder of Herb Kohn Mediation LLC, which specializes in settling business and commercial disputes. He was previously a senior counsel at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner Law Firm in Kansas City. Kohn attended Missouri Boys State in 1955 and was elected lieutenant governor during that session. He joined the MBS staff and became director and dean of counselors. Kohn is a lifetime member of the Executive Committee of the MBS Board of Directors and was inducted into the MBS Hall of Fame in 1988. Kohn was instrumental in the creation of the A.B. Weyer Memorial Trust (now the Missouri Boys State Memorial Trust). Kohn and his family escaped from Nazi Germany when he was a boy, then emigrated to the United States.



JUDGE ROBIN RANSOM
Friday, June 30, 2023
Scheidegger Theatre (Missouri Girls State)
 Judge Robin Ransom was appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court in May 2021. She was retained by voters in the November 2022 general election for a 12-year term ending December 2034. Prior to the Supreme Court, Ransom was a judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District from 2019-21 and was a circuit judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit in St. Louis from 2009-19. Ransom began her legal career as a public defender in St. Louis County in 1992. She started working as a prosecutor in St. Louis County in 1995 and was appointed as a juvenile family court commissioner in St. Louis in 2002. A graduate of Rosati-Kain High School, Ransom received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri School of Law.

Schools of instruction a highlight of MBS, MGS programs

All citizens will participate in specialized courses of instruction during their week at Missouri Boys State and Missouri Girls State. They may choose to attend one of the following schools of instruction: Campaigning and Political Operations, Commerce, Education, International Affairs, Journalism and Media, Law, Law Enforcement, Legislative and Executive Policy and Local Government and Policy. The staff for each school of instruction is comprised of real-life professionals and experts in their respective fields. As the week progresses, citizens use this specialized instruction to design, enact and evaluate their own municipal, county and state government operation. Citizens also have the opportunity to earn college credit from Lindenwood University for their studies after successfully participating in the program and passing an examination Friday afternoon.

CAMPAIGNING AND POLITICAL OPERATIONS

The Campaigning and Political Operations School teaches campaigning strategies, how to use the media as a persuasive tool, how to deliver interesting and convincing speeches and how to create positive perceptions in the general public. This school is also responsible for analyzing the annual Public Opinion Poll, which identifies the issues important to citizens. The school is designed for political party leaders, candidates seeking statewide office, campaign managers, political consultants and anyone else interested in learning more about how to successfully navigate the political process.

COMMERCE

The Commerce School serves as the main economic engine at MBS and MGS. Citizens learn the basic characteristics and operations of an interdependent economy, how businesses function within the economy and how the intersection of private and governmental interests impacts the economy and those operating within it. Members of the Chamber of Commerce — citizens who are required to attend this school — work with other governmental entities and agencies across MBS and MGS to create and sustain the conditions needed for a robust economy that serves both public and private interests.

EDUCATION

The Education School is for citizens interested in education and educational policy and examines the

activities of teachers, administrators, school boards, legislators and others with direct and indirect interests in our educational systems. The school is taught by education professionals, such as current teachers and administrators, and is particularly well-suited for citizens interested in becoming educators at the elementary, secondary and postsecondary levels in the future. Key issues discussed include the fundamentals of education and the structure and role of educational systems in today's world.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The International Affairs School centers on foreign affairs, including diplomacy and global politics. With emphasis on United States foreign policy and our increasingly globalized world, citizens who attend this school learn from professionals working in an array of areas, such as trade associations, federal and state governmental entities and private organizations. Key issues discussed include the United States' role on the global stage and the current and future status of entities like the United Nations and the World Trade Organization.

JOURNALISM AND MEDIA

The Journalism and Media School serves as the main media apparatus at MBS and MGS. Citizens discuss newsgathering and news writing, the role of the media in politics, journalism ethics and evaluating news and bias. Citizens will get to utilize three different media: newspaper, podcast and TV, where they get hands-on training by professionals in each field by creating daily newspapers, podcasts and TV broadcasts in authentic studios.

LAW

The Law School is designed like a college-level law school, teaching basic trial procedure, criminal law, legal pleadings and civil actions. Any aspiring lawyer or judge must attend this school, and citizens are required to pass the Bar Exam in order to practice law, just like in the real world. The citizens who attend this school eventually run the court system, which consists of municipal and county courts along with the Supreme Court.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Law Enforcement School gives citizens a look at the day-to-day activities of public safety



professionals, such as the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The school is taught by members of the Patrol, which has had a longtime affiliation with MBS and MGS. Topics will include aspects of crime prevention and investigation, the responsibilities of a law enforcement official and providing for the public's safety. Citizens will be trained in procedures to protect civil liberties during arrest and trial, which they will apply when elected or appointed to law enforcement positions. They will be updated on the latest methods of work used by various public safety agencies around Missouri and the U.S.

LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE POLICY

The Legislative and Executive Policy School is for citizens elected to the MBS and MGS House of Representatives and Senate, appointed to state-level positions by the governor, those interested in lobbying or those who want to learn how the legislative system works. All members of the House

of Representatives and the Senate, along with most state-level appointed officials, are required to attend this school. Citizens learn the processes needed to draft and pass bills and resolutions, including parliamentary procedure, and how to work between branches of government to identify and address policy priorities.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICY

The Local Government and Policy School focuses on how democracy and citizenship work at the municipal level with particular emphasis on city and county government. Topics discussed include the role of municipal government in the daily lives of the general public, especially in Missouri, and how municipal government officials can run effective cities and counties at MBS and MGS. Citizens elected or appointed to city and county positions, such as mayor or city clerk, benefit greatly from attending this school, which also helps city officials best position their city to win the coveted Harry S Truman Model City Award.

Coming together as one state



Citizens of Missouri Boys State and Missouri Girls State listen to former U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill during a joint assembly in last year's session at Hyland Arena. There will be two joint assemblies next week featuring guest speakers: U.S. Sen. Eric Schmitt on Monday and Missouri state Sens. John Rizzo and Caleb Rowden on Thursday.

Dean of counselors offers challenges for 2023 MBS session

As you begin your week's stay during the 83rd session of Missouri Boys State, you will find your first — and in my opinion, your most important — contact will be with your City Counselor and your Assistant City Counselors.

These counselors, all of whom previously attended MBS, will be available to you at all times. They are ready, willing and able to guide you and help you in every way. Whether you need help finding where to file to run for office or advice on being away from loved ones for a week, our counseling staff is your greatest resource.

Although they will not conduct a campaign for you or help you gain an advantage against an opponent, they certainly will counsel and advise you in every way possible. The sole responsibility of the counselors is to do everything in their power to ensure you, the citizens, are exposed to every facet of Boys State, and thus are able to participate in each and



NICK EBERT
MISSOURI BOYS STATE
DEAN OF COUNSELORS

every activity to the fullest extent. I believe you will find they are extremely well qualified to fulfill their roles.

I would also ask you remember you are but one of many citizens under the supervision of your City Counselor and Assistant City Counselors, and it therefore would be unfair to ask them to spend a disproportionate amount of time with any one citizen, either for purposes of achievement or discipline.

By the week's end, I am certain you will have genuine and high regard for these men who helped facilitate your experience this week.

You are also your greatest resource this week. During the week you are here, your efforts should be devoted entirely to the betterment of MBS. Think creatively about how you will serve your MBS city, county and state. It is your responsibility, as stated in your oath, that you will be faithful in your discharge of duty in the citizenship you have assumed this week.

Through the experience you have here as a citizen, you will learn the responsibilities of the citizen, not only in MBS, but also within any state in the Union. The lessons you learn, both about civil government and your own leadership, will apply long after you leave St. Charles.

I hope you will find the experience you bring to MBS will serve you while you are here and help you connect with your fellow citizens. Similarly, I hope the lessons and practical experience you gain this week will shape the person you become in your final year of high school and into adulthood, which brings much responsibility.

Governors extend welcome to citizens

Don't rest on your laurels, constantly strive to do your best this week



COOPER BARRON
MISSOURI BOYS STATE
GOVERNOR

As Missouri Boys State governor, I extend to each of you a sincere welcome. You are privileged to be part of this unique citizenship training program.

You were selected to attend the 83rd MBS session because you are leaders in your school and in your community.

Like you, I came to MBS when I was in high school, with little idea of what to expect.

Certainly for me, it was a week that shaped my lifetime.

Now let me offer some words of advice: Don't rest on your laurels. Only by constantly striving for the top can you go home knowing you contributed fully to the 2023 MBS session.

If you win every election this week, it won't be hard to leave St. Charles with a positive attitude about what you accomplished here. But that probably will not happen. If you are as active as you should be, you will not win every election.

And if you lose an election early on? Well, you can take one of two attitudes. You can

do nothing except sit back and criticize, or you can set new goals and work to attain them.

It is a difficult lesson to learn, especially when you have campaigned hard and still do not come out on top. But success is not always measured by winning or losing.

Those who have a successful week will be those who set realistic goals for themselves, and do everything they can to attain them. They will meet challenges enthusiastically and with a new spirit.

And in the face of defeat, they will realize the contributions they have made and be proud of themselves. Success is failure turned inside out. It is the mark of people such as John Glenn, the Wright brothers and Abraham Lincoln.

Though these people all suffered setbacks and defeats at some point during their lives, who could call them failures?

I wish you the best of luck in the week ahead, and let us strive together to make this the best MBS session ever.

Step out of your shell and seize the opportunities in front of you



CECILIA BARTIN
ALA MISSOURI
GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR

As your governor for the 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State session, let me first congratulate and welcome you to the best week of your life.

This week will be one filled with wonderful memories as long as you are willing to step out of your shell and seize the opportunities in front of you.

The best piece of advice I can give you is to not let any early

"defeats" keep you from trying again. Maybe you weren't voted mayor of your city because you were meant to win a seat in the House of Representatives, or maybe you're destined to be governor. You are the one who will set the pace for your week.

I hope you have the best week as I did in my citizen year and I can't wait to see you all thrive in this environment.

Welcome to the Best State in the Land!

Political parties shaped by those willing to seize the opportunity

Although you just arrived at Missouri Boys State, imagine next Saturday. You are nearing the end of MBS, a week that has undoubtedly shaped your lifetime. You have elected city councilmen, mayors, county commissioners, state legislators and even the governor of MBS. It sounds incredible that in one week you have built an entirely functional 51st state.

In order to get there, however, you first have to create a successful political party. Soon you will learn about the political process and campaigning at MBS, and now is the time to get involved.

Generally, political parties are organizations that bring together like-minded people to form platforms detailing the party's stances on key issues. Voters will often make decisions based on these platforms, including when they are voting candidates into office and deciding which parties to support financially.

What is unique about MBS is your political party assignment is random and not based on any real-life political affiliations. Your party can be representative of the majority and you will learn to compromise in order to protect everyone's interests, not

just those of a few. Your political party can be as big as you want. It can define a stance on several issues or choose a specific few.

The issues you discuss as part of the political conversation this week will begin at the local level. As former U.S. Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill said, "all politics is local," so in your city wards you will begin defining what issues are important and what policies need to be put in place to allow your fellow citizens to have a better week.

All of this will culminate in a state party platform, which your candidates for office will

use to share their vision for how the next crop of citizens will be welcomed to an even better program.

Next Saturday, do not think back to today wishing you had rolled up your sleeves and taken an active role in choosing the important issues and the citizens who will fight to make them part of the conversation. Whether it is raising money for your party, drafting speeches to share its message, running a campaign or seeking public office, there is a role waiting for you in the political process at MBS.



Journalism, media are key to informed democracy

My name is Miss Calli and I am the Journalism Coordinator for the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State.

I found my love for empowering and leading young women when I was an MGS citizen in 2009. This is my 10th year on staff. Miss Cecilia, the Journalism Assistant Counselor, will also be supporting MGS citizen journalists, along with dozens of other staff members in the Journalism and Media School.

MGS and Missouri Boys State citizens enrolled in the Journalism and Media School have the opportunity to learn about newswriting and newsgathering from professional newspaper and television journalists. Our citizens will also learn about the important role of media in a democracy and practice evaluat-

ing news sources.

This week, MGS journalists will report news from Missouri Girls State and give readers a glimpse into our program. Articles will include breaking news topics, election results, human interest stories, explanations of MGS structures and editorials.

Additionally, MGS journalists write about and ask questions of candidates for elected office to ensure MGS citizens are knowledgeable, informed voters. Any citizen interested in participating in the newspaper, television or radio broadcasts should enroll in this school.

Although MGS is very focused on teaching the importance of democracy, civic engagement and leadership, no democracy is complete without a free press, too!

HELP WANTED

POSITIONS IN MEDIA MANAGEMENT MUST BE FILLED!



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Citizens interested in applying for one of the top management positions with the MBS & MGS Leader newspaper, the TV Broadcast or the Podcast should ask their city counselor for a Media Management Application.

Applications must be completed and returned to your city counselor BEFORE breakfast Sunday.

Finalists will be interviewed by the staff of the Journalism and Media School. Only the top three positions on the newspaper, podcast and television station are being filled prior to the first session of the Journalism and Media School. Anyone attending the school will automatically participate in these media areas.