

From: Ed Colinsky]

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Subject: Class of 2013 Report to everyone in Texas who has the word "Commander" in their job title

The class of 2013 was a great success. There were 936 Delegates which is one of the largest classes the Boys State program has had for several years. The class of 2012 had 808 Delegates. The 70 members of the staff unanimously agreed this year's class had the most enthusiasm they had ever seen. Efforts by the Posts to find and authorize an appointment to the 2013 class for their Delegates were absolutely outstanding. The class was told that they were considered to be a Delegate because they represented the high school that nominated them and the American Legion Post who sponsored their appointment to this year's class.

The welcome meeting in the University's auditorium included the following questions to the class: Are you in the first or second quartile of your class, have you been elected to a leadership position at your high school and have you participated in a community project. Almost every Delegate raised their hand for each of the questions. The Department's Chaplain, Harvey Klee offered a prayer at the at the welcome meeting and the closing ceremony in the House of Representatives chamber. Governor Rick Perry, who was a Boys State Delegate when he was a high school student, was the guest speaker. When offered a Boys State T-shirt, he removed his coat and wore it before he began his speech. The Delegates and their parents who used every chair in the gallery were ecstatic.

This year's class had no drop outs and received the attached Certificate of Achievement which has been designed to enhance the probability of selection by admissions officers at the colleges, universities or academies chosen by the Delegates.

Respectfully,

Ed Colinsky

Texas Boys State Chairman



**This Texas Boys State certificate is
awarded
to**

Justin Russell

This certificate recognizes his High School nomination and sponsorship by his American Legion Post based on exceptional scholarship, athletic and leadership accomplishments. This certificate also acknowledges outstanding contributions to his team and demonstration of his citizenship obligations as set forth in the United States Constitution as a Delegate during the Texas Boys State program.

Presented at Austin, Texas this 14th Day of June, 2013

Attested:

William West

William West, State Adjutant

Daniel Corbin

Daniel Corbin, State Commander