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Staters react to Boys State and Opening Ceremony

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The 2015 session of Kansas Boys State has begun! Through the midst of construction, slowing things down and making a few nervous, day one has come to a favorable close.

As Staters arrived on the campus of Kansas State University, Sunday brought beautiful weather and clear skies for the Opening Ceremonies.

Thane Chastain, member of the Boys Legion Staff since 1977 says, “Weather plays an important role in how the Staters respond to the Opening Ceremonies and Orientations.”

Day one can easily be overwhelming for a new stater because of the mass amount of information that was distributed. Keynote speaker and professor at KSU, Bernard Franklin, helped to ease the staters minds with his inspirational speech. “I really enjoyed Bernard Franklin.”

Travinn Oliver of Seitz County said, “I especially enjoyed when he spoke about his past experiences.” Franklin told Staters about the week that he spent with Martin Luther King Jr.’s wife and daughter. Garrett Swisher of Kennedy County said, “So far, Boys State has been eye opening.”

It’s been a coalition of lots of people with different backgrounds. Whether coming from a small city or big city we are united as one.”

When asked about thoughts on Franklin’s speech he said “When Franklin said it doesn’t matter where you come from, it really caught my attention and made me think in depth about what that really means.

Overall the Staters received a positive message from Franklin’s keynote speech.

Boys State runs on strict time-oriented schedule.



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Staters during opening ceremony

Sunday was a day for the Staters to adjust to this strict time schedule.

Through the organized chaos some Staters felt as if they were not given enough time within certain areas. Specifically the dining times assigned to each county.

Lucas Liu of King County said “The time we were given for dinner was less than ideal.” but it all worked out at the end of the day.

Staters learned that without a strict and orderly schedule everything would fall apart.

Sunday night, a time of reflection was held within each county.

The session was held for Staters to unwind after a long first day. The first day of Kansas Boys State was a total success!

A candidate debate will be held Tuesday, June 02, 2015, before the general election. If you have questions for the candidates, please get them to the Media Office located in the basement of Marlatt Hall (Room 20) by 5 p.m., Monday, June 1. You can tweet us your questions as well at @KSBSMedia or via email at ksbsmedia@gmail.com.

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More Munch or Time Crunch

By Jack Kapple and Aaron Simpson
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Day one at Boys’ State is critical for establishing relationships and connections among delegates. Upon our arrival, however, there seemed to be no reservation for such formalities. Everything was quite rushed. Between registration, housing, and orientation, there was very little time to be had for formal introductions. As new and apprehensive Staters, we were quite dependent on supper time to fill our void of ambiguity and isolation; for no one can deny that one of the best ways of bringing unity to strangers is through the dinner table. Through the research we conducted, we found that many of our fellow Staters seemed to agree with us. “It’s unfortunate that it happened on the first day,” said Spencer Rogers of Mac Arthur County. Without proper time to adjust and forge networks, even a simulated community will crumble upon a weak foundation. “It’s critical,” said Dylan Brown of Mac Arthur County. As we press forward into “a Week that Will Change



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A counselor checks his watch for the time
Our Lives”, we can only hope that this atmosphere of urgency and discord will dissipate, and future activities will supplement this initial disarray with unbroken unity.

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supports
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**of Seitz County for
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