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KBS HITS INDIANAPOLIS

During the last weekend of September, Kentucky Boys State volunteers led by Dr. Peter Trzop traveled to Indianapolis for the 2018 National Combined Americanism Conference. The volunteers were Jon Beach, Jeremy Dodson, Joe Flynn, Marty Goley, Stevie Ray, and Doug Stratton.

Chairman Richard Anderson of Connecticut delivered the welcome address and program updates. Following this were presentations delivered by different states on various topics where other groups could take away ideas to incorporate into their programs.

Throughout the conference, various ideas were shared and exchanged between the programs. Kentucky Boys State was successful in the fact that they did their presentation on awards and recognitions given to the students and staff upon conclusion of the camp. Other program leaders thought the awards were a successful idea and many attendees took pictures of the awards and asked Trzop how he incorporated the awards and what the main goals behind the initiative are.

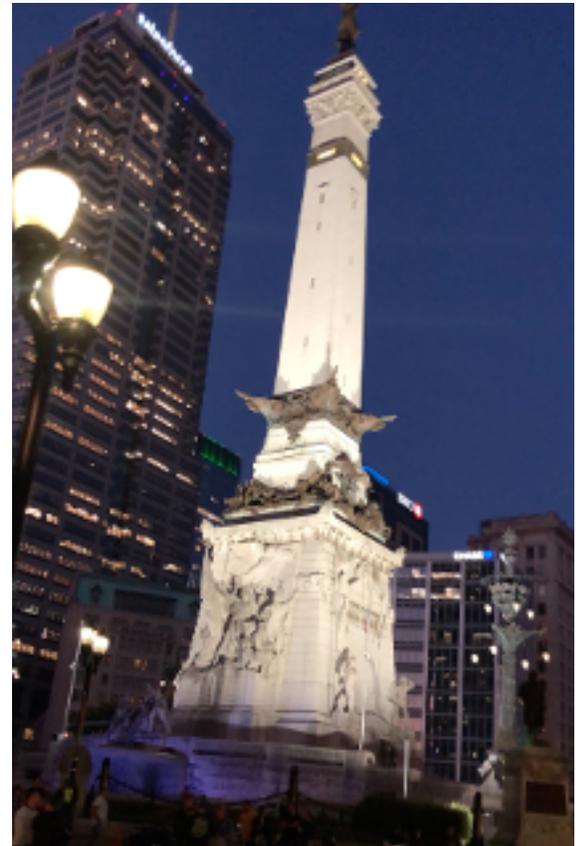
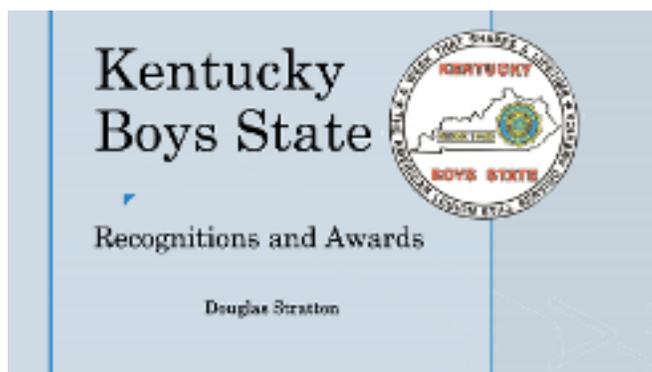


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KBS GIVES PRESENTATION

Kentucky Boys State alumnus Doug Stratton had the privilege to give a presentation to all attendees of the conference in regard to the organization's use of awards and recognitions. Stratton discussed what recognitions and awards KBS gives out, the reasons for the awards, and the types of awards given out. Later in the presentation, the tangible impact of the awards as well as why these awards matter was discussed.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Peter Trzop, Jeremy Dodson, Douglas Stratton, Stevie Ray, Jon Beach, Joe Flynn, Marty Goley

At the end of the presentation, Stratton described a key individual who has been active. The individual is a political advisor, scheduler of the Frankfort trip, and financial donor. This key individual was able to get guest speakers from state and local governments to come to the camp and give a presentation to the students.

Stevie Ray was part of the team that set up the first year where the Guantanamo Bay High

School juniors were able to attend the camp. Ray has done so much for this organization and is deserving of this award.

Ray received the Bourbon Barrel head with the KBS logo and his name.

Ray was thankful for the recognition. In his acceptance speech, he said he felt honored because everyone in attendance was there for the children. Ray said, "We give to these kids because that is what we need to do."

Ray said that he was rather because this program is so important to not only him, but also his family; especially his father.

He had made a promise to his father that he would be involved with this program. This presentation lasted 30 minutes.



Jeremy Dodson (left) and Marty Goley (right)



Stevie Ray (left) and Jon Beach (right)



Stevie Ray (left) and Douglas Stratton (right)



Dr. Pete Trzop (left) and Joe Flynn (right)

Photos by Dr. Pete Trzop

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Kentucky Boys State has implemented a new committee where committee members will proceed to update the KBS website to modernize, and make the website easier to navigate. This would consist of changing the complete layout of the website and the addition of new features.

Some of the new features would consist of a payment button where students and their parents may

pay their tuition, a newsletter registration feature, and an online store where students and alumni may purchase various items.

The committee is led by Chris Gootee with members Fletcher Boarman and Jeremy Dodson. The committee hopes to have the major changes updated by June 2019.

LOOKING FORWARD...



Looking forward after this conference, Kentucky Boys State has gained new ideas and has shared ideas with other groups. This allows programs across the nation to increase their activity in their prospective regions as well as their success-ability.

Kentucky Boys State has always been pro knowledge exchange and we plan to continue this practice.

No one knows exactly where this program will go in the future as there is no telling. Organization leaders hope to improve this program each and every day through fundraising, recruiting, and other opportunities.