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ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ELECTED BOYS NATION PRESIDENT
Matthew Ellow to lead The America Legion Program’s Class of 2014

Montgomery, Ala. – Matthew Ellow, a student at Brewer High School in the Morgan County School System, has been elected President of the Boys Nation Class of 2014.

Sponsored by The American Legion, Boys Nation includes a week of government training, lectures, forums and visits to federal agencies, national shrines, institutions, memorials and historical sites in Washington, D.C. Two representatives from each of the 49 Boys States represent their state at Boys Nation.

Ellow told The American Legion digital magazine he felt “surprised” by the outcome of the election because he didn’t believe he was going to win. He noted it is humbling, “knowing that 97of the brightest, most brilliant, most creative, overwhelmingly intelligent minds in the United States vested in me their confidence, to lead them to a better America.”

In the months ahead, Ellow plans to encourage students at Brewer High School and across Alabama to consider attending Boys State and Boys Nation and to get involved in other America Legion programs.

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“It’s a great civic and patriotic training program that I believe all youth need to be involved in – all of them,” Ellow said.

At Boys Nation, each delegate acts as a senator from his Boys State. The young lawmakers caucus at the beginning of the session, then organize into committees and conduct hearings on bills submitted by program delegates.

Senators learn the proper method of handling bills, according to U.S. Senate rules. Participation in the political process is emphasized throughout the week, including organization of party conventions and nominating and electing a president and vice president.

Click here to read more about this year’s elections and to see photos and video of Matthew Ellow being inaugurated as President of the Boys Nation Class of 2014.

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