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Dear American Legion Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations and welcome to American Legion Boys State! American Legion Boys State is among the most highly respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. I am confident that you will not be disappointed with your decision to participate in this outstanding citizenship education experience. It will influence life decisions in ways that you may not fully realize until years later.

As one of thousands of young men from throughout the nation selected to participate in American Legion Boys State each year, you will experience government in a practical sense. American Legion Boys State is a leadership action program; one that teaches government and its structure. It proves that government is just what you make it. You will find Boys State to be challenging and sometimes demanding, however, I'm certain you will undoubtedly also find it enjoyable and educational.

If this government ".... of the people, by the people, and for the people" is to remain strong, it requires the involvement of its citizens. The onus of preparing for that responsibility now rests squarely upon your shoulders and those of future generations. Since 1935, American Legion Boys State has been prominent in producing young men who, just like you, stepped up to become ready for accepting that responsibility. It is possible that a future mayor, governor, congressman, or even president, may be among those in your class of American Legion Boys State citizens. I make this statement because this program has historically been the springboard for many careers in local, state and federal public service. Regardless of the future career path you follow – politics, education, business, medicine, information technology or so forth - you will develop lasting bonds of friendship with fellow Boys State citizens that will extend well after the formal program has ended.

I wish to again extend my best wishes for an interest-provoking, exciting and very fulfilling 2023 American Legion Boys State experience.

VINCENT J. TROIOLA National Commander





June 21, 2023

#### Dear Commander,

As we return from a 3-year hiatus in conducting an on-site Evergreen Boys State program, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to you and your Post for your participation in recruiting and sponsoring young men to attend Evergreen Boys State. This year's Evergreen Boys State class – although small – is truly inspiring! What an enthusiastic and engaged group we have here at Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center!

As you know, our stated objectives of Evergreen Boys State are:

- To develop civic leadership and pride in young American citizens;
- To arouse a keen interest in the detailed study of our government;
- To foster a better understanding of American traditions and belief in the United States of America; and,
- To stimulate in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government.

We want you, and your Post's members, to be able to experience the energy that the Evergreen Boys State staff experiences each year with these young people. Next year, we invite you to come visit us for at least a few hours and see what these young men are doing. Experience their energy and passion for getting involved in the political process! When you see these young men at Evergreen Boys State in action, you are going to see that our country will be in good hands in the future.

Your Post's caring commitment is critical to our continuation of the program. We truly appreciate your dedication and hope you recognize, as we do, the valuable role you play in building brighter futures for America's next generation. We are looking forward to an exciting new future with your assistance. Thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully,

Tony Moréa/ Chairman

Evergreen Boys State, Inc.

Rvan Johnston.

**Program Director** 

The American Legion Department of Washington





June 23, 2023

Dear American Legion,

On behalf of the entire Evergreen Boys State community, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and sponsorship. Your generous contributions have made it possible for us to experience an extraordinary week of learning, growth, and camaraderie. Evergreen Boys State has been an invaluable opportunity for us to immerse ourselves in the principles of democracy, leadership, and civic engagement, and it wouldn't have been possible without your belief in our potential. The boys here aren't friends; we are brothers.

The experience of Boys State will leave an indelible mark on our lives, and we are deeply grateful to the American Legion for investing in our futures.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the American Legion for their unwavering support of Evergreen Boys State. Your dedication to believing young individuals like us is incredible, and we pledge to carry the lessons and values we have learned into our future endeavors as responsible citizens. Your belief in our potential has given us the confidence to make a difference in our communities and strive for excellence in all that we do. Thank you for this incredible opportunity, which will forever shape our lives

Sincerely,

Ryan Chen Governor Cohen Thomas, Secretary of State

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# 2023 Participating American Legion Posts

The following Posts have dedicated themselves to the principals of Americanism, to the future leadership of the Community, State and Nation by Nominating, Selecting and Sponsoring Citizens to the Evergreen Boys State Program.

1	53	144
7	54	161
9	64	164
14	67	168
25	78	172
27	97	178
28	118	181
30	122	241
36	127	243
44	129	



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# **Evergreen Boys State**Hall of Fame

This page is dedicated to past members of The American Legion Department of Washington Evergreen Boys State program, who as staff or American Legion members have dedicated themselves far beyond the call of duty, since the program's inception in 1940.

Fred M. Fuecher\*, Past Evergreen Boys State Director

W. H. Bill Dunn\*, Past Evergreen Boys State Director

Bruce McAlister\*, Past Evergreen Boys State Director

Leonard Beil\*, Evergreen Boys State Staff, member of the 1940 Evergreen Boys State Alumni

Barney Rapp\*, Evergreen Boys State Staff

Andy Adams\*, Past President of Evergreen Boys State

Randy Roberts, Evergreen Boys State Staff

Fred Bendix, Evergreen Boys State Staff

C. G. Roberts\*, Past Evergreen Boys State Director

Mark Gwaltney, Evergreen Boys State Staff

Frank Buzzell\*, Past Post Chairman

Harry Easley\*, Past President of Evergreen Boys State, Evergreen Boys State Staff

Rep. Al O'Brien, Washington State Representative, Evergreen Boys State Staff

Marc O'Connor\*, Evergreen Boys State Senior Staff, Past District Chairman

Carl Wipperman\*, Post Chairman

Robert Trethewey, Evergreen Boys State Senior Staff, District Chairman

Larry Sperry, Past Evergreen Boys State Director and Chairman

\*deceased



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# 2023 Evergreen Boys State **On-Site Staff**

#### Administrative Staff



Director: Ryan Johnston (9 Years)



Asst. Director: **Bud Sperry** (25 Years)



Asst. Director: (6 Years)



Chairman of the EBS Board, Tony Morea



Admin Officer: Carol Reed (9 Years)



Admin Officer: Jesse Angle (22Years)



Asst. Admin Officer, Asst. Admin Officer, Jan Sperry (6 Years)



Jasmine Seaman (1 Year)

#### **Instructional Staff**



Kasimir Angle





Grant Seaman (20 Years)



Brandon Moreno (6 Years)



Drew Pierson (21 Years)



Jonah Meisberger (1 Year)



Ron King (24 Years)



Barb Hoerr (1 Years)



Tony Massa (2 Year)



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# The Great City of Maple





Mayor: Camden Singer (Kingston H.S.)

City Council Jaxon Baergen, Sriram Iyer, Oliver Williams

Election Board

Adams: Camden Singer

Rainier: Sriram Iyer

**Row 3.** Beau Bennett, Ulrich Poehlmann, Camden Singer, Nadir Elyaddasse, Theron Hull-Walton, Trajan Jensen, Brendan Rich, Evan Teague

**Row 2.** Tristan Givens, Brendan Dougherty, Landon Dysart, Parker Zaemann, Vedant Srinivas, Andrew Norton, Cody Womack, Nick Gomez, Adhith Srikanth

**Row 1.** Drew Pierson, Ron King, Mason Sullivan, Owen Minami, Jeffrey Zhu, Jack Culligan, Sriram Iyer, Jaxon Baergen, Caeden Djourabchi, Oliver Williams, Barb Hoerr, Jonah Meisberger

Instructional Staff: Ron King, Drew Pierson, Barb Hoerr, Jonah Meisberger

Maple's City Flag

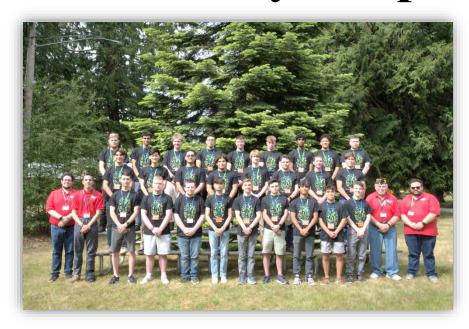




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# The Great City of Spruce





Mayor: Varun Senthil (Eastlake H.S.)

City Council Marco Saavedra, Sam Stiles, Sawyer Shelton

Election Board

Adams: Cohen Thomas

Rainier: Joseph DiPrima

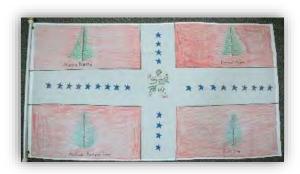
**Row 3.** Aidan Reagan, Ajay Sheena, Nathan Hinkle, Marco Saavedra, Caden Guy, Dane Padgett, Varun Senthil, Francisco Loveheart, Cristian Garland

**Row 2.** Natan Atherton-Schacht, Ryan Chen, Zachary Morris, Jack Curry, Sam Stiles, Ryan Brown, Wyatt Freiss, Sawyer Shelton

**Row 1.** Brandon Moreno, Kasimir Angle, Jameson O'Hara, Zack Nielsen, Fred Davis, Alexander Garcia, Logan Sellers, Anthony Swedyk, Anthony Zavala, Cohen Thomas, Joseph DiPrima, Mike Montaney, Grant Seaman

**Instructional Staff:** Grant Seaman, Mike Montaney, Brandon Moreno, Kasimir Angle

Spruce's City Flag





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# The Adams Party

### **Party Officials**

Chairman:

Anthony Zavala

Vice Chairman:

Jack Culligan

**Secretary:** 

Parker Zaemann

**Platform Chairman:** 

Sam Stiles

## **2023 Party Platform**

We Love Double D's (Democracy and Diversity)

Free Market Economics / Promote Global
Trade

**No Affirmative Action** 

**Pro 2nd Amendment (RAHHHHH)** 

**One Minute Plank Punishments** 

**Strong Military** 

**Fix Our School Lunches** 

Focus on Specialized Schooling in our Schools

**Government Transparency** 

**Pro Capitalist** 



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# The Rainier Party

### **Party Officials**

#### Chairman:

Ryan Chen

#### Vice Chairman:

Adhith Srikanth

#### **Secretary:**

Cristian Garland

#### **Platform Chairman:**

Mason Sullivan

### 2023 Party Platform

#### **Public Health Efforts**

Legalization, Regulation and Taxation of
Marijuana
Improving and Creating Mental Health Services

#### **Education Efforts**

Free School Lunches
Funding for Schools (proportional, anti-property tax funding)
Education Quality and Safety
Expansion of Extracurricular Activities
Expansion of STEM classes in Schools
Reform of "High School and Beyond" Program
Increased Foreign Language at younger ages
Education Committee

#### **Potential Legislation**

Pro 2nd Amendment with background checks and gun safety classes being required Prosecution of Shoplifting Rank Choice Voting Increased Speed Limits Prison Reform

#### **Energy and Infrastructure Efforts**

Renewable Energy Expansion of Nuclear Energy Program

#### **General Efforts in Favor of the Public**

Increasing Public Transit
Affordable Housing
Reducing Homelessness and Poverty through
Incentives
Committee for Welfare Reform

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# The Executive Branch



Governor Ryan Chen (Phillips Academy Andover)



Secretary of State
Cohen Thomas
(Post 14) | (Seton Catholic College Prep)



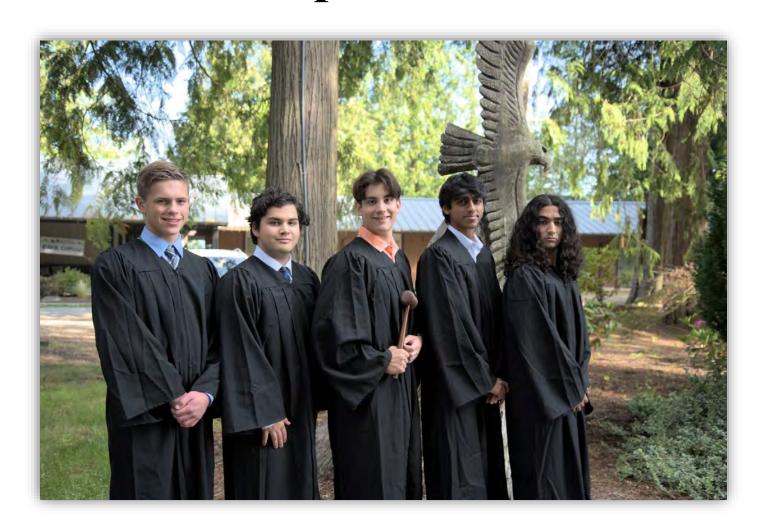
Attorney General
Joseph DiPrima
(Post 44) | (Seton Catholic College Prep)



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# The Supreme Court



#### From Left to Right:

Parker Zaemann, Jack Curry, Natan Atherton-Schacht, Vedant Srinivas, Caeden Djourabchi

**Chief Justice** 

Natan Atherton-Schacht (Post 172) | (Crosspoint Academy) Court Clerk Ryan Brown (Post 36) | (West Valley H.S.)

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# The Senate



Lieutenant Governor:

Jeffrey Zhu
(International Community School)

Senators from Maple Jack Culligan Trajan Jensen Brendan Rich Mason Sullivan Evan Teague Senators from Spruce Cristian Garland Caden Guy Zack Nielsen Logan Sellers Anthony Zavala



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# The House of Representatives



Speaker of the House: Alexander Garcia (Post 97) (Bridgeport H.S.)

# Representatives from Maple

Beau Bennett
Brendan Dougherty
Landon Dysart
Nadir Elyaddasse
Tristan Givens
Nick Gomez
Theron Hull-Walton
Owen Minami
Andrew Norton
Ulrich Poehlmann
Cody Womack

## Representatives from Spruce

Fred Davis
Wyatt Freiss
Alexander Garcia
Nathan Hinkle
Francisco Loveheart
Zachary Morris
Jameson O'Hara
Dane Padgett
Aidan Reagan
Ajay Sheena
Anthony Swedyk



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# Mayor of Warden, WA Tony Massa







Tony Massa, Mayor from the City of Warden, WA, spoke with the delegates of Evergreen Boys State several times about the interaction between city and county government, effective leadership, dealing with interpersonal relationships and serving your neighbors and local community.



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# **Snohomish County Councilmen Nate Nehring and Jared Mead**



Snohomish County Councilman Nate
Nehring (District 1) and Councilman Jared
Mead (District 4), friends from across the
aisle, spoke with the citizens of Evergreen
Boys State about county government but
also about bipartisanship, working together
to resolve differences and how our
differences can unite us.





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# WA State Secretary of State Steve Hobbs



The Honorable Steve Hobbs, WA State Secretary of State, spoke with the citizens of Evergreen Boys State on diverse topics, ranging from election security, misinformation and serving your community. He went over time on his schedule, fielding many challenging questions from the audience and engaging in energetic dialogue with the delegates.



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# City Problem Panelists



#### **Angela Ewert**

Snohomish County Councilmember Jared Planning and Construction for Evergreen Mead. She has a background in economics, public policy, land use, and development. Before joining Councilmember Mead, she worked at a general contracting and architecture firm, leading their government and regulatory affairs team. Angela finds value in connecting organizations with local governments to foster strong relationships and achieving favorable outcomes for the communities they serve. She is also currently running for a Port Commissioner in Washington and Oregon. Hans earned a position in her community on Whidbey Island. Angela enjoys serving her local Environmental Planning with a focus on Washington communities and seeks to Urban Planning from the University of enrich the lives of the constituents she serves and her neighbors for a better future in Project Management and Commercial together.

#### Hans Christiansen

Angela Ewert is a Legislative Aide to Hans Christiansen is the Director of Housing Development Group LLC (Seattle, WA). Hans has been working as a consultant and development manager for real estate development for 24 years and has experience with projects ranging from multi-family to big box; single-family to commercial. At Evergreen, Hans is responsible for management of planning, entitlement/permitting design, construction, for new multi-family projects bachelor's degree in Community & Washington. He has also earned certificates Real Estate from the University of Washington School of Professional & Continuing Education.

#### Joe Bushnell

(EBS Alumni 2006)

Council Member Joe Bushnell, elected in November 2021, serves District 5, which includes parts of South Tacoma, the South End and East Tacoma.

A lifelong resident of Tacoma and proud resident of South Tacoma for the last five years, Council Member Bushnell has a history of service to his community, which includes having served as chair of the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council. He also represents the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, and is the first Cambodian-American to serve on the Tacoma City Council.

A graduate of Stadium High School in Tacoma, Council Member Bushnell earned a bachelor's degree from The Evergreen State College in political science and economics.

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# 2023 Boys Nation Delegates



Jack Culligan
Post 129
Oak Harbor H.S



Nadir Elyaddasse Seoul Foreign School

#### <u>Finalists</u>

Joseph DiPrima

1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Post 44

Seton Catholic College Prep

**Ryan Chen** 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Phillips Academy Andover

Parker Zaemann Finalist Seton Catholic College Prep Theron Hull-Walton
Finalist
Post 129
Oak Harbor H.S.

Vedant Srinivas
Finalist
Post 161
Eastlake H.S.

Alexander Garcia Finalist Post 97 Bridgeport H.S.

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# 2023 Evergreen Boys State Oratorical Contest



Jack Culligan
Champion
City of Maple
(Post 129)
(Oak Harbor H.S.)



Joseph DiPrima
2<sup>nd</sup> Place
City of Sprucpe
(Post 44)
(Seton Catholic College Prep)



Andrew Norton
3<sup>rd</sup> Place
City of Maple
(Post 178)
(Marysville Getchell H.S.)

#### Contestants:

Anthony Swedyk (Spruce) Christian Garland (Spruce) Jack Curry (Spruce) Landon Dysart (Maple) Mason Sullivan (Maple) Nadir Elyaddasse (Maple)
Natan Atherton-Schacht (Spruce)
Theron Hull-Walton (Maple)
Vedant Srinivas (Maple)
Parker Zaemann(Maple)



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# 2023 Awards

**Boys Nation Delegates** 

Winners of the \$1,000 Heintz Memorial Boys Nation Scholarship

> Jack Culligan Nadir Elyaddasse

**Outstanding Citizen** of the Week

Winner of the \$500 Harry **Easley Outstanding** Citizen Scholarship

Natan **Atherton-Schacht**  Wipperman Leadership Scholarship

Winner of a \$1000 Scholarship

**Camden Singer** 

2023

Citizenship

**Awards** 

City of Maple:

Jack Culligan

City of Spruce:

**Anthony Swedyk** 

Governor

Winner of the \$1,000 Evergreen **Boys State Foundation** Governor's Scholarship

Ryan Chen

Citizen of the Day

Monday:

Tuesday:

Samsung Scholarship Finalist for \$10,000 scholarship

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Jaxon Baergen

**Leonard Beil Speaker of the House Scholarship** Winner of a \$500 Scholarship

Alexander Garcia

Zack Nielsen

Owen Minami

Wednesday:

Mason Sullivan

Thursday: Marco Saavedra "Expectations of Excellence"

Sunday: Nadir Elyaddasse

Monday:

**Election Boards from** Maple and Spruce

Tuesday:

Aidan Reagan and the **Adams Party** 

Wednesday:

Alexander Garcia, Jameson O'Hara, Ryan Brown, and **Zachary Morris** 

> Thursday: Varun Senthil

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Name	District	Post	H.S.
Natan Atherton-Schacht	3	172	Crosspoint Academy
Jaxon Baergen	9	28	Almira Coulee Hartline H.S.
Beau Bennett	5	27	Discovery H.S.
Ryan Brown	6	36	West Valley H.S.
Ryan Chen	11	N/A	Phillips Academy Andover
John Culligan	2	129	Oak Harbor H.S.
Jack Curry	4	N/A	Bellarmine Prep
Fredderick Davis	3	30	South Kitsap H.S.
Francis (Joseph) DiPrima	5	44	Seton Catholic College Prep
Caeden Djourabchi	5	122	Washougal H.S.
<b>Brendan Dougherty</b>	2	181	Lake Stevens H.S.
Landon Dysart	4	118	Graham Kapowsin H.S.
Nadir Elyaddasse	11	N/A	Seoul Foreign School
Wyatt Friess	8	54	Jenkins Jr/Sr H.S.
Alexander Garcia	9	97	Bridgeport H.S.
Cristian Garland	11	161	Kolbe Academy
Tristan Givens	3	30	South Kitsap H.S.
Nick Gomez	6	36	West Valley H.S.
Caden Guy	2	129	Oak Harbor H.S.
Nathan Hinkle	9	28	Almira Coulee Hartline H.S.
Theron Hull-Walton	2	129	Oak Harbor H.S.
Sriram Iyer	4	67	Puyallup H.S.
Trajan Jensen	11	78	Bonney Lake H.S.
Francisco Loveheart	1	1	Insight H.S.
Owen Minami	1	N/A	Ballard H.S.
Zachary Morris	3	30	South Kitsap H.S.
Zackary Nielsen	11	78	Kentwood H.S.
Andrew Norton	2	178	Marysville Getchell H.S.
Jameson O'Hara	2	168	Oak Harbor H.S.
Dane Padgett	11	127	Bear Creek H.S.
Ulrich Poehlmann	4	N/A	Charles Wright Academy
Aiden Reagan	8	144	Selkirk H.S.
Brendan Rich	1	N/A	Bishop Blanchet H.S.
Marco Saavedra	4	53	Lakes H.S.
Logan Sellers	5	25	Union H.S.
Varun Senthil	11	N/A	Eastlake H.S.
Ajay Sheena	2	181	Glacier Peak H.S.
Sawyer Shelton	11	N/A	Mount Si H.S.
Camden Singer	3	N/A	Kingston H.S.
Adhith Srikanth	5	27	Camas H.S.

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Vedant Srinivas	11	161	Eastlake H.S.
Samuel Stiles	2	N/A	Blaine H.S.
Mason Sullivan	5	N/A	Seton Catholic College Prep
Anthony Swedyk	8	243	Mead H.S.
Evan Teague	8	241	John R. Rogers H.S.
Cohen Thomas	5	14	Seton Catholic College Prep
Oliver Williams	8	9	Mead H.S.
Cody Womack	4	164	Bella Academy
Parker Zaemann	5	N/A	Seton Catholic College Prep
Anthony Zavala	9	64	Cashmere H.S.
Jeffrey Zhu	11	N/A	International Community School



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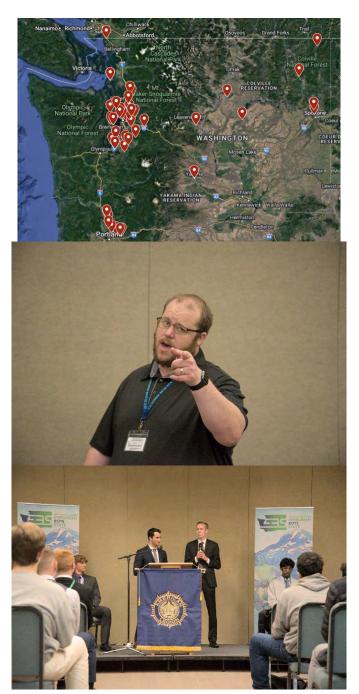






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