### The American Legion



## **Evergreen Boys State**

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Dear Commander,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to you and your Post/Squadron 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 <u>you</u>, and your Post/Squadron 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.

This is YOUR Evergreen Boys State program! Your Post's and Squadron's caring commitment is critical to our continuation of the program in the coming years. 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 Moreal Chairman

Evergreen Boys State, Inc.

Ryan Johaston, Program Director

The American Legion Department of Washington



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Dear American Legion,

The 2024 Evergreen Boys State attendees and staff would like to thank every one of you for continuing to support our program this year. Your generous financial support and incredible volunteer staff are what makes this program so successful in creating the next generation of men. Each legionnaire who attended connected extremely well with the 2024 class and was widely recognized as an inspirational figure. With many attendees hoping to join the military and/or attend a service academy, your support helped to solidify their dreams. Many others are now clearly viewing the military as a rewarding opportunity, inspired by the patriotism of the present legionnaires. The American Legion will continue to be one of this country's most positive and impactful organizations and the Evergreen Boys State program will forever be grateful for its influence.

Sincerely,

Franklin Li

Franklin Li Governor

Roan Brumwell

Roan Brumwell Secretary of State

The American Legion Department of Washington







# 2024 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	87	181
8	99	186
9	108	212
17	109	227
19	129	236
28	144	241
36	149	243
40	160	AK28
53	161	Folded Flags Foundation
78	172	SAL 17

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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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# **2024 Evergreen Boys State On-Site Staff**



Director Ryan Johnston (10 Years)



Bud Sperry (26 Years)



Chairman of the EBS Board, Tony Morea (9 Years)



Admin Officer Carol Reed (10 Years)



Admin Officer Jesse Angle (23 Years)



(2 Years)



Jan Sperry (7 Years)



Dennis Case (1 Year)



Mike Montaney (23 Years)



Grant Seaman Brandon Moreno (21 Years) (7 Years)



Chase Krumins (12 Years)



Tony Massa (3 Years



(2 Years)

Drew Pierson (22 Years)







Kasimir Angle (2 Years)



Nadir El Yaddasse (1 Years)



Jack Culligan (1 Year)



Casey Pregartner (4 Years)



Adhith Srikanth (1 Year)



(1 Year)



(1 Year)









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# **The Great City of Birch**





Mayor: Mateo Mar (left) (Rock Academy) & Clerk: Jack Murray (right)

City Council Melvin Timblin, Burke Michaels, Jack Honeycutt

> Election Board Adams: Jack Murray Rainier: Dominic Smith

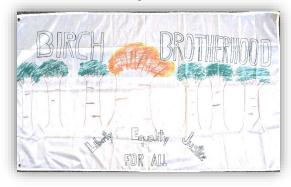
**Row 3.** Liam Hayes, Alex Rempfer, Burke Michaels, Jack Murray, Riley Magill, Ryan Meng, Dominic Smith, Levi Hanscom

**Row 2.** Josh Nelson, Anish Maheshwar, Holden Uffelman, Dylan Dietz, Jack Honeycutt, Korbin Hamlin, Nathan Beaver, Ezra Rottman

**Row 1.** Jack Culligan, Dennis Case, Adhith Srikanth, Jedi Young, Melvin Timblin, Mason Guo, Mateo Mar, Robert Fairfax, Joshua Wells, Bryan Xie,, Grant Seaman, Kasimir Angle

**Instructional Staff:** Grant Seaman and Dennis Case **Peer Staff:** Jack Culligan, Adhith Srikanth and Kasimir Angle

Birch's City Flag

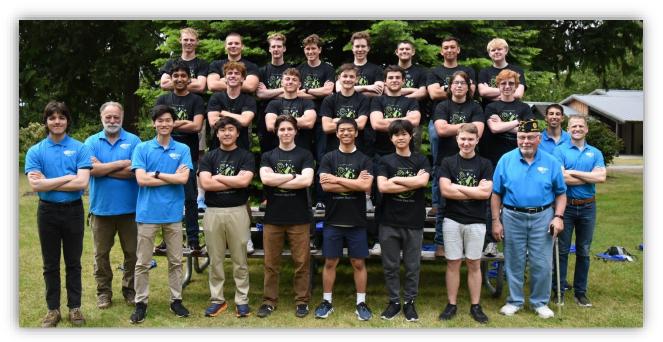




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# The Great City of Oak





Mayor: Marton Mezei (left) (Lewis & Clark H. S.) & Clerk: Jeremy Pinar (right)

City Council Ronnie Grabner, Luke Whalen, Luke Robinson

> Election Board Adams: Jack Florence Rainier: Masa Taura

**Row 3.** Jack Florence, Yong Jin Bessell, Aaron Hogeberg, Jack Thompson, Jonah Paulus, Mikey Cooley, Camren Edwards, Luke Robinson

**Row 2.** Kabir Jain, Max Ackerman, Ronnie Grabner, Porter Mroszczyk, Mitch Natale, Jeremy Pinar, Luke Whalen

**Row 1.** *Lucian Angle, Tony Massa, Ryan Chen*, Andrew Kim, Marton Mezei, Masa Taura, Kobe Lei, Sully Rowe, *Mike Montaney, Nadir El Yaddasse, Chase Krumins* 

Instructional Staff: Tony Massa, Mike Montaney, Chase Krumins Peer Staff: Lucian Angle, Ryan Chen, Nadir Elydasse





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## **The Great City of Tamarack**





Mayor: TJ Calkins (left) (Kentridge H. S.) & Clerk: Ari Angle (right)

City Council Daniel Larson, Dylan Quenzer, Aiden Houser

Election Board Adams: Brandon Weisman Rainier: Carson Baker **Row 3.** Daniel Larson, Sam Fortunato, Hank Silk, Landon Coe, David Rogers, Kent Hoiden, Jeremiah Audet, Franklin Li

**Row 2.** Bin Liu, TJ Calkins, Carson Baker, Dylan Quenzer, Kaden Peterson, Aiden Houser, Jase Eiler

**Row 1.** Caeden Djourabchi, Casey Pregartner, Drew Pierson, Liam Cooper, Brandon Weisman, Ari Angle, Roan Brumwell, Will Cummings, Jason Chen, Ian Calderon, Brandon Moreno, Barb Hoerr, Tristan Givens

**Instructional Staff:** Drew Pierson, Barb Hoerr, Brandon Moreno **Peer Staff:** Casey Pregartner, Caeden Djourbchi, Tristan Givens

Tamarack's City Flag









# **The Adams Party**

### **Party Officials**

**Chairman:** Riley Magill (Birch)

Vice Chairman: Jack Florence (Oak)

Sergeant at Arms Max Ackerman (Oak)

Secretary: Roan Brumwell (Tamarack)

**Platform Chairman:** Korbin Hamlin (Birch)

**Convention Chairman:** Brandon Weisman (Tamarack)

#### **Precinct Officers**

Birch – Levi Hanscom, Jack Honeycutt, Melvin Timblin, Ezra Rottman

Oak – Aaron Hogeberg, Jack Thompson, Luke Whalen, Sully Rowe

Tamarack – Landon Coe, Daniel Larson, Will Cummings, Hank Silk

### **2024 Party Platform**

Education Reform School Funding Oversight PE and Nutrition Emphasis Financial Literacy Vocational Training in School

**Taxes** Tax the Richest for every Million they make per Year Tax benefits for Veterans and First Responders

**Worker's Rights** Fund First Responders Support National Guard Support Welders, Electricians, Plumbers and other Workers

> Affordable Housing Urban Housing Projects

Abortion – Safe / Legal / Rare Maintain Washington Law Discourage through programs promoting Sexual Health Education Affordable Prescriptions

> Sustainability and Eco-Friendliness Protect Washingtons Renewable Energy Urban Areas encourage EVs Rural Areas support growth of Electric Grid

> > Addressing Addiction Rehabilitation Programs Mental Health Support Emphasize Veterans Support

**Public Transit** Support possible SeaTac relief Airport Public Transportation in Urban Areas Build Strong Infrastructure







# **The Rainier Party**

### **Party Officials**

**Chairman:** Marton Mezei (Oak)

Vice Chairman: Anish Maheshwar (Birch)

> Sergeant at Arms Jedi Young (Birch)

**Secretary:** Franklin Li (Tamarack)

**Platform Chairman:** David Rogers (Tamarack)

**Convention Chairman:** Mitch Natale (Oak)

#### **Precinct Officers**

*Birch* – Dylan Dietz, Dominic Smith, Josh Nelson, Robert Fairfax

Oak – Jonah Paulus, Kabir Jain, Andrew Kim, Porter Mroszczyk

Tamarack – Sam Fortunato, TJ Calkins, Jase Eiler, Kaden Peterson

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### **2024 Party Platform**

**Finalized Planks of Rainier Party** Legalizing the Purchase and Distribution of Marijuana Increase Funding to DNR Support of Public Access to Guns Legalize Gambling in WA State for 18+

> Planks Regarding Taxes Increase the Sales Tax of Marijuana Decrease the Gas Tax Decrease the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax

Planks Regarding Energy Classification of Hydropower as Renewable in Evergreen State Production of Wind Power near Sequim Support of Nuclear Power







## **The Executive Branch**



Governor Franklin Li (Redmond H.S.)



Secretary of State Roan Brumwell (Post 172) (Bainbridge H.S.)



Attorney General Max Ackerman (Seton Catholic College Prep)



Superintendent of Public Instruction Ezra Rottman (Post 36) (A.C. Davis H.S.)



State Treasurer David Rogers (Post 236) (Gig Harbor H. S.)



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# **The Supreme Court**



**From Left to Right**: Aaron Hogeberg, Jack Florence, Sam Fortunato, Jack Thompson, Brandon Weisman

**Chief Justice** Sam Fortunato (Ingraham H.S.) Court Clerk Josh Nelson (Post 78/AK28) (Robert Service H. S.)

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## **The Senate**



Lieutenant Governor: Korbin Hamlin (Lewis & Clark H. S.)

Senators from Birch Nathan Beaver Mason Guo Levi Hanscom Liam Hayes Bryan Xie Senators from Oak Yong Jin Bessell Mikey Cooley Kabir Jain Senators from Tamarack Landon Coe Jase Eiler Kaden Peterson Hank Silk

Senate Clerk – Joshua Wells

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## **The House of Representatives**



Speaker of the House: Mitch Natale (Post 161) (Eastlake H. S.)

Representatives from Birch Dylan Dietz Robert Fairfax Riley Magill Anish Maheshwar Alex Rempfer Dominic Smith Holden Uffelman Jedi Young

#### Representatives

from Oak Camren Edwards Andrew Kim Kobe Lei Porter Mroszczyk Mitch Natale Jonah Paulus Sully Rowe Masa Taura

House Clerk - William Hutchinson

Representatives

from Tamarack Jeremiah Audet Carson Baker Ian Calderon Jason Chen Liam Cooper Will Cummings Kent Hoiden Bin Liu







# 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.

"His emotional speech was captivating and the love he showed to his community was admirable. The pain he felt with his alcoholic father was a reminder that not everyone has the best life and there may be painful memories behind smiles. I thank him for teaching humbleness and to always give people the chances they deserve."

-Andrew Kim from the Great City of Oak

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## State Representative from the 39th Legislative District Sam Low



Sam is serving his first term representing the 39th Legislative District in the Washington State House of Representatives. The 39th District includes parts of Snohomish and Skagit counties, including parts of Everett and Arlington, Lake Stevens to the southwest, Darrington and Rockport to the north, and parts of Sedro-Woolley and Burlington to the northwest. In 2013, he was elected to the Lake Stevens City Council. His peers selected him City Council President in 2016, and he served as Mayor Pro-Tem. In 2016, he was elected to the Snohomish County Council—a role he remains in as he serves as state representative. "Mr. Low today was very insightful not only in his country and state role, but also has a very inspiring and profound story. He told us how when he was running at the state level that there was this undefeated guy he was going up against. he showed us through his commitment and want for it he made it happen. I learned how no matter how impossible it seems to do something that you cannot accept failure and do it to benefit others and you will succeed. That is how I would like to live my life."

-Masa Taura from the Great City of Oak

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### **City Problem Panelists**



#### Nicolas Kadir Jensen (EBS & Staff Alumni)

Nicolas Kadir Jensen is a proud fifth-generation Washingtonian with a passion for service and a knack for getting things done. Currently, Nicolas serves on the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation Board of Directors and as the Vice Chair of the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board. Previously, Nicolas raised over \$1.4 million for small nonprofits, helped nearly 20,000 Washingtonians access healthcare under the Affordable Care Act, and chaired the board of the largest Queer health agency in Western Canada. They were also a 2023 Institute for a Democratic Future Fellow, and they are an alum of the Washington State Labor Council's Path to Power program. Today, Nicolas lends their expertise as a community engagement consultant on transportation and infrastructure projects, working to ensure people have a say in how their community grows and changes. Nicolas holds a degree in Political Science from Western Washington University and a Master's in Public Policy & Global Affairs from the University of British Columbia.

#### Sam Herriot

Sam Herriot (they/them) grew up in Steven (Steve) Larson is an American Southwest Washington on their family's Legion member at Post 76, Arlington. He wheat farm and studied English, rhetoric works as a Manufacturing Engineering and composition at Washington State Planner at Boeing, also is School Board University before moving to the Puget Director at Lakewood School District #306. Sound region in 2017. They've had the He earned his Bachelor of Science in privilege of working in local, state, and Business Administration at CWU. He as federal government roles, and currently Project Management and Lean Six Sigma serves as Government Relations Liaison for Green Belt Certificates from University of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. When not practicing political science, Sam enjoys spending time Eagle Scout. with their partner and pets and traveling the world."

#### **Steve Larson**

Washington. Also has a FAA Airframe and Power Plant (A&P) License. He is also an

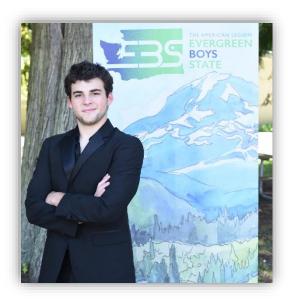
He currently lives in Arlington, WA with his wife Brenda and their dog, Jake.







# **2024 Boys Nation Delegates**



Mitch Natale Post 161 Eastlake H.S.



Levi Hanscom Lincoln H. S.

Finalists

**Ezra Rottman** 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Post 36 A.C. Davis H. S. **Camren Edwards** 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Post 36 West Valley H. S.

Yong Jin Bessell Finalist Post 8 New Mexico Military Institute Max Ackerman Finalist Seton Catholic College Prep

Masa Taura Finalist Post 227 / SAL 17 Shorewood H. S. Jase Eiler Finalist Post 19 Liberty H. S.







# 2024 Evergreen Boys State Oratorical Contest



Levi Hanscom 1<sup>st</sup> Place City of Birch (Post 178) (Lincoln H. S.



Jonah Paulus 2<sup>nd</sup> Place City of Oak (Post 129) (Seattle Prep School



Dominic Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> Place City of Birch (Post 44) (Chesterton Academy of Notre Dame)

Contestants:

Brandon Weisman (Tamarack) T. J. Calkins (Tamarack) Sam Fortunato (Tamarack) Jack Florence (Oak) Camren Edwards (Oak)

Sully Rowe (Oak) Mitch Natale (Oak) Riley Magill (Birch) Yong Jin Bessell (Oak)



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# 2024 Awards

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

> Mitch Natale Levi Hanscom

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

**TJ** Calkins

Wipperman Leadership Scholarship Winner of a \$1000 Scholarship

Sam Fortunato

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

Franklin Li

**The American Legion Samsung Scholarship** Finalist for \$10,000 scholarship

Will Cummings

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

**Mitch Natale** 

Citizen of the Day

Sunday: Bryan Xie

Monday: Riley Magill

Tuesday: Max Ackerman

Wednesday: Mitch Natale

Thursday: Josh Nelson "Expectations of Excellence" / City of the Day

> Sunday: City of Oak

Monday: City of Tamarack

> Tuesday: **City of Oak**

Wednesday: Melvin Timblin

Thursday: City of Birch 2024 Citizenship Awards

City of Birch: Will Hutchinson

City of Oak: **Yong Jin Bessell** 

City of Tamarack: **TJ Calkins** 

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Name	District	Post	H.S.
Max Ackerman	5	Ind	Seton Catholic College Prep
Ari Angle	11	99	Woodcreek H. S.
Jeremiah Audet	8	243/53	John R Rogers H. S.
Carson Baker	2	99	Marysville-Pilchuck H. S.
Nathan Beaver	5	Ind	Seton Catholic College Prep
Yong Jin Bessell	6	8	New Mexico Military Institute
Roan Brumwell	3	172	Bainbridge H. S.
Ian Calderon	9	108	Manson H. S.
TJ Calkins	11	19	Kentridge H. S.
Jason Chen	1	186/160	Grover Cleveland STEM H. S.
Landon Coe	9	28	Ephrata Senior H. S.
Mikey Cooley	2	212	Lynden H. S.
Liam Cooper	4	53	Steilacoom H. S.
Will Cummings	10	17	W.F. West H. S.
Dylan Dietz	2	129	Oak Harbor H. S.
Camren Edwards	6	36	West Valley H. S.
Jase Eiler	11	19	Liberty H. S.
Robert Fairfax	4	Ind	Steilacoom H. S.
Jack Florence	8	9	Freeman H. S.
Sam Fortunato	1	Ind	Ingraham H. S.
Ronnie Grabner	2	129	Oak Harbor H. S.
Mason Guo	1	186/160	Grover Cleveland STEM H. S.
Korbin Hamlin	8	Ind	Lewis & Clark H. S.
Levi Hanscom	1	Ind	Lincoln H. S.
Liam Hayes	3	172	Bainbridge H. S.
Aaron Hogeberg	3	236	Peninsula H. S.
Kent Hoiden	4	Folded Flags Foundation	Bellarmine Preparatory
Jack Honeycutt	1	186/1	Mercer Island H. S.
Aiden Houser	2	129	Oak Harbor H. S.
William Hutchinson	9	108	Manson H. S.
Kabir Jain	11	161	Redmond H. S.
Andrew Kim	11	Ind	Issaquah H. S.
Daniel Larson	2	181	Lake Stevens H. S.
Kobe Lei	1	186/40	Cleveland H. S.
Franklin Li	11	Ind	Redmond H. S.
Bin Liu	1	186/161	Cleveland H. S.
Riley Magill	1	Ind	Ingraham H. S.
Anish Maheshwar	11	Ind	Redmond H. S.
Mateo Mar	1	186/1	Rock Academy
Ryan Meng	1	186/227	Kings H. S.

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Marton Mezei	7	Ind	Lewis & Clark H. S.
Burke Michaels	1	Ind	West Seattle H. S.
Porter Mroszczyk	4	Ind	Timberline H. S.
Jack Murray	2	129	Oak Harbor H. S.
Mitch Natale	11	161	Eastlake H. S.
Josh Nelson	11	78/AK28	Robert Service H. S.
Jonah Paulus	1	186/1	Seattle Preparatory School
Kaden Peterson	3	109	Central Kitsap H. S.
Jeremy Pinar	9	28	Almira-Coulee-Hartline H.S.
Dylan Quenzer	6	36	West Valley H. S.
Alex Rempfer	3	149	Bremerton H. S.
Luke Robinson	11	78	White River H. S.
David Rogers	3	236	Gig Harbor H. S.
Ezra Rottman	6	36	A.C. Davis H. S.
Sully Rowe	8	243	Gonzaga Preparatory School
Hank Silk	8	241	John R. Rogers H. S.
Dominic Smith	8	9	Chesterton Academy of Notre Dame
Masa Taura	11	227/SAL 17	Shorewood H. S.
Jack Thompson	3	172	Bainbridge H. S.
Melvin Timblin	8	144	Selkirk H.S.
Holden Uffelman	5	87	Columbia H. S.
Brandon Weisman	11	Ind	Issaquah H. S.
Joshua Wells	6	36	West Valley H. S.
Luke Whalen	3	Ind	Kingston H. S.
Bryan Xie	1	186/1	Fife H. S.
Jedi Young	3	236	Gig Harbor H. S.

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