

Carson Wasemiller of Fayetteville received the Annette Sisson First Year Seminar Award during the annual Scholarship and Awards celebration on April 10 in the Massey Performing Arts Center.

Located two miles from downtown Nashville, Tenn., Belmont University comprises nearly 9,000 students from every state and 33 countries studying in 115 areas of undergraduate study, 41 master's programs and five doctoral degrees.

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The Citadel

As the Class of 2024 prepares to join The Citadel's Long Gray Line, the newest cadet leadership for the South Carolina Corps of Cadets is preparing to take over. Among them will be Brayden Shirley of Siloam Springs, M Company Commander, 3rd Battalion.

To earn their positions for next year, these cadet leaders went through a series of rank board engagements, performance reviews and interviews. Shirley is majoring in accounting.

The Citadel, with its iconic campus located in Charleston, S.C., offers a classic military college education for young men and women focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction.

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Boys State

More than 565 of the state's brightest young men will attend Arkansas Boys State, an immersive leadership and civic engagement experience sponsored by the American Legion. This summer's 83rd annual session runs May 26-31 at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

The program's 2024 enrollment marks its largest class of young men in seven years.

During their week at Arkansas Boys State, these students, known as "delegates," are assigned a political party, city and county. Throughout the week, delegates, from the ground up, administer this mock government as if it were real. They run for office, draft and pass legislation, solve municipal challenges, and engage constituents.

Local students attending Arkansas Boys State 2024 include:

Van Buren: Miles Glendenning, Melvin Jones, Jackson Cristee, Van Buren High School; Lane Garner, Cedarville High School.

Berryville: Luke Dignan, Berryville High School

Rogers: Omar Gonzalez, Ozark Catholic Academy; Abe Sanchez, Ozark Catholic Academy; Matt Webb, Christian Wolf, Anthony Trujillo, Joey Squillace, Ozark Catholic Academy; Daxton Bush, Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas; Giancarlo Melgar Eufemia, Michael Stockton, New Technology High School; Jack Seabolt, Rogers High School; Armondo Espinal Jr., Heritage High School;

Lowell: Gustavo Pena, Ozark Catholic Academy; Elijah McCullough, Providence Classical Christian Academy

Alma: Eli Risley, Jasper Stockton, Alma High School.

Bentonville: Jack Walker Combs, Life Way Christian School; Patrick Rocha, Ozark Catholic Academy; Ryan Johnson, Harry Hodge, Jackson Ford, Bentonville High School; Grant Hanberg, Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas; Michael Farrer, Joseph Villatoro, Bentonville West High School

Gentry: Henry Curran, Gentry High School; Ben Chop, Haas Hall Academy in Rogers; Jared Weldon, Arkansas Connections Academy High School.

Springdale: Grayson Ramming, Thaden **School**; Bruce Quayle, Andrew Taylor, Aaron Pollari, Jude Sabatini, Niko Carender, Diego Hernandez, Frank Gomez, Dennis Figueroa, Ethan Bisbee, Julius Culberson, Don Tyson **School of Innovation**; Zack Hansen, Haas Hall Academy Springdale; Sam Myers, Robert Lucas, Mason Clark, Har-Ber High **School**;

Greenwood: Kobe Lewis, Dj Coggin Greenwood High **School**.

Fayetteville: Isaac Pohlmeier, Ozark Catholic Academy; Daxton Tessmer, Brendan Klaus, Jack Kestner, Jonathan Laverentz, Jack Bartlett, Thompson Maner, Porter Ridge, Mason Brown, Will Gordon, Brandon Taylor, Kylan Johnson, Fayetteville High **School**; Hudson Duke, Dean Deckinger, Aiden Myer, Justin Luu, Adam Harding, James Tanski, Corwin Wewers, Haas Hall Academy; Justus Osbon, Fayetteville Christian **School**;

Farmington: Ryan Berger, Kolten Grant, Jaden Batey, Taylor Conran, Mitchell York, Kaleb Crotser, Miles Batson, Farmington High **School**.

Lincoln: Cobi Brandt, Lincoln High **School**.

Green Forest: John Launius, Green Forest High **School**.

Harrison: Wyatt Keener, Bannon Jones, Parker Phillips, Laith Boswell, John Bray, Wyatt Mahoney, Harrison High **School**; Josiah Livingston, Valley Springs High **School**

Siloam Springs: Tony Wleklinski, Siloam Springs High **School** Conversion Charter

Huntsville: Kelvin Orduna, Arkansas **School** for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.; Braxton Born, Robb Adams, Angel Torres, Huntsville High **School**

Decatur: Emilio Smith Gomez, Laiyton Sutherland, Jackson Montano, Decatur High **School**

Fort Smith: Evan Ross, Zane Humphrey, Andrew Taylor, Northside High **School**; Hudson Pruitt, Subiaco Academy; Eli Kareus, Joseph Kincannon, Luke Paulus, Easton Hayes, Jett Welborn, Miles Selby, Kaden Tran, Ian McLellan, Rin Ahlert, Angel Hernandez, Evan Smith, Muhammad Bashir, Carson Dobbs, Southside High **School**

West Fork: Arthur Womack, Braton Joel, West Fork High **School**

Prairie Grove: Jarrett Bone, Prairie Grove High **School**

Elkins: Brayden Cargill, Oliver Huaracha, Aiden Jones, Elkins High **School**

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