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KINGSTREE HIGH SCHOOL'S AYDEN RUSH AND MALCOLM SALTERS SELECTED TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN LEGION PALMETTO BOYS STATE

Two Kingtree High School Scholars have been selected to participate in the American Legion Palmetto Boys State June 9-15, 2024. Ayden Rush and Malcolm Salters have been selected to participate in this year's American Legion's Boys State program, which offers a distinctive opportunity for young men to understand the American system of government and politics

Ayden and Malcolm were among 1,000 rising seniors who were nominated by their high school teachers and counselors to be delegates or "citizens" at Boys State. Those nominated are interviewed and selected by the local American Legion Post. While at Boys State, citizens are divided into "cities" named for state rivers which make up "counties" named for famous South Carolinians. Citizens are also divided into two political parties from which they will campaign and/or elect city, county, and state officers. By doing so, citizens learn about government and politics while participating in the political process. Delegates prepare speeches, compose party platforms, debate current issues, and vote for elected offices.

Palmetto Boys State stands out for its multifaceted learning environment. Besides participating in a simulated government system, Boys Staters explore potential career paths through various specialized schools. These include the Performing Arts School, Criminal Justice Academy, and Law School, each providing unique insights and experiences. During the week each young man will have the opportunity to run for and be elected to mock offices ranging from city level (e.g. city council, mayor) to state constitutional offices (e.g. lieutenant governor and governor).

Both young men felt overjoyed to learn that they had been accepted to Palmetto Boys State. They are both aware that they will gain a lot from this program. Their goals are to develop their team-building skills and study habits with juniors around the state of South Carolina.

Congratulations to Ayden and Malcolm!