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RICHARD HENDERSON ELECTED GOVERNOR, APPOINTS CABINET

Richard Henderson, a Johnsonian from Roberts City, won the governor's seat in the general election held Wednesday at Boys' State.

This morning, Henderson announced his cabinet appointments: Aubrey Binkley, Agriculture; Corbin Castor, Children's Services; Bobby Wilson, Commerce and Insurance; Thomas Heile, Correction; Thomas Beech, Economic and Community Development; Nathaniel Freel, Education; Robert Handa, Environment and Conservation; André Greppin, Finance and Administration; Daniel Wilson, Financial Institutions; David Valencia, General Services; Dustin Harwood, Health; Andrew Bigham, Human Services; Hunter Swenson, Labor and Workforce Development; William Gieske, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; Joseph Dorris, Personnel; Justin Reed, Revenue; Taylor Aubuchon, Safety; Sid Sinha, Tourist Development; Devin McCulley, Transportation; and Scott Smiley, Veterans Affairs.

Governor-elect Miller also announced the following appointments: Logan Morris, adjutant general; Robert Fisher, deputy to the governor; Garrett Helmick, senior advisor for legislation and policy; Eric Sorrels, legal counsel; Tanner Harness, communication director; Sean Dyer, special assistant to the governor for projects; Nick Bellefant, senior advisor to the governor.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR GOVERNOR

Richard Henderson (Johnsonian, Roberts City) ran as the friendly candidate and it paid off in election victory. But Henderson says shaking all those hands paid bigger dividends through getting to know so many new friends. Henderson says he came to Boys' State with a plan and inspiration.

“My brother, Steven, came two years ago and was my true inspiration,” said Henderson. “He was a county sheriff, but he loved the experience and what he learned. He talked about it so much that I knew I wanted to run for office.

“My plan was simply to get my city behind me first, then my county. I just went door to door meeting people and trying to be the most friendly candidate.”

At Clarksville's Northwest High School, Henderson has been a member of ROTC for four years and is a Cadet Major S-3. He has also commanded the Raider Challenge team for two years. He serves as secretary of the Honors Society. Henderson is in the process of applying to West Point.

“My Army instructor, 1st Sgt. James Lewis, prepared me to lead here,” he said. “He is the best leader and my example. It has been such a pleasure to meet everyone and I wish everyone the best of luck in the future. I'm honored to have been chosen to lead this group.”

STATE ELECTION RESULTS

Supreme Court

Nathan Fleetwood, Ryan Berkley, Jordan Clark, Winn Decker, Evan Smith

Court of Appeals

Kevin Alana, John Bledsoe, Alexander Cole, Peter Hagemeyer, Paul Hanna, Peter Orecka, James McCord, Konstantin Menako, Ryan Nichols, Sean Palfy, Dwayne Raines II, Travis Tackett

Court of Criminal Appeals

Brandon Banks, Nathan Caplan, John Cicero, Forrest Dolvin, Daniel Faulk, Henry Lui, Brennon Mobley, Dwame Nuako, Garrett Rackley, Trevor Reish, Samuel Snodgrass, Jim Young

LEARN MORE ABOUT LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS, COLLEGE ADMISSION

On Thursday morning, Jim Gray, TTU's assistant director of admissions outreach, fielded questions and gave advice on college admission. Gray recommended www.tn.gov/CollegePays and collegefortn.org as sources of information and guidance.

Gray explained the general guidelines for The HOPE scholarship. "If you graduate from a Tennessee high school and have a 3.0 GPA or 21 ACT, you get \$4,000 per year toward any accredited university in the state." You can also receive a HOPE Aspire (\$1,500) or HOPE Merit scholarship (\$1,000). To be eligible for the HOPE lottery scholarship, students must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). "Even if you have a perfect ACT score, you will not receive a lottery scholarship unless you fill out the FAFSA."

Gray encouraged delegates to search for scholarships, grants, loans and work opportunities. He advised staying in touch with your high school counselor and checking community organizations and churches that offer scholarship money. He also warned students not to slack academically during their senior year because many students each year lose eligibility for HOPE scholarship money when their grades fall before graduation.

Make a List of What's Important to You

Start with your major and find schools with excellent reputations and accreditation in your field. Ask yourself what are you looking for in these areas: location, size of institution, financial aid and scholarship offerings, and social atmosphere. Visit each campus that meets your criteria and ask good questions about alumni placement and satisfaction, graduation rates and test scores, faculty/student ratios and student satisfaction. Gray demonstrated how to use the College Navigator web site at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>.

Know the Deadlines

You can sabotage your best plans by missing a filing deadline. Check with each school about financial aid and scholarship application deadlines; deadlines vary among colleges. The scholarship deadline at TTU is Dec. 15. Fill out the FAFSA. Your application will be processed 2-4 weeks faster if you file on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov/.

Tennessee Tech University is one of the nation's 50 "Best Value" public colleges and universities according to *The Princeton Review*. TTU was one of only three public universities in Tennessee and the only TBR institution on the 2010 list. TTU has been named one of America's 100 Best College Buys, earning designation several years in a row as one of the nation's best college educations for the cost. *USNews & World Report* has chosen TTU as one of the Top Public Schools in the South on multiple occasions, and the University has been chosen as a "Best Southeastern College" by The Princeton Review for several years. These accolades are a reflection of the commitment our university has toward the lifelong success of our students.

Johnsonian basketball team reigns supreme on the court

The Johnsonians won the basketball game last night. Brandon Hudson was the MVP for the Jacksonian party and Jamaar Embry was the overall MVP and the MVP of the Johnsonian party.

