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PHILLIPS ELECTED GOVERNOR, APPOINTS CABINET

Anighya Crocker, a Johnsonian from Hammer City, won the governor's seat in the general election held Wednesday at Boys State.

STATE ELECTION RESULTS

Supreme Court

Curtis Colvett, Jared Eddy, Keaton Forewright, Xander Miller, Dexter Woods

Court of Appeals

Aaron Beverly, Jonathan Dean, Trenton DuBose, Spencer Flint, Peyton Hickman, Todd Merryman, Ben Pardue, Cainan Phillips, Parker Rice, Nate Rohen, Coleman Self, Nate Sherwood

Court of Criminal Appeals

Benjamin Daigre, Micah Darlington, Eric Davis, Knox Davis Jr., Austin Egger, Beau Fisher, Jacob Forbess, Sudeep Ghantasaia, Colin Harris, Kouki Kubo, Keaton Pendergrast, Matthew Wright

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR GOVERNOR

Phillips, from Mufreesboro's Central Magnet School, opened and closed his remarks by impersonating President Obama. "Leaders should refuse to be cocooned in their own affairs," he said. "The best leaders are servants." He spoke of changes he would support, including adding soccer and dodge ball. He also called for better distribution of information about campaign rules and room inspections. He suggested a better use of bulletin boards to improve communication and decrease demerits. "Our cities, counties and state are all fictitious. Boys State is real. Let us leave this thing better than we found it," he said.

Phillips will be inaugurated on Saturday in Tennessee Tech University's Hooper Eblen Center. Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett will be the main speaker. Rafiq Malek is the outgoing 2014 Tennessee Boys' State governor.

Tennessee Tech University is proud to host Tennessee Boys' State for the past 51 years. Tennessee Tech University graduates are among the best prepared in the state for successful careers, according to a study by the Brookings Institute's Metropolitan Policy Program.

TTU is the top-ranked public university in the state; across all of Tennessee's four-year institutions, it is second to Memphis' Rhodes College.

"Our graduates leave Tennessee Tech well prepared to be leaders in their fields and make a difference in their communities and careers," said TTU President Phil Oldham. "Their intelligence and talents are consistently recognized by employers and, increasingly, by various college rankings."

Payscale.com recognized TTU as providing its students the highest return on investment of any public institution. Its alumni, according to the website, also have the highest mid-career salary potential of any public university graduates in the state. SmartAsset ranked the university as one of the top three best-value universities and the top public institution in Tennessee. Washington Monthly has said TTU provides the "best bang for your buck" two years in a row.

Strike up the Boys State Band

The Boys' State Band is a tradition that always amazes parents and delegates alike with its performances. The band gathers early in the week with Eric Harris, TTU's director of bands, and they work together to make beautiful music. Each member receives a certificate of participation to acknowledge his hard, extra work during the week.

Reed Bonee, Wesley Helton, Caleb Masengill, Gabe Cooper, Andrew Stamey, Chandler Thompson, Colby Brandt, Nicklas Patterson, Woody Wilson, Dennis Miller, Jason Chung, Nash Binkley, Spencer Harper, J.B. Shank, Parker Albert, Cameron Sawyer, Robert Crooker, Josh Kennan, Brantley Clendenin, Josh Forbess, Daniel Suarez, Kizer Harris, Kevin Wolgast, Cody Ellis, Wyatt Valentine, Will Anderson, Griffin Gantte, Garrett Edward Moore, Austin Ray Melton, Joshua Isaac George, Alec Yen, Cameron Moore, Alex Arbogast, Tristan Choate, Joseph Wandass IV, John McKissack, Preston Wallace, Brock Rowell, Devin Cullom, Sammy Pero II, Carl Joyner, Lucas Berry, Brady Horstmann, Wynn Martin, Daniel Clegg, Michael Smith, Michael Higdon, Ethan Boyd, Noah McLeod, Henry Craig Henson, Caleb Calfee Weerasekera, Andrew John Verneti

Jacksonians win Wednesday night All-Star Basketball game.

