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LOGAN PARSONS ELECTED GOVERNOR, APPOINTS CABINET

Logan Parsons, a Johnsonian from Cain City, won the governor's seat in the general election held Wednesday at Boys' State.

This morning, Parsons announced his cabinet appointments: Matthew Turner, Agriculture; Harrison Morrow, Children's Services; William Mathis, Commerce and Insurance; Addison Tucker, Correction; Tristan Smith, Economic and Community Development; Bryant Smith, Education; Hunter Jones, Environment and Conservation; Samuel Robinson, Finance and Administration; Tucker Cain, Financial Institutions; Joseph Atkins, General Services; Erik Burke, Health; Jeremy Miller, Human Resources; Joseph Reed Shaw, Human Services; Adam Lankford, intellectual and developmental disabilities; Arthur Liu, Labor and Workforce Development; Thomas Austin, Mental Health; John Martin, Revenue; Jared Clements, Safety and Homeland Security; William Clayton, Tourist Development; Justin Reid, Transportation; and Seth Stewart, Veterans Affairs.

Governor-elect Parsons also announced the following appointments: Josey Janow, adjutant general; Sam McAdams, deputy to the governor; Vignesh Balasundaram, chief of staff; Johnathan Greer, communication director; Sergio Uribe, legal counsel to the governor; Kyle Odiorne, senior advisor for legislation.

STATE ELECTION RESULTS

Supreme Court

Julius Edwards, Logan Hale, Sean Larson, Seoung Nho, Julio Salazar

Court of Appeals

Jacob Berexa, Preston Brown, Drew Christiansen, Mason Hodge, Sven Jorgensen, Trace Kimler, Charles Lewis, Hunter Morrow-Elder, Nathan Poplin, Jacob Santoyo, Christopher Smith, Kenneth

Court of Criminal Appeals

James Billings, Sheldon Brooks, James Carr, Ashton Cate, Cameron Cates, Mason Devers, Kaleb Gonyea, Anthony Padgett, Joshua Poland, Ian Pope, Blake Robbins, Richard Turner

Jacksonians take 43-32 victory in All-Star Basketball

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR GOVERNOR

Logan Parsons came to Boys' State with no experience running for office, but his entry into campaigning ended with great success. Parsons won the hearts and votes of delegates who elected him their 2013 Governor on Wednesday.

Parsons, the son of Jennifer and Bruce Parsons, is a rising senior at Cumberland County High School. He has two brothers, Caleb and Trevor, and he is the grandson of Evelyn Parsons and Janet Stone. He will be captain of the basketball team and participates in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and as a reader volunteer for young students. He plans to pursue an education and career in business.

Parson's campaign speech to all delegates on Wednesday focused on his core beliefs.

"I am a man of faith," Parsons began. He talked about conquering fear and shaking knees through his belief in God. "I have your backs," he told delegates, whom he referred to as brothers. "I am a man trying to listen to the voice of the people and labor to get that voice heard."

Parsons says he enjoyed campaigning, and his favorite part was just stopping people and starting conversations. It was a new experience and one that stretched the limits of what he knew he could do.

"Here I learned that you can have success if you open your heart to people and if you speak with genuine concern," Parsons said. "Building friendships has been the best part of my experience."

Parsons will be inaugurated on Saturday in Tennessee Tech University's Hooper Eblen Center. State of Tennessee Adjutant General Max Haston will be the main speaker. Coleman Hawkins of Cookeville is the outgoing 2012 Tennessee Boys' State governor.

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Tennessee Tech University is proud to host Tennessee Boys' State for the past 49 years. The university is consistently ranked one of "America's 100 Best College Buys," plus offers six of Payscale.com's Top 10 college majors that lead to high salaries. TTU students have the highest mid-career median salary potential of any public university graduates in the state. Graduates also have the least debt in the South, according to U.S. News & World Report. More than half of TTU's 2011 graduates left school debt free.

