

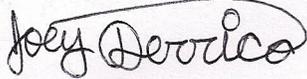
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Mr. Phipps,

My name is Joey Derrico, and I was one of the delegates that represented the Kettering American Legion at the previous Buckeye Boys State. I am writing to say thank you; thank you for possessing faith and for possessing trust in my ability to appropriately represent your post. Buckeye Boys State changed my life in June but it also recently altered my approach to college. A couple of weeks ago, I was selected as a delegate of Ohio for the United States Senate Youth Program. As a delegate, I am one of two people representing the state of Ohio in Washington D.C. where I and other delegates will spend a week observing American government at the highest level, including meetings with the President, Chief Justice, and Secretary of State. In addition, I am receiving a ten-thousand dollar undergraduate scholarship to pursue a degree in political science and public policy. I applied and became a semifinalist to this program through Buckeye Boys State before eventually being selected as a delegate. If it were not for Boys State and your belief in me I would have never been chosen as a delegate to this life-altering program. Words cannot express how grateful I am to Boys State, and I will do anything possible in my future to give back to this life-changing program.

Many Thanks,



Joey Derrico