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**BENJAMIN SENIOR PARTICIPATED IN THE AMERICAN LEGION'S BOYS NATION:
MET WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA AND FLORIDA SENATOR RUBIO**

Editor's Note: Attached is a photograph of President Obama meeting with the attendees of Boys Nation which included Benjamin senior Christian Sandler.

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – Benjamin School senior Christian Sandler was selected as one of the two delegates to represent the State of Florida at this year's Boys Nation, sponsored by the American Legion. Sandler was picked from the more than 500 attendees of Florida's Boys State, and was one of 98 attendees selected from a national pool of more than 24,000 students.

"Attending both Boys State then Boys Nation is a life changing experience. It is a unique program where you learn about every aspect of the inner workings of our government," said Sandler, who is the president of the Benjamin School's chapter of the Junior Statesmen of America. "Your eyes are truly opened to the complexities involved in our democratic system of government."

Sandler served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Boys State and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and Senator at Boys Nation.

Two students from each of the 49 Boys States (only Hawaii does not participate) represented their state at Boys Nation in Washington D.C. The students act as their state's senators writing, lobbying and debating policy issues while learning about our national government. During their week in Washington D.C., the students met with the senators, members of congress from their state (including Congressman Thomas Rooney, a Benjamin alumnus) and even had a meeting with President Obama.

Sandler was sponsored for Boys State and Boys Nation by the American Legion Post #271 in Tequesta. Sandler's journey began in March with an interview with Post #271 to see if he would be selected to attend Boys State in Tallahassee. For Boys Nation, he had to be nominated by the program directors and go through a grueling interview process. The American Legion has been hosting Boys State since 1935 and Boys Nation since 1946.

Sendler plans to continue his political aspirations after graduating from Benjamin next May, “I want to major in Political Science in college then continue on to Law School. “

The Benjamin School, a Pre-K-3 through grade 12 independent school, has a curriculum focusing on college preparatory education. For over 50 years, The Benjamin School has inspired its students to develop a coherent set of values that include love of learning, personal responsibility, self-motivation, concern for others and a commitment to serve society. More information about The Benjamin School can be found at their website: www.thebenjaminschool.org.

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