

March 29, 2021

Badger Boys State  
P.O. Box 388  
Portage, WI 53901

Dear Badger Boys State:

I am writing you in support of relocating your annual summer program to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. In my roles as the director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies and as a professor of political science, I can attest that there is much we could offer that would be of value to you.

The political science department consists of 13 faculty (including 4 faculty who teach in the criminal justice program), and we recently hired two additional faculty who will be joining us in the fall of 2021. Several of these faculty teach American politics, and multiple faculty are also affiliated with the Menard Center.

If Badger Boys State held its annual summer program at UW-Eau Claire, there are various educational opportunities, depending on your interest, that we could offer to attendees to learn more about civic engagement and leadership. As a department, we are positioned quite well to help attendees learn about American civics, including politics and government at the federal, state, and local levels.

More specifically, the Menard Center within the political science department has much to offer in terms of activities to teach about both the Wisconsin Constitution and the United States Constitution. The Menard Center recently received a multimillion-dollar gift to provide various educational activities on constitutional rights, particularly on the freedom of speech and tolerance. Among other things, with this gift we will already be creating interactive summer programming for high school students interested in civics.

As an alum of Badger Boys State in 1995, I know how transformative of an experience this can be. I can definitively say that holding your annual summer program at UW-Eau Claire will avail you to indispensable resources and opportunities to grow and thrive in the future. Our campus would be a great partner for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My email address is [kasperet@uwec.edu](mailto:kasperet@uwec.edu), and my office telephone number is 715-836-4802.

Sincerely,



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