BOYS TOWN, Neb. – Boys Town youth today elected Jason Landin of Laredo, Texas, the 117th mayor of the Village of Boys Town. TiJaih Davis of Baltimore, Md. was elected vice mayor.

Landin is 16-years-old, and says he wants be accessible to all of the students of Boys Town. “I want to be the person who anyone can talk to. I want to be the voice for all of the students’ concerns.”

Landin is on the Boys Town track and cross country teams. He is also a member of student council and National Honors Society. After graduation he plans to go to college to study criminology. His Family-Teachers are Lon and Marie Ruhter.

TiJaih Davis is a captain on the football team and runs track. He is a member of the National Honors Society. After graduation he plans to return to the east coast for college. His Family-Teachers are Chris and Erin Stargel.

Father Edward J. Flanagan conceived the self-government system at the Village of Boys Town in 1926 as a tool for its citizens to build character, citizenship and a sense of community. The process was made famous in the 1938 Academy Award-winning movie “Boys Town,” where Mickey Rooney portrayed Whitey Marsh, a tough young boy who turns his life around and becomes Mayor of Boys Town.

About Boys Town
For 100 years, Boys Town has been a beacon of hope for America’s children and families through its life-changing youth care and health care programs. In 2016, almost 500,000 children and families across the United States were impacted by Boys Town programs. This
includes those who received services from Boys Town’s residential programs as well as those served by the many varied programs that comprise the Boys Town Integrated Continuum of Child and Family Services, including In-Home Family Services, health care services provided by Boys Town National Research Hospital and the Boys Town National Hotline. You can find more information about Boys Town online at www.Boystown.org.

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