



# AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

*"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"*

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## 74 Middlesex County Rising-Seniors Attend American Legion Jersey Boys State

*More than 325 New Jersey Communities Represented*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – Today, 74 rising-seniors in high schools from Middlesex County arrived at the 68<sup>th</sup> session of American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ. The program, sponsored by the American Legion Department of New Jersey, is a practical approach for teaching civics and government at the local, county and state level, including party politics.

“This week will shape the future for 967 young leaders at Jersey Boys State,” said David Bagatelle, Director of ALJBS. “Just ask Governor Chris Christie, Senator Robert Menendez, or Mayor Cory Booker, all of whom, attended this program when they were in high school.”

Statesmen will have the opportunity to govern and interact with other top-of-the-class peers from across New Jersey as they run their own mythical 51<sup>st</sup> state of the union from June 16-21. Within 24 hours each city will divide into political parties, elect a mayor and council from within their ranks. By the end of the session, statesmen will have filled the ranks of local, county, state governments, municipal courts and will elect two senators to serve at American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. later this summer.

Throughout the week-long program, statesmen are:

- Hearing from notable speakers including US Senate candidate and Newark Mayor Cory Booker, Congressman Leonard Lance, and NJ Assemblyman Herbert Conaway, Jr.
- Participating in a robust college fair featuring top national universities;
- Attending leadership seminars and training by United States Marine Corps and New Jersey State Police;
- Electing the 68<sup>th</sup> ALJBS Governor; and
- Electing two Boys Nation Senators who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Jersey Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 19-26, 2013.

### Statesmen in Attendance (Alphabetical by Name)

Sherbin Abraham, Iselin, Legion Post #471  
Willam Andrews, Spotswood, Legion Post #25  
Anthony Aversano, Monroe, Legion Post #87  
Brandon Cedeno, Port Reading, Legion Post #471  
Isaac Chang, Old Bridge, Legion Post #177  
Conan Chen, North Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
Andrew Chi, Princeton, Legion Post #401  
Anant Chitravanshi, Monroe Township, Legion Post #522  
Brett Clarke, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
Patrick Conlon, Edison, Legion Post #65  
John Cosenza, Monroe Township, Legion Post #522  
Brian Cushman, Colonia, Legion Post #248  
Brandon D'souza, Edison, Legion Post #65  
Cody Decker, South Plainfield, Legion Post #243  
Zachary Doring, Sayreville, Legion Post #65

Jason maxwell Dunsavage, Dunellen, Legion Post #119  
Andrew Eaton, Spotswood, Legion Post #25  
Michael Ferreira, Carteret, Legion Post #331  
Jonathan Fitzgerald, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
Timothy Francisco, Dunellen, Legion Post #306  
Nicholas Garifalos, Spotswood, Legion Post #25  
Logan Germano, Kendall Park, Legion Post #401  
Jacob Giuliano, Middlesex, Legion Post #306  
Geoffrey Glinn, Colonia, Legion Post #248  
Joseph Greco, South Amboy, Legion Post #211  
Joseph Gudzak, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
Charles Heulitt, Middlesex, Legion Post #306  
Michael Hoffman, Highland Park, Legion Post #25  
James Hooper, Sayreville, Legion Post #26  
Daniel Isreal, Colonia, Legion Post #248  
Lance Johnson, North Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
Michael Johnson, Plainfield, Legion Post #177  
Rohail Khan, Parlin, Legion Post #211  
Francis Kisly, Middlesex, Legion Post #306  
Adhiroop Kodandapur, Monroe, Legion Post #348  
Samuel Lee, Monroe Township, Legion Post #11  
Justin Lin, Somerset, Legion Post #253  
Bucharad Louis, New Brunswick, Legion Post #459  
Nicholas Lurie, Woodbridge, Legion Post #253  
Antonious Malak, Monroe, Legion Post #522  
Benjamin Martinez, Middlesex, Legion Post #306  
Julian Martinez, Woodbridge, Legion Post #471  
Teighler Matty, Colonia, Legion Post #248  
James Mcauley, Sayreville, Legion Post #211  
Jesse Mcgrath, Dunellen, Legion Post #119  
Udit Modi, Sayreville, Legion Post #211  
Sean Mulhollem, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
Clifford O'brien iii, Sayreville, Legion Post #177  
Sarthak Patel, Edison, Legion Post #324  
Alexander Phu, Fords, Legion Post #471  
Justis Pitt-Goodson, Piscataway, Legion Post #261  
Jason Proleika, Milltown, Legion Post #25  
Michael Quintin, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
John Reyes, New Brunswick, Legion Post #331  
Simran Riar, Carteret, Legion Post #263  
Christopher Ricigliano, Edison, Legion Post #324  
Justin Rodriguez, Carteret, Legion Post #263  
Brian Roesch, South Plainfield, Legion Post #243  
Drew Rothfus, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
Anthony Ruiz, Carteret, Legion Post #263  
Christopher Ruiz, Carteret, Legion Post #263  
Charlie Sawyer, Dunellen, Legion Post #119  
Arihant Seth, Edison, Legion Post #324  
Sachin Shanbhag, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25  
Deep Sheth, Parlin, Legion Post #211  
Davinder Singh, Carteret, Legion Post #263  
Jason Singh, Carteret, Legion Post #263  
Matthew Sze, Monroe Township, Legion Post #522  
Kabir Thakral, Kendall Park, Legion Post #401  
Aditya Uppuluri, Metuchen, Legion Post #65  
James Ur, Carteret, Legion Post #263  
Sean Viswanathan, Islin, Legion Post #471  
Alex Vito, Piscataway, Legion Post #261  
Zohaib Zahid, Carteret, Legion Post #263

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### **About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)**

In its 68th year, ALJBS is a week-long experience that educates, trains, and inspires New Jersey's youth so that each statesman may become a lifelong leader of character committed to service, respect, and Americanism. ALJBS is a college-level seminar that teaches citizenship, politics, and leadership to more than 1,000 rising-seniors in high school. ALJBS is among the most respected and selective educational programs of its kind in the country. All expenses are typically donated by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, or a community-based organization. To learn more, please visit [aljbs.org](http://aljbs.org).