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"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

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85 Morris County Rising-Seniors Attend American Legion Jersey Boys State *More than 325 New Jersey Communities Represented*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – Today, 85 rising-seniors in high schools from Morris County arrived at the 68th 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 51st 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 68th 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)

Alejandro Aguilar, Dover, Legion Post #27

Jose Angeles, Dover, Legion Post #27

August Atencio, New Vernon, Legion Post #59

Kenneth Bald, Lake Hopatcong, Legion Post #245

Austin Barkhorn, Chatham, Legion Post #43

Haoyan Bu, Morris Plains, Legion Post #249

Timothy Burklow, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #242

Carter Campbell, East Hanover, Legion Post #43

Brian Carey, Boonton, Legion Post #279

Eric Cefaloni, Rockaway, Legion Post #344

Theodore Comora, Parsippany, Legion Post #249

Ryan Connors, Lebanon, Legion Post #59

Nicholas Crocetti, Rockaway, Legion Post #344

Lucas Cuatrecasas, Denville, Legion Post #390

Jason Dealessi, Kinnelon, Legion Post #154

Alessio Dilorenzo, Wharton, Legion Post #91

Steven Donnelly, Lincoln Park, Legion Post #279

Jeevan Farias, Rockaway, Legion Post #344
Derek Felano, Bloomingdale, Legion Post #154
Joseph Florio, Cedar Knolls, Legion Post #155
Timothy Ford, Denville, Legion Post #390
Kevin Glynn, Pequannock Avenue, Legion Post #450
Lucas Gonzalez, Dover, Legion Post #27
Anthony Hanes, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #450
Michael Happe, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #242
Ethan Heller, Gillette, Legion Post #484
Frederico Isaza, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Michael Jakucionis, Madison, Legion Post #43
Jason Jiang, Whippany, Legion Post #155
Isma'il Kadam, Boonton, Legion Post #279
Liam Kang, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Amogh Karwar, Parsippany, Legion Post #249
Harrison Kaufman, Rockaway, Legion Post #344
Joseph Keastead, Lincoln Park, Legion Post #279
William Kinzer, Parsippany, Legion Post #59
Nicholas Lashell, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Devin Lee, Dover, Legion Post #344
John Lu, East Hanover, Legion Post #421
Avery Mason, Butler, Legion Post #154
Michael Mastellone, Cedar Knolls, Legion Post #155
Matthew Moretta, Rockaway, Legion Post #344
Joseph Nadler, Oak Ridge, Legion Post #245
Alexander Nazartsev, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Kyle O'Brien, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #450
Kevin O'connor, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #450
Matthew Oblad, Oak Ridge, Legion Post #245
Michael Panek, East Hanover, Legion Post #421
Sohum Pawar, East Hanover, Legion Post #421
Andrew Perkins, Dover, Legion Post #27
Frank Piacenti, Chester, Legion Post #342
Timothy Plante, Mountain Lakes, Legion Post #59
Nicholas Punzo, Denville, Legion Post #390
Michael Rich, Morristown, Legion Post #59
Stephen Riotto, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #242
Paul Rispoli, Flanders, Legion Post #59
Mario Rivera, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Jeffrey Rolsing, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Anthony Romaniello, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #450
Carlos Romero, Wharton, Legion Post #91
David Rossi, Mine Hill, Legion Post #59
Dayton Rudd, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #450
Francisco Ruela, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Thomas Salovitch, Chatham, Legion Post #43
Garrett Santini, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #242
Daniel Short, Pequannock, Legion Post #450
Shazeem Siddiqi, Lake Hopatcong, Legion Post #245
Emmett Simmons, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Patrick Skelly, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Kyle Smith, Madison, Legion Post #43
Samuel Steele, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Matthew Strambi, Morristown, Legion Post #59
Gregory Struble, Whippany, Legion Post #155
Aidan Sullivan, Warren, Legion Post #484
Matthew Tomaro, Parsippany, Legion Post #249
Sergiy Tsysarchuk, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Andrew Vena, Chatam, Legion Post #43
Seth Wadleigh, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Samuel Walczuk, Long Valley, Legion Post #342

Kevin Wang, Whippany, Legion Post #155
Nicholas Warholak, Mine Hill, Legion Post #391
Michael White, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #242
Eric Winiarski, Lake Hopatcong, Legion Post #423
Drew Wolos, Oak Ridge, Legion Post #423
Enrique Zalamea, Basking Ridge, Legion Post #59
Danilo Zuluaga, Wharton, Legion Post #91

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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.