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*"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"*

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## **Jersey Boys State Elects Aidan Byrnes and Henry Forsythe to Serve as Boys Nation Senators in Washington, DC**

*Sen. Byrnes of Red Bank, NJ, and Sen. Forsythe of Rutherford, NJ, are Going to the Nation's Capital to Represent Jersey Boys State*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – On Friday, June 21, the American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) Board of Elections announced Aidan Byrnes (Red Bank, NJ) and Henry Forsythe (Rutherford, NJ) will serve as Boys Nation Senators, representing ALJBS and New Jersey, at the annual American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 19-26, 2013. At American Legion Boys Nation, Sen. Byrnes and Forsythe, will learn the proper method of handling legislation, participate in the national political party process, and elect a president and vice president.

The Boys Nation Senators will also have the chance to meet many elected officials including US Senator Robert Menendez (ALJBS delegate 1979) and US Senator Jeffrey Chiesa. Senators Byrnes and Forsythe join Governor Chris Christie who represented ALJBS as a Boys Nation Senator in 1979.

The hands-on approach for teaching civics and government at the local, county, and state level allows each statesmen to run for many offices from city dog catcher—to mayor—to county freeholder—and to Boys Nation Senator – among many others. This year's 976 statesmen hail from more than 325 communities across New Jersey.

Throughout the week-long program, statesmen:

- Heard from notable speakers including US Senate candidate and Newark Mayor Cory Booker (ALJBS delegate, 1986), US Senate candidate Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., Congressman Leonard Lance (ALJBS delegate, 1969), and NJ Assemblyman Herbert Conaway, Jr. (ALJBS Governor, 1980);
- Participated in a robust college fair featuring 95 colleges and universities from across the nation;
- Attended leadership seminars and training by United States Marine Corps and New Jersey State Police;
- Elected the 68<sup>th</sup> ALJBS Governor; and
- Elected two Boys Nation Senators who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 19-26, 2013.

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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 nearly 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).