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*"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"*

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## Mayor Cory Booker, US Senate Candidate, to Deliver Jersey Boys State Graduation Address

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – Newark Mayor Cory A. Booker, a US Senate Candidate and American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) alumni, will be the keynote speaker at the ALJBS graduation ceremony on Friday, June 21.

The 68<sup>th</sup> session of American Legion Jersey Boys State will come to a close on June 21, with 967 statesmen graduating and entering the prestigious ALJBS alumni association. Several scholarships will be announced at graduation as well as awards.

"We are delighted that Mayor Cory Booker will take the time out of his official duties and busy senatorial campaign schedule, to speak to our delegation," said David Bagatelle, Director of American Legion Jersey Boys State. "We tell our statesmen that ALJBS is "A Week That Shapes the Future," and Mayor Booker certainly took this to heart when he attended our program as a delegate in 1986."

Throughout the week-long program, statesmen are:

- Hearing from notable speakers including US Senate candidate and Newark Mayor Cory Booker (fmr. ALJBS delegate, 1986), US Senate candidate Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., Congressman Leonard Lance (fmr. ALJBS delegate, 1969), and NJ Assemblyman Herbert Conaway, Jr. (ALJBS Governor, 1980);
- Participating in a robust college fair featuring 95 colleges and universities from across the nation;
- 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 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).