



# AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

*“A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE”*

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## Prajay Tipre Receives Gordon A. Vreeland Award at American Legion Jersey Boys State

*Prajay Tipre of Princeton, NJ Awarded “Best Delegate” Annual Scholarship at 68<sup>th</sup> Session of Program*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – On Friday, the American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) announced Prajay Tipre of Princeton, NJ, as the recipient of the Gordon A. Vreeland Best Delegate award for 68<sup>th</sup> session of American Legion Jersey Boys State. Tipre, who was actively involved in the program, was also elected Lieutenant Governor of Jersey Boys State.

Since 2009, Jersey Boys State has honored one statesmen each session who best exemplifies dedication and achievement in the program. Tipre, sponsored by American Legion Post #148, receives a \$1,000 scholarship to aid his college education. Each senior counselor of ALJBS’ eighteen cities submitted one candidate whose record was reviewed and later interviewed by the ALJBS Senior Honors Committee.

Gordon A. Vreeland has the distinction of being the longest serving Jersey Boys State staff member at 54 years. Vreeland has returned to volunteer every year since he was a statesman in 1959.

“We’re very proud and excited of Lieutenant Governor Prajay Tipre and his accomplishments during Jersey Boys State,” said David Bagatelle, Director of American Legion Jersey Boys State. “This scholarship is designed to both recognize an exemplary statesmen and aid his college education each year.”

In addition to this award, ALJBS also named several other honors for this year’s session.

HONOR	NAME	HOMETOWN	LEGION POST #
Todd Eaton Award	Fravlin Munoz	Patterson	438
Samsung Nominee	Ronald Berna	Cinnaminson	72
Harry V. Groome Award (staff)	Andrew Robertson	Bordentown	542

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).