



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

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46 Ocean County Students Attend American Legion Jersey Boys State *More than 325 New Jersey Communities Sent Delegates*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – This week, 46 rising-seniors in high schools from Ocean County arrived at the 69th 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 an action-oriented approach for teaching civics and government at the local, county and state level.

"It's our honor to welcome 924 statesmen to Jersey Boys State," said David Bagatelle, Director of ALJBS. "The Jersey Boys State record of producing our state's leaders is strong including our current governor, Chris Christie, our senators, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, and many other political leaders."

Statesmen will have the opportunity to govern and interact with their peers from across New Jersey as they run their own mythical 51st state of the union from June 22-27. 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, the state legislature, municipal courts and will elect two senators to serve at American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. later this summer.

Highlights throughout the week include:

- Notable speakers including Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Leonard Lance, CBS 3 Philadelphia's Jessica Dean, US Senate candidate Jeffrey Bell, former Congressman Bob Inglis (SC), among many others;
- A college fair featuring nearly 100 institutions from across the country;
- Leadership and career seminars featuring business executives, military representatives, political consultants, law experts and journalists, among other professional experts;
- Election of the 69th ALJBS Governor on Thursday, June 26; and
- Election of two Boys Nation Senators on Friday June 27, who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 18-26, 2014.

Notable ALJBS alumni include Governor Christopher Christie (Boys Nation Senator, 1979), Senator Robert Menendez (1971), Senator Cory Booker (1986), Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito (1967), Congressman Leonard Lance (1969) and Assemblyman Herbert Conaway (ALJBS Governor, 1980).

Statesmen in Attendance (Alphabetical by Name)

Mitchell Brady, Brick, Legion Post #504
Joshua Camaligan, Forked River, Legion Post #517
Chris Cassese, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Alexander Clayton, Brick, Legion Post #348
Connor Coletti, Pine Beach, Legion Post #129
Ricardo Diaz, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Shaun Drury, New Egypt, Legion Post #455
Michael James Fazio, Brick, Legion Post #348
Sean Fifield, Manahawkin, Legion Post #129
Niall Gallagher, Wall, Legion Post #348
Robert Garon, Brick, Legion Post #504

Jerry Gaskill, Toms River, Legion Post #502
Ethan Greenberg, Millstone Twp, Legion Post #455
Joseph Hammer, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Kipp Hopper, Forked River, Legion Post #517
Garrett Hulse, Manchester, Legion Post #502
James Juliano, Brick, Legion Post #348
Kevin Kuhlmann, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Jeffrey Lahey, Brick, Legion Post #348
Connor Lecras, Forked River, Legion Post #517
Joseph Leibowitz, Millstone Township, Legion Post #455
Joseph Lentini, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Christopher Lietz, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Max Maccrate, Jackson, Legion Post #504
Dylan Magee, Millstone Township, Legion Post #455
Tyler McKelvey, Brick, Legion Post #348
Kyle Morris, Barnegat, Legion Post #232
Travis Nagiewicz, Brick, Legion Post #348
Robert Newman, New Egypt, Legion Post #455
Conor Nolan, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Spencer O'Donnell, Brick, Legion Post #348
James Peaney, Forked River, Legion Post #517
Russell Petranto, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Nicholas Powell, Brick, Legion Post #348
Harrison Roy, Allentown, Legion Post #455
Kevin Santino, Jackson, Legion Post #504
Mathew Santos, Toms River, Legion Post #502
Tyler Schaal, Bayville, Legion Post #351
Benjamin Scheiderman, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Omid Shirvani, Brick, Legion Post #348
Jaycob Solewski, Brick, Legion Post #348
Casey Stackable, Brick, Legion Post #348
Kyle Taranto, Brick, Legion Post #348
Zachary Thummborst, Toms River, Legion Post #129
Zachary Walters, Barnegat, Legion Post #232
Patrick Williams, Manchester, Legion Post #502

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About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)

In its 69th year, ALJBS is a week-long experience that educates and motivates New Jersey's youth so that each statesman may become a citizen leader dedicated to service, respect, and Americanism. Together, the delegates form the mythical "51st" state of the union each year, where they elect their own local, state, and national representatives. Activities at ALJBS include legislative sessions, general assemblies, court proceedings, athletics, band, and career seminars, among many others. All expenses associated with attending ALJBS are typically donated by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, or a community-based organization. To learn more, please visit aljbs.org.