



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

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

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – This week, 64 rising-seniors in high schools from Middlesex 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)

Gideon Abadilla, Carteret, Legion Post #263
Kwaku Agyemang, Piscataway, Legion Post #261
Nassan Anderson, Dunellen, Legion Post #119
Joshua Artman, Metuchen, Legion Post #65
Kwame Assoku, Sayreville, Legion Post #25
Shravan Balaji, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Nish Basher, Iselin, Legion Post #471
John Calvi, South Plainfield, Legion Post #243
Anthony Capurso, Iselin, Legion Post #471
Charles Confino, Colonia, Legion Post #248

Ryan Conlon, Edison, Legion Post #65
Steven Cornish, Monroe Township, Legion Post #522
Andrew Danchisko, Parlin, Legion Post #211
Michael Davis, Colonia, Legion Post #87
Joseph Dinizio, Middlesex, Legion Post #306
Andrew Duffer, North Brunswick, Legion Post #25
John Fantell, Colonia, Legion Post #248
Khalil Farid, South Plainfield, Legion Post #243
Patrick Farrell, Colonia, Legion Post #471
Jenniston Francis, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Matthew Freeman, Edison, Legion Post #324
Mark Garrett, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Alvin George, Sayreville, Legion Post #211
Brandon Giovanni, Middlesex, Legion Post #306
Bharath Gogineni, West Windsor, Legion Post #401
Arman Grewal, Cranbury, Legion Post #25
Eric Houlihan, Monrow Township, Legion Post #253
David Johnson, Dunellen, Legion Post #119
Nikhith Kethidi, Monroe Township, Legion Post #522
Zachary Kirschenbaum, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Stephan Kozub, Woodbridge, Legion Post #87
Kevin Kuchler, North Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Adrian Lapinski, Parlin, Legion Post #211
Kangmin Lee, North Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Devin Liu, Edison, Legion Post #253
Harman Manj, Carteret, Legion Post #263
Christopher Mcneil, South Plainfield, Legion Post #243
Jason Miles, Carteret, Legion Post #263
Shalin Modi, Sayreville, Legion Post #87
Daryll Munoz, Piscataway, Legion Post #261
Gaurav Nath, Edison, Legion Post #324
Anton Nelson, Metuchen, Legion Post #65
Nicholas Ngai, Colonia, Legion Post #248
Sean O'Sullivan, East Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Uzoma Ojinnaka, Dunellen, Legion Post #119
Aakash Patel, Sayreville, Legion Post #211
Neil Patel, Monroe Township, Legion Post #522
Anthony Petrick, Perth Amboy, Legion Post #65
Jorge Pinho, Woodbridge, Legion Post #471
Ankur Poddar, Colonia, Legion Post #243
Daniel Ricker, Monroe Township, Legion Post #253
Aadil Rizwan, North Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Pavandeep Sandhu, Carteret, Legion Post #263
Frank Seltzer, Monroe Township, Legion Post #522
Lovjoat Singh, Carteret, Legion Post #263
Simratvir Singh, Carteret, Legion Post #263
Kyle Smyth, Middlesex, Legion Post #306
Sridhar Sriram, Edison, Legion Post #324
Tyler Strong, Carteret, Legion Post #263
Anuj Tevar, Parlin, Legion Post #211
Christopher Thorsen, Edison, Legion Post #471
Theodore Tiu, Metuchen, Legion Post #65
Varun Venkatraman, North Brunswick, Legion Post #25
Robert Young Jr., Dunellen, Legion Post #119

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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.