



# AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

*“A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE”*

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## **American Legion Jersey Boys State’s 69<sup>th</sup> Session to be held June 22-27, 2013** *Nearly 1,000 Students from New Jersey Schools to attend “A Week That Shapes the Future”*

TRENTON, NJ -- American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) will hold its 69<sup>th</sup> week-long, college-level program with nearly 1,000 expected statesmen in attendance from June 22, to June 27, 2014. The program is sponsored by the American Legion Department of New Jersey and will be held at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Top of the class students from more than 325 New Jersey communities will participate in ALJBS’ hands-on approach to government in action at the local, county and state level. Within 24 hours of their arrival to ALJBS, each city will have divided into political parties and elected a mayor and council from within their ranks. By the end of the week, the delegation will have elected a new ALJBS Governor, Lieutenant Governor and two Boys Nation Senators who will attend a national program in Washington, D.C. this summer.

“In its 69<sup>th</sup> year, Jersey Boys State will continue to be one of the nation’s most respected and revered leadership programs of its kind,” said David Bagatelle, Director of American Legion Jersey Boys State. “The all-volunteer staff at Jersey Boys State is excited to welcome 1,000 statesmen to this year’s session.”

### **Highlights include:**

- Notable speakers including Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Leonard Lance, 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 a the 69<sup>th</sup> 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).

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### **About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)**

In its 69<sup>th</sup> 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](http://aljbs.org).