



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

“A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE”

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American Legion Jersey Boys State’s 70th Session to be held June 21-26, 2015 *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 70th college-level seminar with nearly 1,000 students expected in attendance from June 21-26, 2015. The week-long 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, as statesmen, in ALJBS’ hands-on approach to government in action at the local, county and state level. Within 24 hours of their arrival to ALJBS, statesmen will form 18 mythical cities, divide into political parties and elect a mayor and city council from within their ranks. Each statesman will have an opportunity to run for political office, participate in the political party process, and serve in the legislature, among many other events. By the end of the week, the delegation will elect a new ALJBS Governor, Lieutenant Governor and two Boys Nation Senators who will attend a national program in Washington, D.C. this summer.

“Our 70th session of American Legion Jersey Boys State may be the best leadership program we have put together since its inception,” 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 include Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, Senator Bob Menendez, and Congressman Leonard Lance, among many others;
- A college fair featuring more than 80 institutions from across the country;
- Leadership and career seminars taught by business executives, military representatives, political consultants, law experts, journalists, and other professional experts;
- Election of the 70th ALJBS Governor on Thursday, June 25; and
- Election of two Boys Nation Senators on Friday June 26, who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 17-24, 2015.

Notable ALJBS alumni include Governor Chris Christie (Boys Nation Senator, 1979), Senator Bob Menendez (1971), Senator Cory Booker (1986), Supreme Court Justice Sam 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 70th 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.