



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

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SEVENTY-SIX MORRIS COUNTY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

More than 325 communities represented at weeklong "government-in-action" program

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ - Seventy-six rising high school seniors from Morris county are attending the 72nd session of American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) held every year at Rider University. The college credit-qualified conference, sponsored by the American Legion Department of New Jersey, is one of the leading "government-in-action" program in the country. Statesmen are typically chosen and sponsored by local American Legion Posts and other community-based organizations.

"It's our honor to welcome 953 statesmen to Jersey Boys State," ALJBS Director David Bagatelle said. "American Legion Jersey Boys State shapes the future for so many young students, each year, who become our political, community, military, and business leaders."

Statesmen are afforded the opportunity to govern and interact with their peers from across New Jersey as they run their own mythical 51st state from June 18-23. Within 24 hours of their arrival to ALJBS, statesmen will have formed 18 mythical cities and two political parties to elect a mayor and city council to guide their city throughout the week. Each student has an opportunity to participate in the political party process by running for office, participating in friendly debate and voting in elections, 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.

Highlights include:

- Notable speakers this year include Lt. Gov. and Republican gubernatorial candidate Kim Guadagno, Sens. Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, U.S. Rep Leonard Lance, former Gov. Christie Whitman and ESPN analyst/NBA star Jay Williams
- Leadership and career seminars taught by business executives, military representatives, political consultants, law experts, journalists, and other professional experts;
- A college fair featuring more than 90 institutions from across the country;
- Election of the 72nd ALJBS Governor on Thursday, June 22; and
- Election of two Boys Nation Senators on Friday, June 23, who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington D.C. this summer.

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

2017 Morris County Delegation

William Barr, Flanders, Legion Post #91
Kyle Bastarrika, Flanders, Legion Post #278
Robert Bazaral, Madison, Legion Post #43
Mehul Bhargava, Jefferson, Legion Post #245
Jack Bishop, Jefferson Township, Legion Post #245
James Blind, East Hanover, Legion Post #450
Grant Borovskis, Pequannock, Legion Post #450
Sean Budowsky, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #242
matthew cardoso, East Hanover, Legion Post #421
Joseph Carmichael, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #242
Joseph Chichelo, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Sebastian Cortes, Dover, Legion Post #27
Dermot Curtin, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Jeremy D'Alessio, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Achilles Dabrowski, Rockaway, Legion Post #344
Leland Domaratzky, Long Valley, Legion Post #342
Anthony Dotzman, Kinnelon, Legion Post #390
Liam Dugan, Denville, Legion Post #390
Anthony Finnen, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #242
Liam Fitzgerald, Lake Hopatcong, Legion Post #245
Brendan Flood, Denville, Legion Post #390
Erich Frie, Denville, Legion Post #390
Timothy Gallo, Whippany, Legion Post #155
James Garavito, Dover, Legion Post #27
Joel Garcia, Dover, Legion Post #27
Jonathan Garcia, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Ryan Ginder, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Colin Graham, Kinnelon, Legion Post #154
Julio Granados, Dover, Legion Post #27
John Grecco, Butler, Legion Post #154
Alexander Guerrero, Dover, Legion Post #27
Seth Hanchett, Long Valley, Legion Post #342
Brian Heyman, Florham Park, Legion Post #43
Timothy Higgins, Green Village, Legion Post #43
Marc Hoeltge, Parsippany, Legion Post #249
Ashil Jhaveri, Millington, Legion Post #293
Anthony Johnson, Jefferson, Legion Post #423
Eric Kahn, Morris Plains, Legion Post #155
Matthew Kane, Mountain Lakes, Legion Post #5000
Ethan Kaplan, Lake Hiawatha, Legion Post #249
Daniel Kaynak, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #450
Udhay Khullar, Parsippany, Legion Post #249
Kaiser Lajewski, Madison, Legion Post #43
Christopher Leonardo, Oak Ridge, Legion Post #423
Jahn Lopez, Dover, Legion Post #27
Kalen Luciano, Oak Ridge, Legion Post #245
Alex Maietta, Whippany, Legion Post #155
Edgar Manriquez, Dover, Legion Post #27
Gavin Mayes, Green Village, Legion Post #43
Thomas McBride IV, Morris Plains, Legion Post #155
James McGoldrick, Flanders, Legion Post #342
Wyatt Mejia, Chatham, Legion Post #293
Jack Munro, Morristown, Legion Post #3
Robert Norton, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Jeremy Nugent, Madison, Legion Post #91
Taylor Olsen, Rockaway, Legion Post #344
Jonathan Opalewski, Rockaway, Legion Post #344
Alexander Pereira, Rockaway, Legion Post #344
Kenneth Pinedo, Dover, Legion Post #27
Evan Pregonzer, Butler, Legion Post #57
Pierce Rankin, Denville, Legion Post #390
Noah Rich, Flanders, Legion Post #278
Stephen Ryan, Morristown, Legion Post #342
Tomas Sampson, Wharton, Legion Post #91

Stefan Scrobanovich, East Hanover, Legion Post #421
Mike Seeley, Denville, Legion Post #390
Wade Slavik, Pompton Plains, Legion Post #450
Joseph Spada, Mendham, Legion Post #91
Ryan Spada, Rockaway, Legion Post #344
Michael Spenzos, Florham Park, Legion Post #91
Anthony Spina, Long Valley, Legion Post #342
Elias Tadros, Butler, Legion Post #154
Joseph Thoma, Whippany, Legion Post #155
Brett Thompson, Pequannock, Legion Post #450
Patrick Wickenheisser, Wharton, Legion Post #91
Clayton Zdroik, Long Valley, Legion Post #342

About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)

In its 72nd 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 statesmen form a 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.