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“A Week That Shapes the Future”

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STRONG SLATE SET TO SPEAK AT 2017 JERSEY BOYS STATE *Current Senators, Lt. Governor and former Governor highlight list of keynote speakers* *-- ESPN's Jay Williams to be Special Guest Speaker --*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ - A “who’s who” slate of current and former New Jersey leaders is set to speak at the 72nd session of American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) at Rider University this week.

New Jersey U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez, along with Lt. Governor and current Republican gubernatorial candidate Kim Guadagno, U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance and former New Jersey governor Christie Todd Whitman anchor the speaker’s list at this year’s session. ESPN’s Jay Williams, former NBA and collegiate star, will deliver a speech on Friday.

All events will occur at Rider University’s Alumni Gym.

If you are interested in covering an event, obtaining an interview with Director David Bagatelle, or shooting B-Roll, please email or call James Lynch, Dean of Communications at jlynch@aljbs.org, 609-560-8066.

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U.S. Representative Leonard Lance (ALJBS ‘69) - Speaking on Sunday, June 18, at 7:25 p.m.

“Boys State offers young people interested in public service the chance to meet like-minded students from all corners of New Jersey, Rep. Leonard Lance said. “I am impressed every year by the young men who participate and hope to serve their country, churches and communities. I look forward to their questions on current events and issues before Congress and the Nation.”

Senator Cory Booker (ALJBS ‘86) - Speaking on Monday, June 19, at 9:15 a.m.

“Boys State played an integral role in inspiring me to commit my life to public service, and I’m honored to have the opportunity to share that experience with New Jersey’s future leaders, Sen. Cory Booker said. “The valuable lessons of democracy and community engagement that are instilled through Boys State and Girls State have encouraged young men and women from across New Jersey to become civic-minded leaders committed to responsible citizenship.”

Governor Christie Whitman - Speaking on Thursday, June 22, at 2:20 p.m.

“Both Boys and Girls State programs prepare outstanding young people for leadership positions in today's world, Gov. Christie Whitman said. “It is always reassuring to spend time with these young people and be reminded that the future will be in good hands. Congratulations to all who work so hard to make this program a success.”

Senator Bob Menendez (ALJBS ‘71) - Speaking on Friday, June 23, at 1:30 p.m.

“Boys State is a unique and fulfilling experience, and one that I will always cherish. It helps you meet every challenge, solve many problems, reach further, think bigger, and be better,” Sen. Bob Menendez said. “Boys State holds a valuable lesson: that a good and decent government led by good and decent men and women—united by their common concerns, not divided by their differences—can change the world. Boys State is just the beginning for these future leaders from across New Jersey on their journey to change the world.”

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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 mock “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.