



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

Sponsored by THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

JUNE 16-21, 2013; RIDER UNIVERSITY, Lawrenceville, NJ

www.ALJBS.org

 @ALJBS

 .com/ALJBS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 16, 2013

CONTACT: David Bagatelle, Director

dbagatelle@aljbs.org, 646-408-1032

131 Bergen County Rising-Seniors Attend American Legion Jersey Boys State *More than 325 New Jersey Communities Represented*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – Today, 131 rising-seniors in high schools from Bergen County arrived at the 68th 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 a practical approach for teaching civics and government at the local, county and state level, including party politics.

“This week will shape the future for 967 young leaders at Jersey Boys State,” said David Bagatelle, Director of ALJBS and resident of Mahwah. “Just ask Governor Chris Christie, Senator Robert Menendez, or Mayor Cory Booker, all of whom, attended this program when they were in high school.”

Statesmen will have the opportunity to govern and interact with other top-of-the-class peers from across New Jersey as they run their own mythical 51st state of the union from June 16-21. 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, state governments, municipal courts and will elect two senators to serve at American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. later this summer.

Throughout the week-long program, statesmen are:

- Hearing from notable speakers including US Senate candidate and Newark Mayor Cory Booker, Congressman Leonard Lance, and NJ Assemblyman Herbert Conaway, Jr.
- Participating in a robust college fair featuring top national universities;
- Attending leadership seminars and training by United States Marine Corps and New Jersey State Police;
- Electing the 68th ALJBS Governor; and
- Electing two Boys Nation Senators who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Jersey Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 19-26, 2013.

Statesmen in Attendance (Alphabetical by Name)

Kwabena Appiah, Park Ridge, Legion Post #369

Sebastian Ayanian, Haworth, Legion Post #111

Timothy Bacza, Wallington, Legion Post #207

Adam Badalmenti, Waldwick, Legion Post #369

Jonathan Barrios, Rochelle Park, Legion Post #170

Ernest Barzaga, Fairview, Legion Post #365

Daniel Bouliga, Moonachie, Legion Post #97

Steven Budziszewski, Bergenfield, Legion Post #207

Ian Cairns, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139

Ishak Caner, Fairlawn, Legion Post #171

Nicholas Cariddi, Emerson, Legion Post #206

Ryan Casey, Waldwick, Legion Post #69

Hahn Chang, River Edge, Legion Post #226

Allan Chen, Fair Lawn, Legion Post #171

Darien Cheng, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106

John Chevres, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Neil Chiclayo, Elmwood Park, Legion Post #147
Jan Chmura, Wallington, Legion Post #207
Bryan Choi, Ridgefield, Legion Post #0
Andrew Chung, Closter, Legion Post #111
Francis Ciambone, Paramus, Legion Post #531
Thomas Concannon, Rutherford, Legion Post #109
Timothy Concannon, Rutherford, Legion Post #109
Timothy Cooke, Old Tappan, Legion Post #366
Ryan Coughlin, Midland Park, Legion Post #130
Matthew Cron, Waldwick, Legion Post #41
Bruce Da silva, Rutherford, Legion Post #109
William De feis, Ridgefield Park, Legion Post #40
Sean Dello Monaco, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Steven Deprimo, Waldwick, Legion Post #57
Michael Desimone, Paramus, Legion Post #207
Tyler Diamond, Waldwick, Legion Post #57
Christian Dutan, Hackensack, Legion Post #55
Michael Dziuba, Pompton Lakes, Legion Post #369
Griffin Endress, Ramsey, Legion Post #57
Peter Falkow, Ramsey, Legion Post #170
Darren Fink, Cliffside Park, Legion Post #2000
David Fiume, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Alex Gellman, Cresskill, Legion Post #21
Justin George, Teaneck, Legion Post #128
Nicholas Gerken, Ridgefield Park, Legion Post #40
Justin Gibbs, Teaneck, Legion Post #128
Murat Goksu, Fairview, Legion Post #365
Alexander Gonzalez, Garfield, Legion Post #0
Michael Gostkowski, Wyckoff, Legion Post #130
William Grupenhof, River Edge, Legion Post #226
John Hilcher, Bloomfield, Legion Post #109
Jason Hughes, Teaneck, Legion Post #128
Joseph Hurban, Waldwick, Legion Post #57
Francis Illuzzi, Ringwood, Legion Post #369
Ahamed Jamaldeen, Woodridge, Legion Post #97
Steven Johnson, Little Ferry, Legion Post #310
Joseph Kaleeny, Garfield, Legion Post #109
James Kayal, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Benjamin Ker, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Elias Khoury, Elmwood Park, Legion Post #147
Daniel Kim, Tenafly, Legion Post #1
Hyeon Kim, Ridgefield, Legion Post #0
Edward Kochakian, Bergenfield, Legion Post #170
Joseph Kohn, Park Ridge, Legion Post #153
Stefanos Kolokithas, Ridgefield, Legion Post #111
Nicholas Komsa, Rochelle Park, Legion Post #170
Clifford Kwarteng, Maywood, Legion Post #55
Joseph Lafranca, Lodi, Legion Post #136
Sooyong Lee, River Edge, Legion Post #226
Kevin Leone, Park Ridge, Legion Post #153
Jerry Luk, Edgewater, Legion Post #116
Daniel Lynam, Midland Park, Legion Post #130

Derek Macneill, Ridgefield Park, Legion Post #40
Tyler Maramba, North Arlington, Legion Post #37
Raynier Matias, South Hackensack, Legion Post #310
Connor Mccabe, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Kyle Mccann, Park Ridge, Legion Post #153
Brian Mckenna, Hillsdale, Legion Post #162
Michael Mcpherson, Dumont, Legion Post #170
Divy Mehra, Park Ridge, Legion Post #153
Paul Minervini, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
JC Miranda, Ridgefield, Legion Post #57
Michael Mludzik, Wallington, Legion Post #531
Justin Mohre, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Ryan Morano, Carlstadt, Legion Post #106
Michael Nair, Oradell, Legion Post #41
Derek Nelson, Ramsey, Legion Post #170
Eric Nowoslawski, Rutherford, Legion Post #453
James Nowoslawski, Rutherford, Legion Post #453
Nicholas Nowoslawski, Rutherford, Legion Post #109
Anthony Nunez, Rutherford, Legion Post #221
Joon sung Oh, Tenafly, Legion Post #21
Patrick Okrasinski, Fair Lawn, Legion Post #171
Matthew Owitz, Fairview, Legion Post #365
Gramoz Peposhi, Cliffside Park, Legion Post #365
Marco Phelan, Woodridge, Legion Post #97
Michael Phillips, New Milford, Legion Post #170
Jonathan Pichardo, Carlstadt, Legion Post #69
Joseph Pigot, Park Ridge, Legion Post #153
James Pizappi, Waldwick, Legion Post #57
Giuseppe Pollicino, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Fernando Porras, Hillsdale, Legion Post #162
Kishen Pujara, Paramus, Legion Post #207
Brian Pushie, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Miguel Qrullon, Ridgefield, Legion Post #0
Peter Ricco, Cresskill, Legion Post #21
Brian Roberts, Midland Park, Legion Post #130
Jonathan Rodriguez, Elmwood Park, Legion Post #147
Alexander Ruiz, Washington, Legion Post #170
Richard Ruiz, Ridgefield Park, Legion Post #310
Eric Schreiber, Ridgefield Park, Legion Post #40
Alex Semendinger, Wyckoff, Legion Post #369
Aditya Singh, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Lawrence Soracco, Bergenfield, Legion Post #207
Max Spelling, Woodcliff Lake, Legion Post #153
Leandro Taveras, River Edge, Legion Post #226
Adam Taylor, Tenafly, Legion Post #221
Kevin Teets, New Milford, Legion Post #170
Jacob Teitelbaum, Upper Saddle River, Legion Post #30
Chioke Tolbert, Teaneck, Legion Post #128
Anthony Urgola, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Christopher Verdi, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Thilan Waharaka, Allendale, Legion Post #170
David Walker, Rutherford, Legion Post #109
Connor Walsh, Waldwick, Legion Post #369

Henry Wang, River Edge, Legion Post #226
John Wang, Leonia, Legion Post #1
Brett Weinstein, Montvale, Legion Post #153
Ryan Wheeler, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Tahmir Williams, Elmwood Park, Legion Post #109
Carl Wolf, Nutley, Legion Post #109
Kwadwo Yeboah, Teoneck, Legion Post #491
Daniel Yero, North Arlington, Legion Post #37
James Yoon, Upper Saddle River, Legion Post #170
William Youm, Upper Saddle River, Legion Post #170

About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)

In its 68th year, ALJBS is a week-long experience that educates, trains, and inspires New Jersey's youth so that each statesman may become a lifelong leader of character committed to service, respect, and Americanism. ALJBS is a college-level seminar that teaches citizenship, politics, and leadership to more than 1,000 rising-seniors in high school. ALJBS is among the most respected and selective educational programs of its kind in the country. All expenses are typically donated by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, or a community-based organization. To learn more, please visit aljbs.org.