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"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

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

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – Today, 70 rising-seniors in high schools from Camden 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. “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)

Harry Bach, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372

Ronalo Berna, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #72

Nickolas Boensch, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372

Zachary Bourgeois, Runnemede, Legion Post #2000

Tyler Brake, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372

Christian Butts, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372

Michael Cameron, Audubon, Legion Post #262

Stephen Campbell, Collingswood, Legion Post #17

Zakary Chiaradia, Audubon, Legion Post #262

Jonathan Cochran, Berlin, Legion Post #311

William Connell, Haddonfield, Legion Post #38

Daniel Coyle, Collingswood, Legion Post #17

Edward Curtin, Marlton, Legion Post #372

Jared Dashevsky, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372

Patrick Deets, Collingswood, Legion Post #72

Sagar Desai, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372

Kevin Dimeo, Haddonfield, Legion Post #38

Brad Donohue, Haddonfield, Legion Post #230
Brennan Edel, Delran, Legion Post #72
Albert Enriquez, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372
Jose Fontanez, Magnolia, Legion Post #281
Benjamin Fuchs, Somerdale, Legion Post #281
Ryan Gallagher, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372
Eytan Gittler, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372
Jack Grassi, Oaklyn, Legion Post #17
John Greenberg, Haddonfield, Legion Post #38
Robert Hartley, Pine Hill, Legion Post #286
Kyle Hauske, Audubon, Legion Post #0
Robert Hehl, Blackwood, Legion Post #281
Luther Hoheisel, Haddon Township, Legion Post #230
Adam Hoinkis, Audubon, Legion Post #262
Donald Hutter, Audubon, Legion Post #250
Cole Janowsky, Marlton, Legion Post #372
Daniel Julia, Clementon, Legion Post #281
Harun Kashem, Clementon, Legion Post #286
John gerald Lamaina, Haddonfield, Legion Post #38
Brandon Lanchang, Mount Ephraim, Legion Post #262
Timothy Lemon, Glendora, Legion Post #281
Peter Lewis, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372
James Livecchi, Audubon, Legion Post #262
Paul Lunney, Collingswood, Legion Post #17
Brian Maguire, Sicklerville, Legion Post #311
John McLaughlin, Haddonfield, Legion Post #38
Ahmed Mustafa, Clementon, Legion Post #281
Ryan Niedt, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372
Tyler O'donnell, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #72
Eric Padernilla, Blackwood, Legion Post #250
Justin Parker, Pinehill, Legion Post #286
Logan Peterson, Haddon Township, Legion Post #230
Anthony Powell, Gloucester City, Legion Post #72
Bilal Qadar, Lawnside, Legion Post #38
Kenneth Ralph, Sicklerville, Legion Post #281
Corey Reese, Sicklerville, Legion Post #281
Anthony Rizzo, Mickleton, Legion Post #372
Angel Rodriguez, Lindenwold, Legion Post #72
Brian Roney, Haddonfield, Legion Post #38
Frankie Rossetti, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372
Ryan Sagedy, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372
Jordan Shay, Marlton, Legion Post #371
Zachary Sherlock, Gloucester, Legion Post #72
Nicholas Smith, Haddon Heights, Legion Post #38
Jimi Stine, Merchantville, Legion Post #372
Alex Thach, Pennsauken, Legion Post #68
Michael Tomasetto, Merchantville, Legion Post #68
Robert Van fossen, Bellmawr, Legion Post #281
Ishraql Wara, Brooklawn, Legion Post #72
Ryan Weightman, Collingswood, Legion Post #17
Nicholas Weintrant, Sicklerville, Legion Post #281
Allan Westenberger, Gloucester City, Legion Post #72
Christopher Yeh, Cherry Hill, Legion Post #372

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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.

