



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

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50 Somerset County Students Attend American Legion Jersey Boys State *More than 325 New Jersey Communities Sent Delegates*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – This week, 50 rising-seniors in high schools from Somerset County arrived at the 69th 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 an action-oriented approach for teaching civics and government at the local, county and state level.

"It's our honor to welcome 924 statesmen to Jersey Boys State," said David Bagatelle, Director of ALJBS. "The Jersey Boys State record of producing our state's leaders is strong including our current governor, Chris Christie, our senators, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, and many other political leaders."

Statesmen will have the opportunity to govern and interact with their peers from across New Jersey as they run their own mythical 51st state of the union from June 22-27. 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, the state legislature, municipal courts and will elect two senators to serve at American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. later this summer.

Highlights throughout the week include:

- Notable speakers including Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Leonard Lance, CBS 3 Philadelphia's Jessica Dean, US Senate candidate Jeffrey Bell, former Congressman Bob Inglis (SC), among many others;
- A college fair featuring nearly 100 institutions from across the country;
- Leadership and career seminars featuring business executives, military representatives, political consultants, law experts and journalists, among other professional experts;
- Election of the 69th ALJBS Governor on Thursday, June 26; and
- Election of two Boys Nation Senators on Friday June 27, who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 18-26, 2014.

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

Statesmen in Attendance (Alphabetical by Name)

Paul Ajayi, Union, Legion Post #12
Peter Ajayi, Union, Legion Post #12
Eric Brandwein, Hillsborough, Legion Post #12
Arman Brown, North Plainfield, Legion Post #12
Victor Castagno, Basking Ridge, Legion Post #293
Dimitri Demos, Branchburg, Legion Post #12
Ethan Donnelly, Annadale, Legion Post #12
Marc Esposito, Warren, Legion Post #12
Nicholas Fabiano, Somerville, Legion Post #12
Liam Formisano, Oldwick, Legion Post #12
Andrew Greenberg, Warren, Legion Post #293

Michael Greene, Branchburg, Legion Post #12
Kevin Guo, Warren, Legion Post #293
Jay Hauser, Branchburg, Legion Post #12
Grant Hellings, Basking Ridge, Legion Post #12
Javon Hicks, Clark, Legion Post #12
Matthew Hunt, Millington, Legion Post #293
Ibraheem Insanally, Somerville, Legion Post #12
Garrett Jochneau, Warren, Legion Post #293
Kevin Juarez-Leon, Bound Brook, Legion Post #12
Hans Kamin, Skillman, Legion Post #12
Matthew Kapica, Branchburg, Legion Post #12
Alex Kochanik, Bridgewater, Legion Post #12
Christopher Kuczynki, Bayonne, Legion Post #12
Volodymyr Kunderevych, Manville, Legion Post #304
Michael Marino, Bernardsville, Legion Post #12
Brian Matticoli, Belle Mead, Legion Post #12
Collin McManus, Montgomery, Legion Post #12
Abhinav Miriyala, Bridgewater, Legion Post #12
Alesandro Murray, Green Brook, Legion Post #293
Harrison Napell, Warren, Legion Post #293
Christopher Negri, Warren, Legion Post #293
Anthony Neves, Belle Mead, Legion Post #12
Jideofor Okafor, Hillsborough, Legion Post #12
Kyle Pacla, North Plainfield, Legion Post #265
Aaron Rosenbaum, Hillsborough, Legion Post #12
Jack Sarles, Branchburg, Legion Post #12
Peter Seyffart, South Bound Brook, Legion Post #363
Elijah Sheridan, North Plainfield, Legion Post #265
Kiran Sundar, Bridgewater, Legion Post #507
David Tsai, Bridgewater, Legion Post #12
Andrew Tu, Warren, Legion Post #293
Michael Usewick, Bridgewater, Legion Post #507
Nithin Vejudla, Cranbury, Legion Post #12
Daniel Vonarburg, Belle Mead, Legion Post #12
David Voychuk, Watchung, Legion Post #293
Darron Wallace, Belle Mead, Legion Post #12
Jason Weitze, Skillman, Legion Post #12
Sebastian Wisniowiecki, Manville, Legion Post #304
Declan Wollard, Maplewood, Legion Post #12

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About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)

In its 69th 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.