



# AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

*“A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE”*

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## 62 Mercer County Rising-Seniors Attend American Legion Jersey Boys State *More than 325 New Jersey Communities Represented*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – Today, 62 rising-seniors in high schools from Mercer County arrived at the 68<sup>th</sup> 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 51<sup>st</sup> 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 68<sup>th</sup> 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)

Christopher Ash, Hamilton, Legion Post #76

Daniel Belliveau, East Windsor, Legion Post #458

Anders Berg, Princeton, Legion Post #31

Maaziah Bethea, Trenton, Legion Post #491

Michael Byrnes, West Windsor, Legion Post #76

Anthony Chen, Princeton, Legion Post #31

Sean Chia, Lawrenceville, Legion Post #414

Steven Chranowski, Trenton, Legion Post #31

David Colon, Hamilton, Legion Post #93

Antonio Coriano, Hamilton, Legion Post #313

Joseph Cuomo, Hamilton, Legion Post #458

Luke Decker, Flemington, Legion Post #314

Nicholas Demarie, Mercerville, Legion Post #93

Adam Deslatte, West Windsor, Legion Post #76

Matthew Duguay, Hamilton, Legion Post #31  
Garret Erickson, West Windsor, Legion Post #76  
Garrett Falk, Lawrenceville, Legion Post #414  
Edward Fiori, Ewing, Legion Post #314  
Christopher Giaquinto, Hamilton, Legion Post #313  
Adan Gonzalez, Trenton, Legion Post #182  
Jerron Gregory, Ewing, Legion Post #182  
Turner Grunenwald, Hopewell, Legion Post #339  
Sean Gunther, Pennington, Legion Post #339  
Austin Hanby, East Windsor, Legion Post #414  
Patrick Harchik, Hamilton, Legion Post #31  
Patrick Jones, Ewing, Legion Post #314  
Simeon Kamble, Plainsboro, Legion Post #76  
Brandon Kaveski, Hamilton, Legion Post #313  
Joshua Knowles, Hamilton, Legion Post #313  
George Koutsouradis, Hamilton, Legion Post #313  
Benjamin Kraml, Hamilton, Legion Post #31  
Viktor Krapivin, Lawrenceville, Legion Post #414  
Jacob Kwami, Ewing, Legion Post #314  
Pierre Laguerre, Hamilton, Legion Post #313  
Cody Laramore, Hamilton, Legion Post #182  
Sheamus Larkin, Manalapan, Legion Post #458  
Patrick Lavery, Lawrenceville, Legion Post #414  
Jonathan Lee, Princeton Jct, Legion Post #76  
Winston Leung, West Windsor, Legion Post #76  
Brian Mackenzie, Cranbury, Legion Post #76  
Daniel Maher, Hamilton, Legion Post #458  
Kevin Mahoney, Bordentown, Legion Post #524  
Michael Markulec, Titusville, Legion Post #339  
Matthew Martinez, Monroe Township, Legion Post #458  
Tyler Molis, Mercerville, Legion Post #31  
Edward Mount, Columbus, Legion Post #458  
Robert Nasto, Lawrenceville, Legion Post #458  
Thomas Padulchick, Mercerville, Legion Post #148  
Jeffton Pierre, Hamilton, Legion Post #31  
Douglas Quick, Hamilton, Legion Post #221  
Tyler Rayner, Robbinsville, Legion Post #182  
Dominick Ricci, Millstone, Legion Post #458  
Keyne Saint fleur, Ewing, Legion Post #314  
Christopher Scales, Hamilton, Legion Post #31  
Zachary Scott, Lawrenceville, Legion Post #458  
Joseph Simon, Stockton, Legion Post #458  
Felix Su, Plainsboro, Legion Post #76  
Prajay Tipre, Princeton, Legion Post #148  
Shivram Viswanathan, Princeton Jct, Legion Post #76  
Christopher Von autenried, Princeton Jct, Legion Post #76  
Joseph Wagner, Cranbury, Legion Post #76  
Blake Wilmer, East Windsor, Legion Post #148

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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](http://aljbs.org).