



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

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American Legion Jersey Boys State to be held June 16-21, 2013

A Week That Shapes the Future for more than 1,000 from New Jersey High Schools

TRENTON, NJ -- American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS), will hold its 68th annual week-long, college-level program with more than 1,000 expected statesmen in attendance from June 16, to June 21, 2013. The program is sponsored by the American Legion Department of New Jersey and will be held at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Top-of-the-class students from more than 325 communities across New Jersey will participate in ALJBS' hands-on approach for teaching civics and government at the local, county and state level, including party politics. Within 24 hours of their arrival to ALJBS, each city will have divided into political parties, elected a mayor and council from within their ranks.

"Jersey Boys State is well-known for staging one of our nation's most respected and revered leadership programs of its kind and the 2013 session will be no different," said David Bagatelle, Director of American Legion Jersey Boys State. "The all-volunteer staff at ALJBS is excited to welcome 1,000 statesmen to this year's session."

Highlights include:

- Notable speakers including Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Leonard Lance, and Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Bill Baroni;
- A robust college fair featuring top national universities;
- Leadership seminars and training by United States Marine Corps and New Jersey State Police;
- Election of the 68th ALJBS Governor on Thursday, June 20; and
- Election of 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.

Notable ALJBS alumni include Governor Christopher Christie (Boys Nation Senator, 1979), Senator Robert Menendez (1971), Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito (1967), Newark Mayor Cory Booker (1986), Congressman Leonard Lance (1969), Former State Senator and Current Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey William Baroni (ALJBS Governor, 1989), and Assemblyman Herbert Conaway (ALJBS Governor, 1980).

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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.