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“A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE”

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Fravlin Munoz Awarded Todd Eaton Scholarship at American Legion Jersey Boys State

Munoz of Patterson, NJ Awarded Annual Scholarship at 68th Session of Program

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – On Friday, the American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) announced Fravlin Munoz of Patterson, NJ, as the recipient for the Todd Eaton Scholarship Award for 68th session of American Legion Jersey Boys State. Since 2002, Jersey Boys State has honored one statesmen each session who selflessly serves his fellow statesmen and the program during the week. Munoz, who was sponsored by American Legion Post #438, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to aid his college education. Each senior counselor of ALJBS’ eighteen cities submitted one candidate whose record was reviewed and later interviewed by the ALJBS Senior Honors Committee.

Todd Eaton, a statesman in 1986, volunteered for eight years at Jersey Boys State. In his remembrance, the award is given to the statesman who best represents the spirit of the program—someone who does not seek the spotlight, but rather takes care of his fellow statesmen and dedicates himself to help others achieve their goals.

In 1946, Harold "Chief" Eaton, grandfather of Todd Eaton, served as the founding Director of ALJBS. Chief Eaton continued to serve as Director until his death in 1984. Under Chief Eaton’s leadership, Jersey Boys State developed into a model Boys State program for many other states and a format that is copied by many other programs to this day.

“Fravlin should be very proud of himself for his dedication to Jersey Boys State,” said David Bagatelle, Director of American Legion Jersey Boys State. “We created this scholarship to remember Todd Eaton and recognize a statesman who acted in the best spirit of American Legion Jersey Boys State.”

In addition to this award, ALJBS also named several other honors for this year’s session.

HONOR	NAME	HOMETOWN	LEGION POST #
Gordon A. Vreeland Award	Prajay Tipe	Princeton	148
Samsung Nominee	Ronald Berna	Cinnaminson	72
Harry V. Groome Award (staff)	Andrew Robertson	Bordentown	542

Throughout the week-long program, statesmen:

- Heard from notable speakers including US Senate candidate and Newark Mayor Cory Booker (ALJBS delegate, 1986), US Senate candidate Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., Congressman Leonard Lance (ALJBS delegate, 1969), and NJ Assemblyman Herbert Conaway, Jr. (ALJBS Governor, 1980);
- Participated in a robust college fair featuring 95 colleges and universities from across the nation;
- Attended leadership seminars and training by United States Marine Corps and New Jersey State Police;
- Elected the 68th ALJBS Governor; and
- Elected two Boys Nation Senators who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington D.C., from July 19-26, 2013.

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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 nearly 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.