



# AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

*"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"*

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## **101 Burlington County Students Attend American Legion Jersey Boys State** *More than 325 New Jersey Communities Sent Delegates*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – This week, 101 rising-seniors in high schools from Burlington County arrived at the 69<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 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 51<sup>st</sup> 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 69<sup>th</sup> 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)**

Tolu Abiona, Burlington, Legion Post #79  
Steven Ai, Moorestown, Legion Post #42  
Ameer Alam, Moorestown, Legion Post #79  
Andrew Arnold, Shamong, Legion Post #526  
Adam Berenato, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156  
Brett Bowles, Marlton, Legion Post #526  
Jared Boyer, Willingboro, Legion Post #79  
Christopher Bright, Mount Holly, Legion Post #509  
Benjamin Burgher, Bordentown, Legion Post #26

Dane Calcagni, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Kevin Carroll, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Charles Castillo, Medford, Legion Post #526  
Edward Chase, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Christopher Childs, Florence, Legion Post #194  
James Cody, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156  
Jonathan Delorenzo, Moorestown, Legion Post #42  
Jonas Di pinto, Palmyra, Legion Post #156  
Lucas Don, Lumberton, Legion Post #11  
Pablo Estrada, Florence, Legion Post #194  
Austin Fairchild, Westampton, Legion Post #294  
Roberto Figueroa III, Edgewater Park, Legion Post #194  
Darius Foggy, Burlington, Legion Post #336  
John Fosbenner, Riverton, Legion Post #156  
Jason Gaughan, Lumberton, Legion Post #11  
Adrian Gee, Burlington, Legion Post #79  
Luke Gentile, Burlington, Legion Post #146  
William Graessle, Chesterfield, Legion Post #26  
Clinton Haldeman, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294  
Robert Harper, Marlton, Legion Post #526  
Gabriel Hochenberger, Riverton, Legion Post #156  
Eric Hoeflich, Delran, Legion Post #79  
John Hoskin, Westampton, Legion Post #11  
Brady Hudik, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Nikolas Iacovelli, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Brandon Jones, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156  
Kevin Jung, Medford, Legion Post #526  
Andrew Katella, Riverton, Legion Post #156  
Adam Khanu, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Brent Knox, Pemberton, Legion Post #294  
Matthew Kohnke, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Anthony Layne, Maple Shade, Legion Post #66  
Charles Levach, Burlington, Legion Post #39  
Remington Little, Crosswicks, Legion Post #26  
Nathan Macpherson, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294  
Christian Martin, McGuire AFB, Legion Post #26  
David Martinez, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294  
Antonio Mastoris, Burlington, Legion Post #79  
Ryan Mcdonald, Lumberton, Legion Post #11  
James Mchugh, Moorestown, Legion Post #42  
Tyler Micklon, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294  
Casey Miles, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294  
Timothy Millington, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294  
Vincent Moncholi, Moorestown, Legion Post #42  
Nacir Monroe, Willingboro, Legion Post #79  
Michael Morgan, Burlington, Legion Post #39  
Clifford Muse, Burlington, Legion Post #336  
Jake Nappa, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Steven Northington, Marlton, Legion Post #79  
Thomas O'Donnell, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Andrew Olesky, Maple Shade, Legion Post #66  
Steven Parrish, Maple Shade, Legion Post #146  
Marcus Paul, Westampton, Legion Post #336  
Joseph Pavlovsky, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Hugo Pereira, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Antony Perkins, Beverly, Legion Post #156  
Tyler Phillips, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Mikel Purcel, Riverside, Legion Post #146  
Kyle Rafferty, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156  
Nicholas Rausch, Moorestown, Legion Post #42  
Jonathon Reed, Roebling, Legion Post #39

Malik Reese, Maple Shade, Legion Post #79  
Alexander Ricasoli, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Benjamin Rogers-boehme, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Diego Rojas, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Jack Ronayne, Marlton, Legion Post #526  
Danlo Rubio, Edgewater Park, Legion Post #79  
Brennan Ryan, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Jake Ryan, Medford, Legion Post #526  
Jason Ryan, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Benjamin Sawin, Moorestown, Legion Post #42  
Mark Schneider, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Nihar Sheth, Marlton, Legion Post #526  
Agon Shkodra, Maple Shade, Legion Post #66  
Zachary Shontz, Delran, Legion Post #146  
Lois Tallone, Ruebling, Legion Post #79  
Benjamin Taylor, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294  
Matthew Taylor, Browns Mills, Legion Post #526  
Kevyn Teape, Burlington Township, Legion Post #489  
Karl Torres, Columbus, Legion Post #26  
Brian Trainer, Moorestown, Legion Post #42  
Justin Trombino, Bordentown, Legion Post #26  
Kevin Tsao, Moorestown, Legion Post #42  
Noah Tyler, Fieldsboro, Legion Post #26  
Kyle Umbehauer, Tabernacle, Legion Post #526  
Zachary Umstead, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156  
Domenico Vacanti, Medford, Legion Post #526  
Thomas Van Veldhuisen, Crosswicks, Legion Post #26  
David Vanartsdalen, Palmyra, Legion Post #156  
Nicholas Weydig, Riverside, Legion Post #146  
Christopher Yankelunas, Lumberton, Legion Post #11  
Joseph Yunga, Riverside, Legion Post #146

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### **About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)**

In its 69<sup>th</sup> 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](http://aljbs.org).