



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

Sponsored by THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

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119 BURLINGTON COUNTY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

More than 325 communities represented at weeklong "government-in-action" program

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ - One-hundred and nineteen rising high school seniors from Burlington county are attending the 72nd session of American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) held every year at Rider University. The college credit-qualified conference, sponsored by the American Legion Department of New Jersey, is one of the leading "government-in-action" program in the country. Statesmen are typically chosen and sponsored by local American Legion Posts and other community-based organizations.

"It's our honor to welcome 953 statesmen to Jersey Boys State," ALJBS Director David Bagatelle said. "American Legion Jersey Boys State shapes the future for so many young students, each year, who become our political, community, military, and business leaders."

Statesmen are afforded the opportunity to govern and interact with their peers from across New Jersey as they run their own mythical 51st state from June 18-23. Within 24 hours of their arrival to ALJBS, statesmen will have formed 18 mythical cities and two political parties to elect a mayor and city council to guide their city throughout the week. Each student has an opportunity to participate in the political party process by running for office, participating in friendly debate and voting in elections, among many other events. By the end of the week, the delegation will elect a new ALJBS Governor, Lieutenant Governor and two Boys Nation Senators, who will attend a national program in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Highlights include:

- Notable speakers this year include Lt. Gov. and Republican gubernatorial candidate Kim Guadagno, Sens. Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, U.S. Rep Leonard Lance, former Gov. Christie Whitman and ESPN analyst/NBA star Jay Williams
- Leadership and career seminars taught by business executives, military representatives, political consultants, law experts, journalists, and other professional experts;
- A college fair featuring more than 90 institutions from across the country;
- Election of the 72nd ALJBS Governor on Thursday, June 22; and
- Election of two Boys Nation Senators on Friday, June 23, who will represent New Jersey at the annual American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington D.C. this summer.

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

2017 Burlington County Delegation

Christopher Adams, Pemberton, Legion Post #294
John Adegoke, Lumberton, Legion Post #82
Justin Arnold, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156
William Bearsto, Lumberton, Legion Post #509
Anthony Berna, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #72
Dean Blizzard, Moorestown, Legion Post #42
Charles Bluhm, Riverside, Legion Post #146
Mykl Bodnar, JB MDL, Legion Post #294
Dominick Bottinelli, Moorestown, Legion Post #42
Evan Braasch, Bordentown, Legion Post #26
Mark Brenner, Lumberton, Legion Post #17
Corey Britt, Bordentown, Legion Post #26
Jahlen Brown, Burlington City, Legion Post #79
Dean Cahill, Mount Laurel, Legion Post #372
William Cann, Lumberton, Legion Post #11
Anthony Capriccioso, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Evan Carr, Bordentown, Legion Post #26
Zaire Carter, Delanco, Legion Post #526
Jonathan Cervantes, Pemberton, Legion Post #294
Alan Chacko, Florence, Legion Post #346
Jimmy Chung, Delran, Legion Post #146
Mychael Combs, Riverside, Legion Post #166
William Conaway, Burlington City, Legion Post #336
Joshua Conklin, Lumberton, Legion Post #509
Kevin Conville, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156
Scott Cookson, Burlington, Legion Post #156
Charlie Coriell, Moorestown, Legion Post #42
Mathias Cross, Bordentown, Legion Post #194
Jonathan Cwiklinski, Pemberton, Legion Post #294
Glenn Daly, Delran, Legion Post #146
Richard Del Vecchio, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Vincent DeLuca, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156
Cameron Devers, Lumberton, Legion Post #509
Connor Dey, Hainesport, Legion Post #509
Vedant Dhopte, Chesterfield, Legion Post #26
Connor Dickerson, Marlton, Legion Post #42
Nicholas DiGerolamo, Columbus, Legion Post #26
Peter Dluoik, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #262
Christopher Dsilva, Mount Holly, Legion Post #509
Brandt Fordham, Lumberton, Legion Post #509
Peter Fox, Lumberton, Legion Post #11
Matthew Freudenrich, Lumberton, Legion Post #11
Ariel Garcia-Carela, Burlington, Legion Post #79
Gabriel Gonzalez, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Sam Grala, Bordentown, Legion Post #414
Jonathan Haines, Pemberton, Legion Post #294
Cole Hamlin, Delran, Legion Post #146
Rhys Harris, Hainesport, Legion Post #509
Joseph Hawk, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Tyler Horn, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Emmanuel Hounsa, Mount Holly, Legion Post #509
Sean Jamison, Hainesport, Legion Post #11
Jake Janish, Bordentown, Legion Post #26
John Jarvis Jr., Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Savion Jimenez, Lumberton, Legion Post #509
Bert Jordan, Westampton, Legion Post #306
Rayan Kabaha, Columbus, Legion Post #26
Nikhil Kadirisani, Marlton, Legion Post #526
Andrew Kazlauskas, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Michael Keane, Burlington, Legion Post #79
Andrew Keays, Columbus, Legion Post #79
Nicholas Klahn, Palmyra, Legion Post #156
Justin Kleindienst, Florence, Legion Post #194

Scott Klenk, Florence, Legion Post #194
Noah Knapp, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Hunter Kramer, Mt. Holly, Legion Post #11
Ryan Kramer, Bordentown, Legion Post #194
Noah Krever, Columbus, Legion Post #26
Ethan Lacy, Marlton, Legion Post #526
Kevin Lauer, Mount Laurel, Legion Post #526
Dadrian Ledet, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Andrew Lee, Medford Lakes, Legion Post #526
Nicholas Leusner, Palmyra, Legion Post #156
John Lorusso, Moorestown, Legion Post #42
Seth Lowe, Burlington, Legion Post #79
Michael Lutz, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156
Christopher Macauley, Tabernacle, Legion Post #526
Benjamin Marchesani, Mount Laurel, Legion Post #79
Emanuel Martinez, Eastampton, Legion Post #509
Alexander Mayernik, Columbus, Legion Post #26
Liam McGettigan, New Gretna, Legion Post #493
Ryan McLaughlin, Tabernacle, Legion Post #526
Lawrence Michalski, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156
Caleb Mobley-McHenry, Pemberton, Legion Post #294
Nicholas Morgan, Burlington, Legion Post #251
Jared Nappa, Bordentown, Legion Post #26
Marcel Nelson, Willingboro, Legion Post #336
Anthony Neve, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Michael Nicholas, Willingboro, Legion Post #336
Joseph Perino, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156
John Pfisterer, Delanco, Legion Post #372
Miles Phillips, Pemberton, Legion Post #294
Dilan Prasad, Moorestown, Legion Post #42
Jonathan Procopio, Mount Laurel, Legion Post #372
Christopher Pszalgowski, Mt Laurel, Legion Post #372
Cameron Quinn, Chesterfield, Legion Post #458
Camren Rice, Burlington, Legion Post #489
David Rodriguez, Burlington, Legion Post #79
Alexander Rombach, Medford, Legion Post #526
Trevor Rossi, Columbus, Legion Post #26
Cameron Ryan, Burlington, Legion Post #79
Nikhil Sachdeva, Mount Laurel, Legion Post #526
Eugene Sandel, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Samuel Schepps, Marlton, Legion Post #526
Cody Schubert, Roebing, Legion Post #39
Timothy Sever, Moorestown, Legion Post #42
Devon Seville, Delran, Legion Post #146
Rutvik Shah, Chesterfield, Legion Post #26
Stephen Spadaro, Burlington, Legion Post #79
Zachary Sparacio, Maple Shade, Legion Post #66
Michael Suslow, Burlington Township, Legion Post #489
Jacob Vermes, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #194
Keniel Villanueva, Bordentown, Legion Post #26
John Wainwright, Columbus, Legion Post #26
Peter Wajda, Moorestown, Legion Post #42
William Wang, Moorestown, Legion Post #42
Jakob Weick, Cinnaminson, Legion Post #156
Joshua Wright, Browns Mills, Legion Post #294
Zachary Ziolkowski, Bordentown, Legion Post #194

About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)

In its 72nd 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 statesmen form a 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.