



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

Sponsored by THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

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BERGEN 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 thirty-eight rising high school seniors from Bergen 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 Bergen County Delegation

Rany Abdel Qader, Cliffside Park, Legion Post #2365
Ryan Adoni, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Ryan Aguilar, Dumont, Legion Post #21
Kevork Altounjian, Cliffside Park, Legion Post #126
Armando Andler, Rutherford, Legion Post #453
James Ariemma, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Vano Arouch, New Milford, Legion Post #1002
Jason Banks, Tenafly, Legion Post #21
Christopher Barkachi, River Edge, Legion Post #226
Jack Barteck, Wood-Ridge, Legion Post #310
Jonathan Becker, Rochelle Park, Legion Post #170
Arif Bokhari, Montvale, Legion Post #153
Christopher Bouchard, Ridgefield Park, Legion Post #40
Nicholas Box, North Arlington, Legion Post #37
Jacob Brand, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Thomas Breedveld, Saddle Brook, Legion Post #415
Luke Brouwer, Park Ridge, Legion Post #153
Spencer Campbell, Ridgewood, Legion Post #53
Patrick Cao, East Rutherford, Legion Post #67
John Capozzi, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Robert Caruso, Wood-Ridge, Legion Post #310
Samuel Cassidy, Hillsdale, Legion Post #162
Matthew Chagares, Wyckoff, Legion Post #369
Bharadwaj Chirravuri, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Domenick Ciminiello, Mahwah, Legion Post #174
Frank Ciminiello, Mahwah, Legion Post #174
shane ciongoli, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Ryan Cody, Ridgewood, Legion Post #53
Nicholas Cohen, Tenafly, Legion Post #21
Ryan Conlon, Hackensack, Legion Post #170
Bernie Consalvo, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Will Cunningham, Allendale, Legion Post #57
Matt Curcurato, Hillsdale, Legion Post #162
Nicholas Cutola, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
William Dippolito, Harrington Park, Legion Post #272
Daniel Dontoh, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Gavin Doody, Wallington, Legion Post #69
Joseph Drummond, Teaneck, Legion Post #128
Robert Dungan, North Arlington, Legion Post #107
Sayid Elmoudni, Edgewater, Legion Post #116
Umut Fidan, Little Ferry, Legion Post #310
Arnaldo Forte, Ridgefield Park, Legion Post #40
Ryan Fundora, Fair Lawn, Legion Post #109
Jared Gabriel, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Raj Gadhia, Paramus, Legion Post #207
Andre Gallese, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Tsering Gangshar, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Brennan Gebusion, Dumont, Legion Post #21
Michael Giancaspro, Wood-Ridge, Legion Post #310
Jered Gibb, Bergenfield, Legion Post #21
Shane Graynor, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Sam Hassak, Paramus, Legion Post #207
Daniel Hawkins, Tenafly, Legion Post #21
Reid Heisler, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Tyler Holder, Dumont, Legion Post #128
Gregory Houldsworth, Wyckoff, Legion Post #57
Adam Janski, Fair Lawn, Legion Post #171
Daniel Jin, Rutherford, Legion Post #453
Paul Kallensee, Oradell, Legion Post #41
Sean Kee, River Edge, Legion Post #226
Conor Kelly, Ramsey, Legion Post #531
Shant Keshishian, Englewood Cliffs, Legion Post #58
Glen Keta, Cliffside Park, Legion Post #365
Hamzah Khalil, Cliffside Park, Legion Post #365

Austin Kim, Carlstadt, Legion Post #69
Noah Kim, Cresskill, Legion Post #21
Michael Kirwan, Oradell, Legion Post #41
Eric Kopp, Township Of Washington, Legion Post #206
David Koslow, Leonia, Legion Post #1
Rafael Kuc, East Rutherford, Legion Post #67
Robert Kuna, Wallington, Legion Post #69
Patrick Larkin, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Dante LaRocco, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
Connor Larson, Mahwah, Legion Post #531
David Lee, River Edge, Legion Post #170
Dawson Lee, Leonia, Legion Post #1
Evan Lee, Wyckoff, Legion Post #1002
Eric Lim, Waldwick, Legion Post #57
Caesar Limatola, Saddle Brook, Legion Post #153
Daniel Livshen, Fair Lawn, Legion Post #171
Peter Lohrmann, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Gabriel Lopez, New Milford, Legion Post #1002
Gerald Madden, River Vale, Legion Post #162
luke maffia, Carlstadt, Legion Post #69
Jordan Mapes, Ho Ho Kus, Legion Post #109
James Martinez, Fairview, Legion Post #365
Joel Martinez, Fairveiw, Legion Post #365
Carlos Mata, Garfield, Legion Post #139
Alexander Mattes, Closter, Legion Post #111
Durkin McCarthy, Ho-Ho-Kus, Legion Post #107
Michael McNaught, Waldwick, Legion Post #57
Auston Meikle, Teaneck, Legion Post #128
Jeffrey Mercado, South Hackensack, Legion Post #55
Sirish Modhagala, North Arlington, Legion Post #37
Frederick Mola, Franklin Lakes, Legion Post #369
Gabriel Morales, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #109
Sean Morgan, Rochelle Park, Legion Post #170
Ryan Nakajima, Edgewater, Legion Post #116
Kleidon Ndreu, Cliffside Park, Legion Post #365
Rithvik Neravetla, Paramus, Legion Post #153
Thomas Nowoslawski, Rutherford, Legion Post #109
Jeremy O'Brien, Carlstadt, Legion Post #69
Aaron Oliver, Teaneck, Legion Post #128
Tyler Partyka, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Ankit Patel, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Fatlind Peposhi, Cliffside Park, Legion Post #365
Johnathan Perino, Leonia, Legion Post #1
Paul Polan, Wallington, Legion Post #2002
Michael Radoian, Rutherford, Legion Post #109
Kumail Raza, Ridgewood, Legion Post #53
Thomas Ripp, Lyndhurst, Legion Post #139
Jayro Rivera, Fairview, Legion Post #126
Sean Roberts, Saddle Brook, Legion Post #415
Casey Robinson, Ramsey, Legion Post #531
Matthew Rodriguez, East Rutherford, Legion Post #109
Andrew Romero, Elmwood Park, Legion Post #109
Sam Ross, Haworth, Legion Post #111
Mark Salzman, Ridgewood, Legion Post #53
Jake Schloemann, Hasbrouck Heights, Legion Post #106
Craig Schulman, Harrington Park, Legion Post #272
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Dong Jin Yim, Old Tappan, Legion Post #162
Jake Zilkowski, Waldwick, Legion Post #57

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.