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Lt. Governor Guadagno Applauds Civic Engagement at American Legion Jersey Boys State

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70th Jersey Boys State Welcomes 1,000 High School Students to Rider University



Trenton, NJ – Celebrating the importance of civic education for New Jersey's students, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno yesterday addressed the 70th American Legion Jersey Boys State program at Rider University.

"The opportunity to serve in one of the three branches of government is a gift. It's an opportunity to have a seat at the table, to serve the public interest, and to make our world better through our service," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "That is the public service I live for. That is the public service I have no doubt you will practice in the coming week here at Boys State and throughout your lives."

Jersey Boys State welcomes approximately 1,000 students between their junior and senior years of high school from across the state. During the week-long program, the students form the "fifty-first state." The students hold elections and fill appointed positions for city, county, and state offices, publish a daily newspaper, and learn the roles and duties of all branches of government.

"Once again, Lt. Governor Guadagno's example as a model public servant is on display for our delegation," said David S. Bagatelle, Director of American Legion Jersey Boys State. "We are grateful to have one of our state's highest leaders share her experiences in leadership with the delegates of American Legion Jersey Boys State for the second time in two years."

Jersey Boys State offers seminars and assemblies on government, law enforcement, legislative and election procedures, and other topics to provide a foundation for understanding the ideals and processes of democracy and the underlying principles of government organization. More information on the program is available on its website at:

<http://www.aljbs.org/>.

Additional photos from yesterday's event are available [HERE](#).

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