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Georgia Southern University will welcome nearly 800 outstanding rising high school seniors when it hosts the American Legion's Georgia Boys and Girls State, June 12 through June 18.

In addition to welcoming outstanding students, the University will host a number of Georgia's leaders including Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, State Senator Jack Hill and State Representative Matt Ramsey.

While on campus Georgia Boys State participants will meet in the Russell Union Student Center and spend the night in Eagle Village, one of campus' modern apartment-style residence halls. Georgia Girls State participants will meet in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building and spend the night in nearby Kennedy Hall.

The comprehensive one week course in state and local government is designed to be a "leadership action program" where qualified rising high school seniors take part in a practical government course. Through each program, students acquire a working knowledge of governmental structure as well as the role of citizens in developing government.

During the program, delegates have the opportunity to learn the political process by organizing a mythical 51st state that includes city, county and state government. Each level of government is run by elected delegates chosen through an election during the week. Students also learn about the law and court system, parliamentary procedure and Georgia political history.

"We are looking forward to welcoming nearly 800 outstanding rising high school seniors to Georgia Southern's campus and to Statesboro," said Christian Flathman, director of marketing and communications at Georgia Southern. "Both of these programs are highly selective and provide Georgia's outstanding high school seniors with an amazing learning and networking opportunity."

To be eligible, participants must have completed their junior year in high school with an above-average scholastic standing, show an interest in government and current events, have high moral character and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities. For more information, please visit: Georgia Boys State at [www.gaboysstate.com](http://www.gaboysstate.com) or Georgia Girls State at [www.georgiagirlsstate.org](http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org).

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