



The Ohio Torch

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Branching out at Nationals

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Salvete omnes!

In light of the recent selling out of packet requests for the NJCL convention, I would like to congratulate those of you who will be in attendance this summer at University of Nevada Las Vegas! Nationals is always the highlight of my summer. From the tests and graphic arts contests to the overly competitive ludi guy, there is truly something for everyone.



Alex speaking at Convention

The best part of convention, however, is not the tests or the sports, but the bonds you form with other JCLers from around the state and even the country. It has become a habit to leave convention every year with at least 50 new Facebook friends or Twitter followers, a habit that I intend to maintain. At my first national convention, I was the only delegate representing my school. In some ways, this was the ideal situation. It forced me to come out of my shell and make friends with other delegates. I truly believe this was a life-changing experience. I have seen so many JCLers transform from quiet and reserved people into social butterflies, such as Regina Merrill.

That is why I urge you to not spend the whole week in your dorm or even with your home delegation. You never know if Bertha the Swamp Monster has followed our state to our dorms. But in all seriousness, make it a goal for yourself to meet at least one person from each state represented! I promise you will not regret it.

~Alex Might, Granville High School



What to Expect at Nationals

- o The Gubernators will be organizing an amazing Pre-Nationals Picnic where you'll get to know all the people in your region who are going
 - Design all of your Spirit props with the Gubers, learn the cheers, and have a lot of fun!
- o Plane Ride
 - PLEASE BRING YOUR SPIRIT ITEMS AS WELL AS ANYTHING YOU MAY NEED IN LAS VEGAS
- o General Assemblies
 - We'll be doing Spirit, just like OJCL. Scream your heart out and go all out!
- o Fellowships
 - Meetings in the evening led by the Exec Board detailing what went on
 - Important announcements for the following days!
- o Tests!
 - Study for the Tests because they're amazing
 - Same tests as OJCL plus tests dealing with subjects such as Classical Art and Ancient Greece
 - Organize study groups with people beforehand!
- o That's Entertainment!
 - A talent show for NJCLers – try out for it!
- o Ludi and Olympika
 - Sports!
- o Bazaar
 - Help with selling things for Ohio!
 - Buy some amazing things from different states!
- o OJCL bonding sessions
 - Have fun with your roomie
 - Movie nights, sports, and more!

And remember, fun is required!

Thank you, and we can't wait to see you at Nationals! ~Narayan Sundararajan, Shaker Heights HS

Trivia Question

In 63 BCE, who was consul along with Caius Antonius?

Send your answer to editor@ojcl.org and your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 Starbucks giftcard!



Want to see your article in the next issue of The Torch? Send it to editor@ojcl.org

OJCL 2013 Convention Recap

Friday, schools arrived and registered their many and marvelous graphic arts projects. There was a large variety, ranging from Classical Posters and Pantheons, to Vita Board Games and Knitted Hydras. Then came the First General Assembly of the 63rd Ohio Junior Classical League convention and it was epic. The Club T-shirts had images of the Lorax, Doctor Who, and The Hunger Games. The Roll Calls were hilarious as always. The rest of the night was filled with a test session, a dance, and NomCom.

Bright and early on Saturday, certamen matches and creative arts competitions began. Then, two more test sessions and Project Linus took place, leading the way for the Second General Assembly. Certamen finals and Meet the Candidates followed before the casting of the ballots and lights out.

Awards were presented to the top 10 for every contest on Sunday morning. Then, the Third General Assembly was called to order and the new OJCL officers installed. The 3rd GA was adjourned by the new president, Tino Delamerced, and the 63rd convention came to an end. Students said their teary goodbyes and filed onto their respective buses to travel home.

And thus another eventful, Latin-filled year is finished. All of the tests, projects, and certamen practices are done...until next year.
~Heather Smith, Shaker Heights HS



Heather inducting the new president, Tino

An Officer Farewell

After attending five Ohio conventions, two National conventions (with my third coming this summer), and one Kentucky convention, my time as a JCLer is coming to a close. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your contributions to my experience as a JCLer. Serving as your 2012-2013 OJCL Parliamentarian has been a blast, even with crying in front of everyone and getting pied in the face. This coming year I will attend the University of Cincinnati with an undecided major (although I'm sure some classics courses will be included in my curriculum). I hope that you all have had as much fun as I have, and I can't wait to see you at convention next year, where I will be serving as a member of the OSCL Executive Board! I will never forget these wonderful past five years with you all, or the profound effect you have had on me.

Imo de pectore,
Bobby McDonald, Columbus Academy
P.S. Hi Michelle!



Bobby getting pied in the face at convention! He can still taste the whipped cream...

2013 Convention Hi-lights

Teloque Animus Praestantior Omni

Academic Overall Sweepstakes

- 1 Ben Robertson Shaker Heights HS
- 2 Claire Romaine Seven Hills
- 3 Adam Sichel Indian Hill
- 4 William Beatrez St. Edward HS
- 5 Ezra Zigmond Shaker Heights HS



Creative Arts

- 1 Claire Romaine Seven Hills
- 2 Maria Ramos Madeira HS
- 3 Nikki Hoffman McAuley HS
- 4 Burke Evans Madeira HS
- 5 Maria Henriquez Turpin HS

Overall Individual

- 1 Tino Delamerced Summit Country Day
- 2 Claire Romaine Seven Hills
- 3 Kelly McBride Summit Country Day
- 4 Ben Robertson Shaker Heights HS
- 5 Joseph Delamerced Summit Country Day



Graphic Arts

- 1 Kelly McBride Summit Country Day
- 2 Rachel Argo Summit Country Day
- 3 Lindsey Dierig Turpin HS
- 4 Bette Hopkin Madeira HS
- 5 Austin Webb Medina HS

More Pictures



Teloque Animus Praestantior Omni

Spotlight Schools

Summit Country Day School

Led by teachers Mr. Dean and Ms. Ashcraft, the Summit has grown to be a strong contender in Latin competitions. The Summit's recent Fifth State Championship exemplifies the school's passion for the Classics and the Junior Classical League. But who really are these "Summit" students?

The Executive Board: The Summit has a tradition of having a very active executive board that holds and participates in events throughout the year, whether it be service events through Matthew 25: Ministries, competing in the monthly local certamens, or having social events for Summit Latin students.

After-School Latin: On Wednesdays after school, a group of Summit Latin students gathers in Mr. Dean's room for an hour to work on areas of grammar, Roman history, and Greek mythology. While practicing for certamen, they also eat lots of food. Especially Dustin.

Teachers: Mr. Dean and Ms. Ashcraft should be lauded for their ability to instill a love of the Classics in their students, and for their capacity to teach their students so well. Without their leadership, Summit students would not have nearly as much success in Latin competitions.

Castra Latina: The Summit usually holds a 3-4 week program during June solely for the study of Classical topics, such as mythology, the Latin language, and Roman history and culture. Numerous students from around the state attend this program to better their knowledge of Latin. If you are attending Nationals, this is a great way to meet Latin students from all around Ohio, and the optimal manner of improving your Latin skills. Sources are provided for study, and ultimately you will become a certaminator. The students also typically attend Reds games, visit museums, and just straight up chill. So that's our recipe for success at the Summit. Hopefully you can help establish a strong Latin program at your school as well! ~Tino Delamerced, Summit Country Day

If you are interested in Castra Latina, ask your sponsor for details, or contact Mr. Dean for more information!



The Summit Delegation Seniors

Lakota West High School



Mohammad and Philippe Onate, two of Lakota West's OJCLers!

Lakota West is a very active chapter within the OJCL. We participate in monthly volunteer work, and help a variety of people in many different ways. This year we went painted Christmas ornaments with the elderly, did yardwork, participated in a haunted house for charity, and helped clean up a homeless shelter. These experiences had a big impact on our delegates and also allowed us to give back to our community. Aside from volunteer work, the Lakota West JCL also participated in a variety of social activities. We began the year with a picnic at the park, then we went on to have a wonderful Saturnalia celebration with laser tag and Italian food, and of course had a wonderful time at Convention! Now we are getting ready to end the year with another picnic. The Lakota West JCL has had a great year filled with service and social activities.

~Mohammad Patel, Lakota West HS

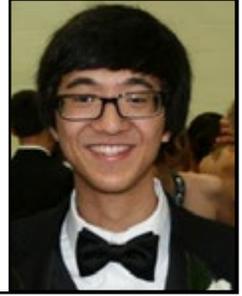
Meet Your New Officers

President, Tino Delamerced

School: Summit Country Day

Goals for Office: I'm excited to be presiding over all the Executive Board meetings and projects, and I hope to see all of you at the 2014 Convention!

Favorite Latin Word: Puppis



First Vice President, Ryan Thaxton

School: Westlake High School

Goals for Office: I want to expand the MADDs by involving more people and contacting as many new schools as possible. I would also like to create a video or slide show presentation to show to them. I am extremely excited to work with the gubernators to help their MADDs run smoothly.

Favorite Latin Word: Fortis



Second Vice President, Kelly McBride

School: Summit Country Day

Goals for Office: I want to make sure convention contests run smoothly and efficiently. I have several ideas which I believe can improve participation and success in creative and graphic arts projects. Look for these in the coming months!

Favorite Latin Word: Ambulabimini



Secretary, Emily Haussler

School: Summit Country Day

Goals for Office: To maintain the best communication possible with the OJCL, to organize and prepare those things which are necessary for a smoothly running Convention, and to insure that the minutes are well kept as memories of the OJCL experience.

Favorite Latin Word: Amicitia



Treasurer, Narayan Sundararajan

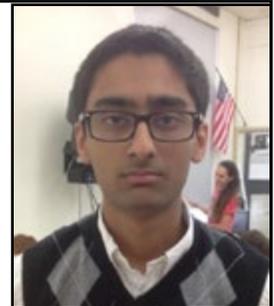
School: Shaker Heights High School

Goals for Office: I plan on ensuring that the OJCL increases money in the Treasury without being burdensome to its members. For Nationals I will work with the Gubernators to teach OJCLers Spirit cheers at Pre-Nationals Picnics.

In short, I want to increase the OJCL's potential both in Spirit and in finance!

I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the coming year.

Favorite Latin Word: Quamquam



Parliamentarian, Will Emery

School: Granville High School

Goals for Office: I am looking forward to another fantastic year serving the OJCL, and as Parliamentarian I am focusing on fostering openness and integrating delegates into the decision making process.

Favorite Latin Word: Quibus



New Officers Continued

Historian, Will Beatrez

School: St. Edward High School

Goals for Office: I want to capture the excitement of the OJCL through the use of media, so people can remember this next year for many to come.

Favorite Latin Word: Credo



Editor, Jane Klaus

School: Ursuline Academy

Goals for Office: I hope to continue to keep the Torch running smoothly for the 2013-2014 year. I'm very excited to be leading the creation of such a great publication.

Favorite Latin Word: Convivalis

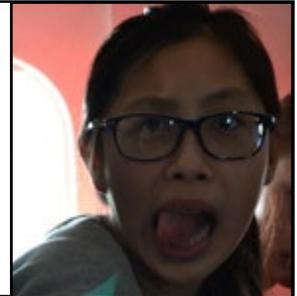


Northeast Gubernator, Allison Kao

School: Shaker Heights High School

Goals for Office: I want to organize a fun Pre-Nationals picnic and MADD-LY impactful Make a Difference Day! I also would like to expand our community involvement by organizing several more service or charity events and get more people pumped about our amazing OJCL!

Favorite Latin Word: Lux

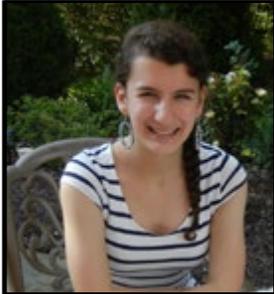


Northwest Gubernator, Eleni Packis

School: Westlake High School

Goals for Office: I look forward to running a successful MADD, but I don't want people to just be strangers showing up at a single volunteer event for required school service hours. I want to really bring the OJCLers in my area together for fun service projects, socials, and Certamen events.

Favorite Latin Word: Veritas

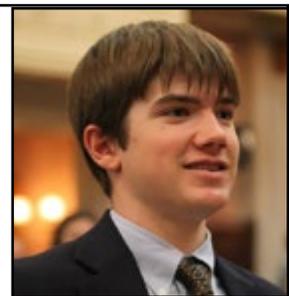


Southeast Gubernator, Henry Bacha

School: The Wellington School

Goals for Office: I'm excited to organize a great MADD and reach out to other schools in the central area!

Favorite Latin Word: Laetus



Southwest Gubernator, Ra'ad Dawod

School: St. Xavier High School

Goals for Office: Community service and friendship are my goals. I am looking forward to meet all these new people!

Favorite Latin Word: Frater

