Twelve Summit Latin students attended the National Junior Classical League convention at Troy University (AL) from July 25 to July 29. Over 1,600 students, teachers, college students, and chaperones from 40 states participated in the 64th annual gathering hosted by the NJCL, the national organization which promotes the study of Latin in secondary schools. The NJCL has over 1,200 chapters and over 48,000 students. The convention is filled with a variety of competitions and activities including academic tests, art contests, live performances, a talent show, a toga parade, and more.

Three students were elected to state office at the Ohio JCL Convention in February and performed important duties at the summer convention. This is the 19th consecutive year that Summit students have been elected to positions of leadership at the state level. Julia Dean is the OJCL Parliamentarian, Caroline Klette is the OJCL 1st Vice-President and Historian, and Joseph Delamerced is the OJCL President. Through these positions of leadership, Julia, Caroline, and Joseph helped to organize & direct the 65 Ohio delegates during the week-long competition. They also presided over daily meetings of the Ohio delegation.

In her capacity as Parliamentarian, Julia ran the voting caucus as the group debated which national candidates would receive Ohio’s votes. As Historian, Caroline submitted a digital scrapbook documenting the OJCL’s 2017 activities and earned 4th place for her efforts. President Joseph Delamerced presided over all the daily meetings of the OH delegation. He ran the meetings with efficiency, humor, and grace.

Tullus Dean was one of the 11 winners of NJCL Scholarships. Tullus receive the $6,000 Red and Rhea Miller Scholarship for his dedication and service to the JCL. He plans to double major in Classics and Business at Xavier University.

Joseph Delamerced and Jimmy Fraley were honored at the convention for Perfect Scores on the National Latin Exam in March. These two were among the 1,112 students out of 135,000 who earned a Perfect Score. It is quite an achievement to be member of such an exclusive group!

Joseph had an outstanding convention. He placed 9th Overall in Graphic Arts points. He earned 1st in Individual Service to the Community - he puts in countless hours tutoring students in classical mythology and participating in other service events. In addition, Joseph won 1st in State Website - he made the site ([www.ojcl.org](http://www.ojcl.org)) more user friendly and incorporated a variety of social media. Joseph embodies the 5 Pillar of Summit and ‘aims high’ in all his pursuits!

Summit Latin teacher Larry Dean is presently in his 8th year as OJCL State Chair of Students and in his 18th year as the OJCL Certamen Coach. “The students never cease to amaze me. The officers provided outstanding leadership and served as role models for the OH delegates. The certamen players devote weeks of the summer to their studies. And, of course, everyone finds new friendships with students from Summit, Ohio, and across the nation.”

Also at the convention was Summit Latin teacher Lisa Mays (alumna 2005). “It’s fun to see the students apply their Latin knowledge across a variety of competitions – certamen, academics, sports. It was really great that so many of our students were recognized nationally for their hard work and dedication. My favorite part happened at the last fellowship: students were already telling me about their plans for next year’s convention. Hopefully, even more of them will take on leadership roles since the 2018 convention is at Miami University and we will be the host state.”

[Click here](https://www.instagram.com/larry81dean/) for an Instagram feed of the convention activities.

Other awards won by Summit Latin students:

* Abby Almaguer – 4th in pottery, 5th in drawn chart, 6th on the Greek Derivative test, 9th on the Heptathlon test, and 10th on the Latin Vocabulary test
* Alex Almaguer – 5th in traditional photography, 7th in mosaics
* Ryan Burns – the language expert on the 11th place Intermediate Competitive Certamen team, 5 top 20 finishes on the academic tests
* Matthew Casanas – 6th in drawn chart
* Patrick Casanas – 2nd in Advanced Open Certamen
* Hali Clark – performed the OH roll call at the General Assembly
* Julia Dean – 18th in Latin Vocabulary
* Davis DeFoor – 4th in Advanced Open Certamen, 11th in Reading Comprehension
* Joseph Delamerced – 1st in traditional photography, 2nd in constructed chart & NJCL video promotion, 3rd in computer enhanced photography, 4th in drawn chart & on the Greek Derivative test, 10th on the Latin Vocabulary test
* Jimmy Fraley – 2nd in Novice Open Certamen, 3rd in modern myth & on the Mythology test, 6th on the Heptathlon & Grammar tests, 8th on the Latin Vocabulary & Reading Comprehension tests, 9th on the Mottoes test, 10th on the Latin Literature, Hellenic History, & Roman History tests
* Caroline Klette – 12th on the Mythology test
* Connie Nelson – 4th in mosaics
* Kendall Richard – 6th in mosaics, 14th in mythology