22 Summit Latin students, 2 teachers, and 1 recent Summit graduate attended the 2018 National Junior Classical League (NJCL) Convention at Miami University from July 23-28. The NJCL is a youth organization which promotes the study of Latin in secondary schools. There are 40,009 NJCL members in 993 schools throughout the country. 51 schools are ‘Century Clubs’ which have over 100 members, and Summit is part of this select group with 116 members. The summer convention is a week-long ‘academic village’ with over 1,400 students, teachers, and adult chaperones. It has a variety of activities, including tests, performance arts, graphic arts, colloquia, spirit contests, sports, and social activities.

There are a number of leadership opportunities available for NJCL members, and Summit has had teachers and students in positions of leadership for 20 consecutive years.

* Julia Dean has been on the Ohio JCL Executive Board for 2 years and is presently serving as its 2nd Vice-President.
* Ryan Burns is the OJCL Regional Coordinator of Service Activities
* Tullus Dean (2017 alumnus and Xavier University student) is the Secretary of the Ohio Senior Classical League, the college organization which assists the NJCL at its conventions.
* Latin teacher Larry Dean has served for 19 years as the OJCL Certamen Coach. Certamen is a Jeopardy!-style academic competition with questions about the Latin language and classical civilization. All 3 levels of OH certamen teams advanced to the Semi-Finals this year.
* Latin teacher Lisa Mays is in her 1st year of a 3-year tenure as the OJCL Chair of Students. Lisa serves as a mentor to all the student members of the Executive Board and oversees all the activities of the OJCL.

Here are some of the highlights of the convention:

* Irene Calderon, Jimmy Fraley, and Kendall Richard were members of the OH Novice Certamen team which finished 8th in the nation. Jimmy was the captain and led the team in questions answered. All 3 won spots on the team during a tryout process in June.
* 4 Summit students were recognized at the General Assembly on Thursday for their performance on the National Latin Exam. Irene Calderon and Nicholas Stanis earned Perfect Papers, an accomplishment achieved by less than 1% of students. Julia Dean and Brandon Harris were honored for their continued excellence on the NLE, with 4 consecutive Gold Medals.
* Latin teacher Larry Dean was given the Silver Bowl Award for his long-time service to the NJCL. This was Larry’s 20th convention, and his children Tullus and Julia gave eloquent speeches to the General Assembly to honor this achievement (<https://www.instagram.com/p/BlvyXV-ByYT/?taken-by=larry81dean> and <https://www.instagram.com/p/BlvzJbyHYCN/?taken-by=larry81dean>).
* Brigid Devine and Connie Nelson won 5th in the nation for the Summit Latin Publication *Vox Latina* (<https://view.joomag.com/vox-latina/0438824001511143516?short>). They were co-editors of this online magazine.
* Julia Dean and Joseph Delamerced won 2nd in the nation as webmasters of the OJCL website ([www.ojcl.org](http://www.ojcl.org)).
* Ryan Burns and Patrick Casanas won 1st place for their skit for Roll Call, where each state has 30 seconds to entertain the audience as the numbers of delegates is announced.
* Joseph Delamerced won $500 for his performance on the 3 NJCL Online Exams. Latin = $$$$.

Here is the list of the top awards for each student:

* Abby Almaguer - 1st in Constructed Charts, 4th in Pottery, 7th in Games and in Illustrated Quotes, and 10th in Drawn Charts
* Alex Almaguer - 6th place in Mosaics
* Maliah Bricking - 12th place on the Mythology Test
* Parker Bricking – 2nd in Constructed Charts, 5th in Pottery
* Ryan Burns – 19th on the Latin Grammar Test
* Irene Calderon – 4th on the Greek Derivatives Test, 5th on the Academic Heptathlon Test and the Latin Derivatives Test, 9th on the Latin Vocabulary Test and the Mythology Test, and 10th on the Mottoes Test
* Patrick Casanas – 21st on the Ancient Geography Test
* Julia Dean – 16th on the Greek Derivatives Test
* Davis DeFoor – 1st on the Classical Greek Test, 9th on the Reading Comprehension Test
* Joseph Delamerced – 1st in Individual Community Service
* Jimmy Fraley – 5th on the Classical Art Test, 7th on the Roman Life test
* Brandon Harris – 15th on the Reading Comprehension Test
* Emily Harris – 20th on the Reading Comprehension Test
* Elsa Khan – 20th on the Classical Art Test
* Wali Khan – 10th on the Academic Heptathlon Test
* Caroline Klette – 17th on the Mythology Test
* Connie Nelson – 3rd in Drawn Maps, 5th in Tradition Photography, 6th in Black Pencil Drawing and in Pastel Drawing, 7th in Colored Pencil Drawing, 8th in Charcoal Drawing and in Watercolor Drawing, 10th in Ink Drawing and in Mixed Media
* Sam Parker – 3rd in Open Certamen and in Large Models, 5th on the Mottoes Test
* Kendall Richard – 4th in Mosaics
* Nicholas Stanis – 2nd in Cartoons, 4th on the Academic Heptathlon Test and on the Mythology Test, 5th on the Roman History Test, 7th on the Roman Life Test, 10th on the Reading Comprehension Test and in Colored Pencil Drawing
* Jennifer Sullivan – 5th in Mosaics
* Kathryn Sullivan – 2nd in Weapons & Armor, 3rd in Mosaics, 5th in Games, 6th in Jewelry