



name: **Boadas Pena, Lucia**

office: **1st Vice President**

sponsor: Jennifer Bruening

school: Madeira High School

grade: 11

Classics/JCL Experience:

Years of Latin/Greek: **5**

State Conventions attended: **5**

National Conventions attended: **1**

Will you attend all Executive Board Meetings, Fall Forum 2019, and State Convention 2020? (Y/N): **Yes**

Will you attend the 2019 National Convention at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND? (Y/N): **Yes**

Experience/Activities:

Club Offices:

My freshman year I successfully ran for the office of club historian. I then served on Madeira's "senatus" during my sophomore year and properly executed all my duties. I attended and photographically documented all club events, aided in the planning of such events, attended state convention, promoted the study of latin, encouraged club participation, and recompiled the year's photos to create a scrapbook that received a superior rating at state convention and placed second at nationals. The experience gained from that year's leadership pushed me to apply to become the OJCL's historian.

Relevant experience or traits, general and with specifics for the given Office:

My experience serving both as my school's historian and the OJCL state historian has greatly helped me develop my leadership abilities and confidence. As a leader I believe it is not only my job to guide my followers from point A to point B, but I am also responsible for their development as people and ensuring that the experience of the journey is as valuable as the destination. To further develop these abilities, I was recently selected and given the amazing opportunity to attend the annual West Point Leadership and Ethics Seminar. Here I learned very valuable leadership skills and problem solving techniques. If elected OJCL 1st Vice President, I would apply these to ensure a year of high participation and involvement. Also, during my year as OJCL historian I worked alongside the 1st Vice President to create posts for the OJCL Instagram account, giving me an insight into the job. Besides this direct look into the position's responsibilities, the current 1st VP and I have talked about her efforts to increase membership and potential new members. I was also selected to attend the Washington Journalism and Media Conference this coming summer. With the new communication techniques and tips I learn here, I will be able to very effectively attract new or former schools to the organization and will better communicate between local chapters and the OJCL. In conclusion, the skills I have developed and will continue to develop and my communication and involvement with the current 1st VP has prepared me for the duties I would have to take on, allowing for a smoother, more successful transition into the office.

School & non-school related activities/sports/etc.:

I am involved in my school's Key club, National Honor Society, Spanish club, Latin club, Art club, and Model United Nations. From 9th to 11th grade I have also been a varsity tennis player and 2-year swimmer. My senior year I have been considering adding another sport to enjoy for one final year. While I am a busy person, I have been forced to learn how to manage my time well to avoid excess stress and cramming. This year with my historian duties, there was rarely a moment I felt unable to complete a task. For example, I recall the day after national convention I edited and chose the pictures I would publish from the thousands I had taken during a long drive. Then once we got to our destination, I left the photos uploading into the flickr account while I explored the city. This is just one instance of my ingenuity and ability to manage my time. I am a very responsible person and will ensure that what must be done will be done.

Executive Board:

Ability to communicate with students and adults (chaperones, sponsors, teachers):

As an only child, ever since I can remember I have accompanied my parents to their friend's houses and had conversations with them. Because of this and confidence gained as I matured, I am now comfortable talking with adults. Thanks to this same confidence, I am also now much more open to conversations with my peers and often assume non-official leadership roles. As a member of the 2018-2019 OJCL executive board, I have often had to communicate with the State Chairs accurately and efficiently. Through this experience, I have learned not only how to communicate with them, but also with any other superiors. In large group settings, as is common with many, I have a slight initial fear of public speaking. However, this fear is nowhere near strong enough to completely prevent me from communicating with the audience. I have also noticed that with more experience, I have started to lose the queasy feeling in my stomach. With more practice I am sure public speaking will be no issue at all to me.

What have you done to understand the duties of the office you are seeking?

Having served on the OJCL executive board last year, I have been witness to the duties of the 1st Vice President. Similarly, I have spoken with the current 1st Vice President about the office and some received tips for success she has developed in the year. As historian, I have also often worked alongside her to create and upload Instagram posts. To finally inform myself better about all the specific duties of the 1st Vice President, I read over the OJCL by-laws and constitution. Article 3 of the constitution (about membership) helped me understand the membership aspect of the office. Do you have any goals/ideas for the Executive Board and/or the OJCL? Please be specific to the office you are seeking.

My goals within the executive board start off with better communication and helping one another more, especially the new members. By starting off with small changes like this, I believe the board will be able to plan and execute its duties more efficiently and successfully. Once this is achieved, I will email local chapters to address any questions and make sure they are in the loop as well. I plan to post monthly on the Instagram account to keep the followers interested in the OJCL and informed about contests and other events happening. Membership wise, I will focus on communicating with clubs with decreasing membership or participation to try to help them regain interest in the organization. I will also reach out to those clubs that used to be OJCL members or convention attendees but no longer are and have conversations about possibly returning. Overall, my goal would be to bring back one of these delegations and have an increased attendance at the 2020 OJCL State Convention.

Why would you like to become a member of the OJCL Executive Board?

I have wanted to become a member of the OJCL Executive Board ever since my first convention in 7th grade. Back then, I was so impressed by their professionalism and "adulthood" that I hoped one day to be up on that stage dressed like they were. Now, I finally have reached that level. I would like to be a member of the Executive Board to impress and inspire young JCLers to both stay in Latin and maybe even run for OJCL office as well. Having attended so many state conventions, I would also like to give back to the organization that made these weekends unforgettable and helped me meet many new friends.

Other Biographical Information/Comments:

I am currently enrolled in honors Latin IV and will be taking AP Latin (Latin V) next year. I am very comfortable and knowledgeable about Instagram and other social media platforms the OJCL uses. I am also able to create and edit posts if the historian is unable to. My dad works in communications for a global company, so I could ask him for help and advice when contacting different chapters. His experience could also result in the use of new different methods of conversation with them. Finally, I am fluent in both English and Spanish, so if needed, I would be able to communicate effectively with a Spanish-speaking person. If elected, I am sure that the 2019-2020 year for the OJCL will be the most active yet.