

BELOW IS A RECAP OF THE OJCL SERVICE FROM THE 2012-2013 YEAR.

OJCL 1st Vice-President Nick Grewal of Columbus Academy (vpres1@ojcl.org) is the state coordinator of these activities, and he works closely with the 4 regional representatives (called Gubernators) on the events. Here is Nick's summary of the submissions to the Service Contest for the 2013 OJCL Convention:

- Many chapters committed significant time to community service this year. Seven chapters - Brookwood, Columbus Academy, Lakota West, Madeira, McAuley, Wellington, and Woodridge - logged and submitted their hours on time for the Service Contest.
- The work of the 350 dedicated JCLers that comprise these chapters was absolutely phenomenal, and totaled to exactly 800 hours of service work since last year's OJCL convention.
- This included work done at the three Make a Difference Days, our annual regional service events, and time spent on numerous other local projects during the year.
- For example, 93 Madeira students helped out with recycling at their school over the course of the year, 40 Lakota West students made holiday cards for veterans in December, and 23 Columbus Academy students prepped fleece fabric to be made into blankets for disadvantaged children in January. Work done at the latter will be continued at the OJCL convention on March 9th, allowing the OJCL to bridge the gap between pre-convention service work and at-convention group activities.
- Thanks to all who submitted their service hours, and start thinking about some exciting projects for next year!



Here is SW Gubernator Lauren Salem's summary of the Cincinnati MADD:

"The OJCL, putting sharp objects into the hands of kids since 2012." Now, it's not as dangerous as it sounds. In October 2012, over 55 students from the Southwest region of the OJCL volunteered at the California Woods Nature Preserve to help clean the park in preparation for the coming winter. The students armed with various weapons made their trek into the trail and raked, chopped, and threw greenery to their hearts' desire. After a long day of work they unwound with cookies and some good times with friends.

Columbus Latin students distribute food at the Broad Street Food Pantry.

Here is Central Gubernator Will Emery's summary of the Columbus MADD:

- E Pluribus Unum. From the many schools of the Central Belt, one united band of providers of good descended on the Broad Street Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (BSFP) to distribute much needed Thanksgiving foodstuff to those less fortunate.
- It began as a simple project. I, your humble gubernator, was exchanging emails with the many volunteer organizations around central Ohio when I received a message suggesting that the OJCL test drive a massive new Thanksgiving-themed food distribution project with the BSFP.
- The result? Twenty students from Columbus Academy, Granville, and BCLC gathered at 7:50 am on November 17, 2012 prepared to do whatever necessary to assist the BSFP and its patrons. The need was obvious as we witnessed a line that stretched around the city block, teeming with people from all walks of life braving the frigid cold, many having arrived as early as 5:00 am.
- Over the course of several hours, the Latinists of the Central Belt carried boxes, helped patrons, sorted several thousand variations of cranberry sauce, and handled over 5,000 pounds of surprisingly wet produce (sorry Columbus Academy).
- Ultimately, it was a beneficial endeavor for all. Some 1,000 hungry citizens of the Columbus area were able to return to their homes laden with goods for delicious and healthy Thanksgiving dinners.
- And that says nothing about the worthwhile experience for us. It was fantastic to be able to interact with people outside of our daily routine, and it gave us a new perspective on what we had to be thankful for during that time of year.
- From a more holistic perspective, it was great to simply get out and give back. With a few hours of our time we were able to aid our fellow citizens, and even make a difference in our little corner of the universe. After all, in the wise words of the preeminent classicist Goethe, "he who does nothing for others does nothing for himself."



Here is NW Gubernator Ryan Thaxton's summary of the Cleveland MADD:

- On October 21st, twenty dedicated OJCL members took part in an adventure all its own. That adventure was the Northern Ohio Make a Difference Day. Those twenty brave OJCL'ers journeyed into the woods at Cleveland's Edgewater Park for a trash clean up. Four hours, seventeen bags of trash, and many car parts later the group had finished. After completely overflowing the dumpster with the trash the group took several pictures and parted ways, ending a very successful MADD. To all those brave souls, Narayan and I would like to say thank you once again for all your hard work. Without all of you that day would not have been as successful and fun as it was!



