



name: **Fraley, Jimmy**

office: **President**

sponsor: Larry Dean

school: Summit Country Day School

grade: 11

## **Classics/JCL Experience:**

Years of Latin/Greek: **6+**

State Conventions attended: **3**

National Conventions attended: **4**

Will you attend all Executive Board Meetings, Fall Forum 2021, and State Convention 2022?

(Y/N): **Yes**

Will you attend the 2021 Virtual National Convention? (Y/N): **Yes**

## **Experience/Activities:**

Club Offices:

I am currently the Summit Latin Club President. In this capacity, I am responsible for planning and conducting meetings, as well as managing the activities of individual board members in general. Last year, I served as the Summit Latin Club Secretary and took minutes at club meetings. In ninth grade, I was a member of the Summit Latin Club Project Committee, where I helped to produce our club projects and spirit props. I was also responsible for coordinating the Summit After School Latin program, where I helped to arrange meeting times and communicated with interested students.

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

Currently, I serve as the OJCL secretary. As OJCL secretary, I am responsible for taking meeting minutes and planning OJCL events. Taking meeting minutes has prepared me to properly create agendas and run meetings, both key duties of the OJCL president. My experience on the board has given me insight into the workings of the board, which will allow me to coordinate the duties of various officers and manage the board effectively. Additionally, I am a member of my school's grade-level leadership team and the representative from this team to my school's student leadership board. In this capacity, I have created meeting agendas, facilitated meetings, and created action items based on decisions made at those meetings. Furthermore, this summer, I served as a grassroots campaign intern for Team Mitch KY. As an intern, I led a volunteer team of around 25 members. This experience has prepared me to manage the members of the executive board and ensure that all required duties are completed. As president, one of my duties will be managing the

OJCL website. I have taken AP Computer Science principles and have JavaScript programming experience, as well familiarity with technology in general. My technological skills will allow me to proficiently manage the OJCL website. Lastly, one of the main duties of the president is to preside over state convention. As a member of the Summit Country Day School regional-qualifying mock trial team, I have lots of public speaking experience. Additionally, I have ran assemblies in front of my school. These experiences have prepared me to preside over general assembly at state convention.

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

I play tennis in the spring and am involved in many different clubs and organizations, including the Mock Trial team, MAPS team, 11th grade leadership team, student leadership board, and the Academic team inside my school. Ever since freshman year, I have effectively managed my time, and am prepared to make my commitment as an OJCL officer my top priority.

## **Executive Board:**

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

As an attorney on the Summit Mock Trial team, I have to develop and communicate ideas effectively with the judges, opposing team, and my own teammates. I also have to ensure that my own team works effectively, and that good communication is present between members of the team. I am also a leader of the MAPS team at my school. MAPS is a program where a team of students research, write, and present on a complex topic involving biological proteins. In this program, I have to maintain a high level of communication in order to be able to effectively communicate an extremely complicated topic to listeners who may have no background in our research. As I mentioned above, I am also a member on my grade-level Leadership Team and Student Leadership Board, where I am responsible for coordinating between students, teachers, and the school administration. I am also responsible for managing communication between the grade-level Leadership Team and Student Leadership Board. This summer, I served as an intern for Team Mitch KY. In this capacity, I communicated with volunteers, other interns, and campaign staff. I had to actively reach out to volunteers of all ages to schedule them for various grassroots initiatives. I am also a Boy Scout, and almost an Eagle Scout. In order to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, I have to complete a service project. This project requires me to communicate with the volunteers, beneficiary, troop leaders, and council representatives. Effective communication is essential to complete the project in a timely and effective fashion.

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

I have reviewed the Constitution and By-Laws, and have reached out to former OJCL President Ryan Burns to ask for advice on how to best carry out the duties of president.

Do you have any goals/ideas for the Executive Board and/or the OJCL? Please be specific to the office you are seeking.

I have 4 main goals for the office of president. The first is to create a flyer each month that details OJCL and NJCL events for the month. This will give Latin teachers the resources to publicize

JCL events to their students, allow students to plan to attend events well in advance, and increase publicity around JCL events in general. Although events are currently publicized on the OJCL website and social media, it is harder for people who do not see these to learn about JCL events. Creating a flyer would allow sponsors to easily distribute information about JCL events to their students. My second goal as president is to create a unified way for OJCL board members to create local officer group chats. Currently, many OJCL board members want to create group chats for their respective officer position/area of interest. However, this is difficult to accomplish, as there is no current standardized way for people to join group chats or for officers to create group chats. As president, I would create a Slack-style group chat that consolidates all officer group chats into one place. This chat can be divided into various channels dedicated to various offices and areas of interest. OJCL officers would be responsible for managing the section of the chat that corresponds to their office and area of expertise. A unified chat would increase attendance at JCL events by serving as an important channel of communication, improve the quality and quantity of local Latin club events by giving these clubs ideas for activities, and increase the number of qualified candidates who apply to run for a position on the OJCL executive board by encouraging them to run and helping them achieve the necessary qualifications and generate enough ideas to do so. My third goal is to create a website guide for local clubs. Currently, few local JCL chapters have websites, despite the existence of a local website contest at the NJCL level. As president, I will create a guide about the best practices to start and maintain a website for all skill levels and budgets. This will increase the number of local JCL websites, which will make it easier for local Latin clubs to organize participation at events and State Convention. Finally, I will work with the 1st Vice President to utilize Instagram polls and Google Forms to get input from JCLers around the state about what they want to see in OJCL events, including Fall Forum and State Convention. These forms and polls will also allow for local clubs to communicate the challenges they face to the executive board. These forms and polls will tie local JCL chapters closer to the executive board and the OJCL, encouraging higher participation and attendance at OJCL events.

**Other Biographical Information/Comments:**

Thank you for considering me for the office of President. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [jamesgfraley@gmail.com](mailto:jamesgfraley@gmail.com)