



name: **Corbin, Will**

office: **President**

sponsor: Nora Murphy

school: Shaker Heights High School

grade: 11

## Classics/JCL Experience:

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

State Conventions attended: **2**

National Conventions attended: **3**

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:

For the past two years, I have been a consul of Shaker Latin Club. As consul, I've learned how to run a club before and during covid, which I can apply to the OJCL presidency. I've learned how to check in with the other officers, a key duty of the president, to make sure they are on track for success. As consul, I tackled the challenges presented by covid to keep people involved in the club as Shaker has not had an in person meeting since last March. Through organizing online activities such as impromptu-art competitions, google jamboards, mini-certamina, short presentations, kahoots, service projects and many other activities at club each week, I have maintained a thriving Latin community at Shaker. I have also been the club's communications coordinator, which taught me the communication skills such as the best ways to send important information necessary to be the OJCL President.

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

A key duty of the OJCL President is to communicate with the many other board officers and ensure each one is fulfilling their duties, something which is especially difficult as the officers are spread throughout the state. My club has been entirely online for the past year, so as the consul of my Latin Club, communicating with officers this year, I have faced the same challenges I might face as the OJCL President. For instance, I've learned how to politely and effectively remind our current communications coordinator, who I've never met face-to-face, to send out reminders for the club. I've learned to communicate with our club effectively through email and remind to make sure they are aware of upcoming deadlines like the one for submitting graphic arts projects. Additionally, I have gained experience in the ways to motivate others, who are tired of quarantine, to come to virtual club and to motivate our officers to complete their duties. At each meeting, I try to tell a joke or show a short, fun video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnuetbfDLpE>) to create a supportive and engaging atmosphere in which our club can flourish.

The biggest challenge the OJCL faces, according to current President Chloe Constantinides, is Covid-19. At the next in-person convention, there will be at least three new groups of students who have never been to convention before. From running my Latin club through covid, I gained experience in managing a club to survive and thrive a pandemic. I have organized activities to keep the club running. For example, this past fall I helped to create a service project where we donated almost 80 items to the Little Free Pantries of Shaker to make sure our club still has an active presence in the community, despite the challenges of covid.

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

At school I'm an active member in our Latin club, math club, and academic challenge team. Before the pandemic, I also volunteered at a nursing home called Montefiore, but for the moment I'm only able to write letters back and forth with residents. I love to read, jog (I'm more of a long distance runner than a sprinter), and play the French Horn. I'm also a proud member of my High School's three-hundred person marching band of which I'm a squad leader. As the squad leader, I have to make sure the people under my charge know how and where to march.

To balance my duties as an OJCL officer with school and my other activities, I will utilize planners. I have used planners since eight grade and will continue to do so to ensure I complete my duties as President.

## **Executive Board:**

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

I gained much experience communicating with peers as an officer in my school Latin Club. As the communications coordinator, I sent out emails, text reminds, and other helpful communications to ensure every club member was up to date. As consul of my Latin Club, I have gained experience in communicating with peers and adults through only online forums because of covid to, for instance, remind an officer of their duty or ask someone if they're interested in participating in a certamen tournament. Beyond Latin Club, I run a lawn mowing business called the Lawn Barbers. With many clients, some of whom are often frustratingly slow on payments, I have gained much experience communicating with adults. Additionally, during the summer and winter of 2019, twice a week I would volunteer for multiple hours at a nursing home and interact with the residents through conversations, activities, and passing out a short newsletter, giving me much experience in communicating with adults.

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

I've contacted the current OJCL President Chloe Constantinides and former OJCL secretary Alan Zhang about the responsibilities, time commitment, and challenges of the OJCL President. Additionally, I contacted former OJCL President Ryan Burns. I've also carefully read through the OJCL by-laws to understand the specific duties of the President and other officers.

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

The President's role is to lead and to manage, to ensure everything possible is done to create success for the organization. Because of covid, now more than ever, it is important that the OJCL's President has a clear vision to allow the organization to thrive. My primary goal for the OJCL

is to create a more interconnected organization. Most of the year, clubs have limited interactions with each other until convention arrives. I plan to create the infrastructure so that different clubs can connect across Ohio throughout the whole year to foster fellowship and unity in the OJCL, allowing our amazing organization to unify and flourish as one in these difficult times.

In order to achieve my vision, I will encourage more contact between clubs. I will set up a slack channel, a platform which for free can allow for organized and efficient online communication, and other group chats among all the club Presidents of OJCL chapters to encourage inter-club unity. I will encourage other state officers to do the same for their positions. Working with the executive board and States Chairs, I will create more online activities like the current fall forum and the online certamina, which can help bring people together. I will also create more activities such as impromptu art, which I have run as consul of Shaker Latin Club, that will encourage people who are not interested in certamen or current activities to become involved. With these solutions, the OJCL will be able to flourish as a truly interconnected organization.

**Other Biographical Information/Comments:**

If you have any questions, feel free to email [wcorbin@stu.shaker.org](mailto:wcorbin@stu.shaker.org) and dm and follow me on instagram [@Will Corbin](https://www.instagram.com/Will_Corbin) for OJCL President. It would be my absolute pleasure to serve as your OJCL President and remember to vote for Will Corbin.