



name: **Almaguer, Abby**

office: **Treasurer**

sponsor: Larry Dean

school: Summit Country Day

grade: 11

Classics/JCL Experience:

Years of Latin/Greek: **6**

State Conventions attended: **3**

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:

I have been a member of my school Latin Club Board for three years and have gained valuable experience. As a freshman, I was part of the Club Projects Committee, in which I helped write the scripts for and acted in our video submissions and wrote our Club Project submission. Last year I was Co-Editor of our publication, Vox Latina. We published three editions and earned sixth place nationwide at the NJCL Convention. This year I serve as Summit Latin Club's Second Vice President. Through this position I have prepared the club for convention and led service projects throughout the year.

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

By being on the board, I have learned the duties and time commitments of the executive board. Serving as OJCL Parliamentarian this past year has given me the organization experience necessary to be a great treasurer. I managed deadlines, forms, and permissions, tracking that applicants and board members have sent me necessary materials and sending reminders. This experience and my experience handling money outside of school will help me with the financial aspect of being Treasurer. I am prepared to run Agora and Bazaar at conventions because I have worked at OJCL's Agora during two National Conventions. I have experience with design through my position as local Editor, through making infographics for the OJCL Instagram this year, and through designing my school's submission for the OJCL Mask Contest. I learned valuable lessons about advertising merchandise from former OJCL Treasurers Grant Bruner and Katlyn Havlin during those National Conventions. I sent in spirit submissions during the virtual National Convention this past summer, so I am familiar with the format of virtual spirit competitions and ready to lead OJCL in the virtual submission in the future.

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

I am a varsity three sport athlete, running cross country, winter track, and spring track. I am a leader of Summit's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion club and represented my school at the National Student Diversity Leadership Conference this past winter. I am a member of the

Student Advisory Committee and the Junior Class Leadership Team. In addition to school activities, I regularly volunteer with the Human Rights Campaign and Ohio Organizing Collaborative, volunteering over two hours daily during election season. I have balanced these commitments with being a club officer and state officer this past year and will prioritize OJCL office when necessary.

Executive Board:

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

As a member of the Student Advisory Committee at my school, I regularly meet directly with the school administration and express students' opinions about various aspects of the school. This involves listening to my peers and giving the administration constructive feedback on changes the students hope for that many feel uncomfortable telling to the administration directly. With two representatives from each grade level, the committee has brought about changes to the schedule, student parking, assembly speakers, and other aspects of student life.

As OJCL Parliamentarian, I communicate often with the State Chairs, other members of the board, the OSCL board, and OJCL delegates who are considering running for office. In addition to those I was responsible for communicating with, I asked and answered questions of JCL Parliamentarians on other states' executive boards in our State Parliamentarian forum. I met both formally and informally with JCL Executive Board members from Florida, Kentucky, and Virginia to discuss event planning during COVID and coordinate events with multiple states.

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

I am very familiar with the OJCL and NJCL Constitution and By-Laws. I have talked to previous and current Treasurers Grant Bruner, Katlyn Havlin, Maggie Ridgeway, and Alicia Luo about the duties of the office. Through my position on the board, I have seen first hand the duties of Treasurer and how the Treasurer interacts with other members of the board.

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

I hope to expand the merchandise OJCL sells at NJCL Agora (or our Etsy shop since NJCL Convention will be virtual again). Due to interest from OJCLers, I will begin selling OJCL tote bags and masks. This will include some of the winning masks submitted to the Mask Club Contest at OJCL convention this year if the creator and club wish to participate. In addition to new merchandise, I will sell old merchandise by advertising it differently. The OJCL still has numerous convention t-shirts from multiple years ago that do not sell well because they are dated; by marketing these as "vintage" OJCL shirts and including pictures of delegates participating in spirit wearing these shirts, I will give them new value.

At the National Convention this past year, many Ohio delegates did not understand the spirit competition rules and deadlines with the new virtual format. Ohio had very few participants in the spirit competitions due to confusion, and I will increase participation with clear communication. I plan to work with the President and Secretary to send explanations and reminders about spirit through multiple formats. Many delegates have been left out of important information that is only posted on social media, so I plan to utilize delegate email lists and the text "remind" system in coordination with the Secretary. To celebrate spirit submissions, I will

acknowledge those who submitted to spirit each day in the nightly fellowship and show pictures or videos of their submissions.

During the 2022 OJCL Convention, which will hopefully be in person, I will allow delegates to submit potential spirit themes. This engages delegates well before convention and excites them for spirit. If a submission is chosen as the spirit theme, the student and their Latin Club will receive extra spirit points.

Other Biographical Information/Comments:

I have loved serving as your Parliamentarian this year. Thank you for considering me to be your 2021-2022 OJCL Treasurer! Contact me with any questions at abby.sevilla.almaguer@gmail.com and follow @abbyfortreasurer on Instagram for campaign information.