

OJCL Torch

Moon Dolphins, Unite!

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Nationals Results——12 What do you get when tons of Latin enthusiasts gather together in the exotic locale of Eastern Kentucky University? What happened from July 25 to 30 this past summer? Where can I learn more information about Moon Dolphins? Yes. This. Is....Nationals! (mind the reference)

The 2011 NJCL convention was held at EKU in Richmond, Kentucky. This year's theme was "bene legere saecla vincere": to read well is to conquer the ages, courtesy of Isaac Flagg, a 19th century (classy) Classicist. It was a time to see (gaze at) the adorable NJCL President, Elliot Wilson; to hear students speak on the benefits of reading Latin literature (despite the echo-like acoustics); and, of course, to rock it out in the world's largest toga party.

91 students, 16 Latin teachers (including all 3 state chairs), 2 national committee members, 2 ACLers, 2 adult chaperones, and 15 SCLers journeyed across the river to partake in the annual festivities. The OJCL delega-



The OJCL delegation showases their spirit at Nationals.

tion enjoyed many successes, from Top Ten finishes in graphic arts and creative arts, to winning elections on the national level, to getting 3rd place Jenna Galletta in Spirit! (Lakota) won 2nd place overall in Graphic Arts, and Anna Richey's (Indian Hill, former OJCL Historian) state scrapbook earned 4th place. Sam Buck (Westlake), former OJCL President. was elected NJCL Parliamentarian: Megan Whitacre (formerly of McAuley, currently of Holy Cross), was elected to the position of NSCL Editor; and Dan Garrett (formerly

of Lakota, currently of Ohio University), was elected NSCL President. In addition. the Certamen teams performed well. showcasing grace and poise as they battled Roman History questions and translated tricky subjunctives. Novice and Intermediate both placed 6th, and Upper earned 9th. Congratulations to everyone else who challenged themselves to take academic tests, won a ribbon or two for their awesome graphic arts projects, or played as team members in Ludi games. Ctd. Page 2



The Ohio Certamen team is ready to buzz! The Upper Level Team placed 9th overall.

Want to learn more about NJCL Convention?

You can visit www.njcl.org to find out about next year's convention, or take a look at Mr. Dean's daily blog at www.ojcl.org under "NJCL 2011."

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And kudos to Andrew Boudon (St. Edward), who signed Fleetwood Mac's "Landslide" in That's Entertainment. Ohioans are truly the best delegates. Ever.

There were too many inside jokes and funny moments to include in this article, but several attendees highlighted favorite parts:

- Georgia's cheer...you know...
 (Samuel Yun)
- crazy voting caucus (Carolyn Boyce)
- unofficial Certamen match between Wisconsin and Ohio (Bobby McDonald)

Wishing you had gone to nationals? Have no fear! The 2012 NJCL Convention is approaching. It will be held at Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, North Carolina) from Thursday July 26 to Tuesday July 31. Be there.

By Anna Delamerced

Trivia Corner!

Interested in some free Starbucks? Here's an easy way to satisfy the craving! Simply read this article's trivia question and send your answer (along with your address) to editor@ojcl.org by October 13. One lucky responder will be sent a \$5 gift card!

This Issue's Trivia Question:

What faithful friend of Aeneas was lost at sea in Juno's Book I fit of rage in Vergil's Aeneid?



OJCL Officer Surveys

President: Anna Delamerced

Grade: 12

School: Summit Country Day School

Best Part of Convention: At states, it's having late-night chats with my fellow officers until 3 AM (yes. We don't get enough sleep). At nationals, it's befriending new people from all across Ohio, Wisconsin, and even Maryland! Also, moon dolphins.

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? I'd be Athena. She's definitely rocking the age of the greatest cities in the world is named

aegis. Aaand, one of the greatest cities in the world is named after her (not the one in Ohio...).



Anna drinks her first ever espresso (note to self: you won't sleep until 2 AM).



Mark praises former NJCL president Elliot Wilson at 2011 Convention.

1st VP: Mark Samaan

Grade: 12

School: Summit Country Day School

Best Part of Convention: Definitely the elevator parties.

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? Hestia, because someone's gotta tend to that fire!!

2nd VP: Maddie Briner

Grade: 12

School: Wyoming High School

Best Part of Convention: The best part of both conventions is SPIRIT!!

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? If I were a mythological character, I would be Athena because she's good at just about everything!



Maddie with two (twin!) KJCL friends at summer camp this year.

OJCL Officer Surveys Ctd



Secretary: Elizabeth Boor

Grade: 12

School: Westlake High School

Best Part of Convention: Getting to meet a bunch of new people you wouldn't usually meet. Bonus: They don't look at you funny when you make bizarre mythological references or talk about inaccuracies in references in today's pop culture.

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? Hmm.... that's a toughie. Probably Atalanta because she's outside a lot and happy. She never lets anyone

Elizabeth keeping it classy at Nationals. tell her what she can or can't do. I'm a definite fan.

Parliamentarian: Tom Carroll

Grade: 12

School: Westlake High School

Best Part of Convention: Certamen. It feels great pitting your wits and reflexes against the best with the stirring support of your school or state. Even more fun is watching the Bad Larry's and other teams compete in the World Series of Certamen! If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? Broteas. Broteas is the only naturally occur- Tom practicing his air-archery by the ring 'bro' mythological character (Broseidon is cheating, even if he is god of the Brocean), which is pretty awesome.



firing posts of the Roman fort in Carcassonne, France!



Heather eating a bean chips while crossing her eyes!

Treasurer: Heather Smith

Grade: 11

School: Shaker Heights High School

Best Part of Convention: SPIRIT! AT STATES AND NATS! (how fitting!)

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? I would be a unicorn because they're epic. HOWEVER, Greeks actually believed unicorns were real...so.....a centaur because it's close enough to a unicorn, but not.

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Historian: Maggie Gray

Grade: 11

School: Madeira High School

Best Part of Convention: My favorite part of convention is the spirit at the beginning of Friday night's G.A. and basically all of Friday night.

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? If I could be any mythical creature I would be Zeus. Simply because he controls all of the other gods and does whatever he wants all of the time.



Maggie (left) and friends rock out at the 2011 OJCL Convention!



Susan and a friend get psyched for spirit at the 2011 OJCL Convention!

Torch Editor: Susan Wallace

Grade: 12

School: Madeira High School

Best Part of Convention: I love battling it out against the other delegations for the spirit awards before GAs!

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? I would have to choose Demeter because she's such a good mom and I love to take care of people!

NW Gubernator: Charlie Baddour

Grade: 10

School: Westlake High School

Best Part of Convention: Meeting new people and hanging out with everyone!

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? I would be Poseidon because you can control the majority of the world, and that would be awesome.



Charlie golfs with the biggest turtle ever.

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AJ outside a salt shop.

NE Gubernator: AJ Yule

Grade: 11

School: Shaker Heights High School

Best Part of Convention: The best part of Nationals was the final GA and the Roman banquet/procession.

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? I would be Rhadamanthys because the name is awesome.

SW Gubernator: Carolyn Boyce

Grade: 12

School: Summit Country Day School

Best Part of Convention: Making friends for a lifetime! If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? Iris! Riding around on rainbows all day? Yes please.



Carolyn at nationals with some of the beautiful Ohio delegation before the Roman spirit procession!

Nick wraps up his most recent victim (just for fun and practice, not actually!).



SE Gubernator: Nick Grewal

Grade: 11 School: Columbus Academy

Best Part of Convention: Certamen,

whether participating at the state level or just watching some intense matches at Nationals.

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? Typhon, because he was the greatest of all the monsters and basically laid the smack down on everyone.

Who are my State Chairs?

Magistra Bruening

Job: Project State Chair School: Madeira High School

What's the best part of Convention? The best part for me is watching the students compete and participate with such a PASSION for the Classics! We are passing on the torch!

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? Thalia, the muse of comedy, because life would always be fun...and funny!



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Magistra eats a souped-up gelato in Sorrento, Italy.

Mr. Dean poses with past and present OJCL presidents at NJCL Convention.



Larry Dean

Job: Student Officer State Chair School: Summit Country Day School

What's the best part of Convention? The best part of convention is working with the state officers & the certamen teams. Both groups are always so focused on doing their best. If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? Nereus, so I could shape shift and hang out with some seals!

Bryan Paul Inderhees

Job: Technology State Chair

What's the best part of Convention? Seeing the awesome amount of effort all the students put into their projects, performances, and tests.

If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? As an engineer, I've always been pretty keen on Daedalus. If I could create wings like that, I would love to hang in the sky lazily with the birds on a summer day.



Mr. Inderhees smiles for the camera at a convention.

The Indispensible OSCL

Who Exactly Is the OSCL?

The Ohio Senior Classical League is the college equivalent of the OJCL. Just like us, they attend state and national convention and have a board of officers. The big difference between us and them is that, well, they do all the grunt work to help set up and run convention. They're a big, bad, group of classics lovers, and as their name might entail, they're indispensible.

Because of that, we'd like to acknowledge the hard work they put in each year and recognize a member of the board in each issue of the *Torch*. The OSCL members are very helpful and important people, and we couldn't do Convention without them, so if you ever meet one, be sure to throw them a quick "thanks!"



OSCL students Dan Garrett (formerly of Lakota) and Chris Daniell (formerly of Summit) dine in the cafeteria during NJCL Convention.

This Issue's Spotlight: Andrew "Ignatius" McCaffrey

What OSCL position do you hold? I'm the treasurer. What school do you go to? I attend Bowling Green State University.

What's the best part of convention? As a JCLer, I enjoyed the semi-formal final dances at nationals. At states, I always liked watching the skit performances. If you could be any mythological character, who would you choose and why? I'd like to be Finn McCool because he led a legendary band of Irish warriors. If we're trying to keep it classical, I'd choose Hector. These lines shed light on why I'd choose him: "He stretched his arms towards his child, but the boy cried and nestled in his nurse's bosom, scared at the sight of his father's armour, and at the horse-hair plume that nodded fiercely from his helmet. His father and mother laughed to see him, but Hector took the helmet from his head and laid it all gleaming upon the ground. Then he took his darling child, kissed

him, and dandled him in his arms, praying over him the while to Jove and to all the gods. "Jove," he cried, "grant that this my child may be even as myself, chief among the Trojans; let him be not less excellent in strength, and let him rule Ilium with his might. Then may one say of him as he comes from battle, 'The son is far better than the father.' May he bring back the bloodstained spoils of him whom he has laid low, and let his mother's heart be glad."

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Make A Difference Day

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All the facts and figures about your favorite OJCL service event. If you'd like more info, fliers can be printed off at www.ojcl.org

Northwest MADD

Where? Ronald McDonald House 3883 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43606
When? October 29th, 9:15 to 11 AM
What are we doing? Serving breakfast and entertaining
What should I bring? Nothing unless you plan to perform a talent.

Northeast MADD

Where? Cleveland Food Bank 15500 S. Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110
When? October 29th, 8 AM to 12 PM
What are we doing? Serving food to those in poverty
What should I bring? Just yourself!

Southeast/Central MADD

 Where? Columbus Academy 4300 Cherry Bottom Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230
 When? October 29th
 What are we doing? Making blankets with Project Linus
 What should I bring? Just yourself!

Southwest MADD

Where? California Woods Nature Preserve 5400 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230
When? October 29th, 2-5 PM (following Summit Certamen)
What should I bring? Work gloves and weather-appropriate clothes.
What are we doing? Clean-up to prepare the woods for winter.
Note: Lunch will be provided for those attending Certamen and MADD.

OJCL Spotlight: Madeira

Students Flock to Fundraising Opportunity

One of my favorite Latin Club events is "Flamingo-ing." Our group has, in its possession, around two dozen pink yard flamingos. To raise money for Convention busing, we'll go to the house of a former AP Latin senior and stick the decorations in their yard, attaching a note to the front door asking for a donation. It's so exciting to plant the flamingos at night, avoiding detection by the parents in the house! Following that, I'll often get to call them a few days later to let them know that we're picking up the flamingos along with their donation. The parents of last year's seniors always get a kick out of the fundraiser, and it goes to a good cause!



By Burke Evans

Foreign Languages Unite to Fight Breast Cancer

On a crisp fall morning each October, it has become a Madeira Latin Club tradition to participate in a city-wide charity event, Cincinnati's annual breast cancer walk. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer amassed 800,000 pedestrians and \$60 million in donations last year. This year, we hope to extend those figures with another exciting aspect... integrating different foreign



Latin students make it across the finish line, despite cold weather. From left: Maria Ramos, Hannah Young, Taylor Kneip, Jessica Ashmore

language clubs to our group!

Like many other students at our high school, I have friends in other languages besides Latin. So I was excited when I learned that this year, we are opening up the event to French Club and Spanish Club! This addition has the potential for our event to double its total number of Madeira supporters! It's great that Latin has invited other clubs to join the walk.

I already love the walk, but since we have more participants, I love it even more! It promotes unity amongst the languages. We can become a little pugnacious in our pursuits to prove who is more passionate and which language is better, but when we all hang out together, friendships can deepen and hostilities neutralize. Also, the more walkers Madeira has, the better reputation we create. Madeira can become known for their benevolence, and serve the community even better in the future!

By Lydia Seiter

Want your club in the spotlight? Tell us what you're doing! Send articles to editor@ojcl.org and show the OJCL just how cool your school is.

A Week to Remember

NJCL Convention 2011, as told by SW Gubernator Carolyn Boyce

When you think about ancient Greece and Rome, which all you astute scholars out there must, what pops into your head? Gladiators? Togas? The Olympics, perhaps? For a Latin enthusiast like me, there is only one event which comes to mind: the National Junior Classical League (NJCL) Convention, held annually in the last week of July. This year's location was Eastern Kentucky University, situated in scenic Richmond, Kentucky. For sleepless, hot. actionone packed week, over 1500 Latin students congregated at EKU for the primary purpose of sharing a mutual passion for and knowledge about the classics with their peers. Summit came home with some truly impressive honors, including finishing second in the nation for our Latin club newsletter, Vox Latina, compiled and edited by juniors Morgan Hughes and Regina Merrill.

Along the way, after navigating an incredible array of academic contests, athletic competitions, and artistic performances, it is impossible for you not to acquire some fresh knowledge as well. There was, for example, an extremely popular colloquium (convention-speak for a lecture) presented by the President of the NJCL, Elliot Wilson, illustrating and connecting the abundance of classical references found in modern heavy metal music. Still, if shredding and screaming aren't your cup of tea, there were also colloquia offered on everything from the making of wax tablets to the rules of a revered and truly loved tradition of convention – spirit.

If there is one thing that is never in short supply at convention, it is undoubtedly spirit. Imagine an arena, filled to bursting with an undulating mass of cheering, dancing students, all in perfect synchronicity, all clothed in the NJCL colors of purple and gold. The volume is deafening, and just when you're certain it can't possibly become louder, Ohio engages Virginia in a raging spirit war. Astoundingly, students from both delegations might have been playing euchre or, the convention favorite, Apples to Apples, just an hour or two before in the student union. This sort of camaraderie and unconditional friendliness is an overarching theme which becomes increasingly apparent as the week progresses; the feeling cannot be accurately described in words. National Latin Convention is a truly unique experience - one in which a true zeal for learning, a passion for the classics, and unrestricted kindness converge in an inimitable way which is truly unforgettable.

By Carolyn Boyce



The OJCL delegation is moving at the speed of light in a spirit battle of galactic proportions at National Convention.

Ohio NJCL Convention Results

How We Fared at EKU This Summer

Graphic Arts

Computer Photo: Elizabeth Boor 1st, Nina Gurevitz 1st Alexander Might 2nd, Jenna Galletta 2nd **Colored Pencil:** Jenna Galletta 3rd, Anna Delamerced 5th Game: Samantha Berten 4th, Christian Lipa 1st, Nathan Whitsett 2nd, Kevin Boyce 3rd Acrylic: Catherine Daun 2nd, Jenna Galletta 1st Mosaic: JP Schmitz 2nd, Dustin Argo 3rd, John Hall 5th, Anna Delamerced 4th **Black Pencil:** Natalie Whitsett 2nd, Jenna Galletta 1st Sculpture: Jenna Galletta 3rd Chart. Drawn: Maddie Briner 1st, Catherine Daun 2nd, Jenna Galletta 3rd, Samantha Nissen 1st Watercolor: Jenna Galletta 1st Impromptu Art: Jenna Galletta 1st, Mitra Jouhari 4th Dolls: Carolyn Boyce 1st, Anna Delamerced 2nd, Tino Delamerced 2nd, Nadja Jouhari 3rd Jewelry: Sam Buck 3rd, Jenna Galletta 1st, Tino Delamerced 3rd **Traditional Photo:** Jenna Galletta 1st Chart. Constructed: Nathan Whitsett 1st, Kevin Boyce 2nd, Carolyn Boyce 3rd Pottery: Myles Casanas 3rd, Carolyn Boyce 5th Posters, Drawn: Kevin Boyce 3rd Small Models: Christian Lipa 2nd Large Models: Nathan Whitsett 3rd, Kevin Boyce 4th, Christian Lipa 5th, Anna Delamerced 5th Multimedia: Myles Casanas 2nd **Textiles:** Maddie Briner 1st, Anna Delamerced 5th Mixed Media: Tino Delamerced 2^{nd,} Elizabeth Boor 3rd

Constructed Posters:

Tino Delamerced 4th Chalk/Pastel: Tino Delamerced 5th Illustrated Ouotes: Tino Delamerced 5th Maps: Tino Delamerced 5th Watercolor: Tino Delamerced 5th Small Traditional Scrapbook: Michelle Martinez 3rd

Olympika

200 Meter Girls Track: Mitra Jouhari 2nd **Discus Girls**: Jenna Galletta 5th 400 Meter Girls Track: Mitra Jouhari 3rd, Stephanie Wang 4th 100 vd. Freestyle Boys: Sameer Apte 2nd 100 yd. Medley Boys: Sameer Apte 3rd, AJ Yule 5th 50 yd. Butterfly Boys: Sameer Apte 3rd **Marathon Girls:** Evelyn Ting 4th 100 yd. Backstroke: AJ Yule 2nd **100 Meter Boys Track:** Myles Casanas 2nd, Ryan Thaxton 4th **High Jump Boys:** Michael Essig 1st, Peter Eyre 2nd, Ryan Thaxton 4th, Myles Casanas 4th Marathon Boys: Peter Eyre 3rd, John Hall 5th Ludi Kickball: JP Schmitz 3rd Shot Put Boys: Peter Eyre 1st, Michael Essig 2nd 200 Meter Boys Track:

Creative Arts

Peter Eyre 5th

Costume Girls: Jordan Taylor 4th **Costume Couples:** Maddie Briner 4th Essav: Stephanie Wang 1^{st,} Michelle Martinez 2nd

Sight Latin Prose Girls: Stephanie Wang 3rd Sight Latin Boys: Sameer Apte 1st, Tom Carroll 5th, Ezra Zigmond 5th Dramatic Interp Girls: Natalie Pearl 4th, Evelyn Ting 5th

Academics Heptathalon I: Sameer Apte 1st, Benjamin Robertson 4th, Sundararajan, Narayan 5th Latin Grammar: Andrew Boudan 2nd, Connor Tomshack 3rd, Tino Delamerced 3rd Sameer Apte 3rd Latin Vocabulary: Sameer Apte 3rd, Benjamin Robertson 4th, William Morris 5th Latin Derivatives: Sameer Apte 4th, Tino Delamerced 2nd **Ancient Geography:** Sundararajan, Narayan 1st, Benjamin Robertson 5th Greek Life and Literature: Michelle Martinez 5th, Sundararajan Narayan 3rd Greek Derivatives: Tino Delamerced 1st, Michelle Martinez 5th Reading Comprehension: Tino Delamerced 5th **Roman History:** Nathaniel Patterson 3rd Mottoes: Paul Slater 2nd **Classical Art:** Michelle Martinez 2nd Mythology: Tom Carroll 2nd **Club Awards**

Certamen: Intermediate Level 6th, Novice Level 6th, Advanced Level 9th T-Shirt: Most Creative 2nd, Best Visual 3rd, Best Overall 4th Scrapbook: 4th **Overall Large State Spirit: 3rd**