

The JCL Torch

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Officer Trivia

OJCL Spirit at Nats

Spirit is the backbone of any stimulating, top-of-the-line NJCL convention... and Ohio had TONS of it! Inside the Cox Pavillion at General Assembly, our delegation mesmerized the world with cheers and all sorts of simultaneous motions. Calls of putting one's swag on attack moooode filled the atmosphere, and much twisting & shouting took place as well. Not only did Ohio perform well and receive 2nd, uhhhh... 4th in the Spirit, we also dominated the streets with our beautiful singing voices.

Just outside the doors of the Cox Pavillion, the venue of "That's Entertainment," the NJCL talent show, Ohio delegates engaged in an intense Spirit war with hostile neighboring states. Exhilarating renditions of certain pop music songs all of a sudden broke out. Bohemian Rhapsody, Fergalicious, and several other Disney songs.

Once everyone was finally seated in the auditorium, even more of Ohio's vast reservoir of talent was put on display. Lauren Salem, freshman at Miami University, dazzled with her original song "Icarus." "Icarus" is part of her new album "Petrichor," so go check it out! Next up for Ohio was Shaker Heights' Anav Sood, as the Jazz Piano Man. The audience was left in awe at his mad skills at piano improv. His performance earned him 2nd place in the competition, along with a hefty cash prize. Congrats on your talented voices (and hands), Ohio; I can't wait to cheer with all of you in the streets next year at Emory next year!

--Will Beatrez (Historian, St. Edward)

(left) Treasurer Narayan Sundararajan cheering during one of the GAs at Nationals this year



A Treasurer's Ode to NJCL

I sing of a delegation and a convention,
Which stole the hearts of some
(if not all) and brought the city of Vegas
to experience the contagious virus
of the Latin language. Traveling
thousands of miles with zeal and zing,
this delegation brought prizes back
to Ohio's cornfields and cities with more
than one sack.

Tell me, O Muse, what immortal presence,
What lovely blessing let Ohio show its om-
nipresence?

What caused this beautiful delegation
To get awards in every category

There was a goddess, Twinkiee by name
Who was revered not just for her fame,
But for her dedication to being on the
attack.

One day, when thinking of her next single
She decided to spiritually mingle
And find out what was perturbing the
souls

Of pious JCLers who were looking for
more than bread rolls.

After thinking about this matter long and
hard

She decided to "inscribe" a phrase onto
the starred

Sky – "My swag is on attack mode".
But only OJCLers were able to see this,
This most wondrous phrase of bliss.

Seeking the best, the highest their goal,
The OJCL went to Vegas to spread this
truth- it was embedded in their soul.



Narayan in full spirit attire

Empowered with this purpose, the
OJCL

Came to Vegas with its best leaders –
Tino (champion of Twinkiee) handling
fellowships

Kelly – so powerful she could cause an
eclipse

Will – inviting admiration when he,
being wondrous,

Handled voting with poise – it was
marvelous.

There were the Gubernators – Allison
with her toilet paper

Eleni, queen of big hair, and Ra'ad (his
might could shatter a sabre)

And there was Will Beatrez, taking pic-
tures

And playing certamen – the perfect
mixture.

Such was the might of Ohio- but this
might was most shown in Spirit.

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The state captured the hearts of many
Even the courageous Lenny
Dressing up as “ratchet Romans” -
So good it impressed the local yeoman
With cries of “Twist and Shout” and “Don’t
Drop that Tunica”
This glorious state showed that everyone else
was a lunica.

In academics Ohio swept everyone away
In Vocabulary, Derivatives, and Ancient Ge-
ography they kept everyone at bay –
In Grammar, Classical Art and Reading
Comp.,
They made sure everyone else became
swamped.
But the winning exemplified in academics
also was shown in athletics
In Ludi and Olympika Ohio excelled in swim-
ming,
Marathon, ultimate Frisbee, and chess(ing) –
Such was the might on which Ohio won!

I now invoke Gossippe, Muse of Chatter, to
tell
Us of some of the tidbits that went pell-mell.
There was Eleni’s big hair, there was the dry
heat
And there was the lack of sleet in the city of
great feats

*(right) Some OJCLers in costume for Spirit.
One theme this year was “Waking up in
Roma”, as displayed above.*

We must not forget Peter Chung, how-
ever –
He said the crowd with style – forever
and ever.

It is here that my humble epic ends
But keep this in mind – the JCL will
never end.
Just remember this:
“In knowledge, truth, and fellowship,
we’re growing every day;
the friendly hand of JCL aids in every
way.
In Rome’s proud steps we’re marching
on
with every true colleague,
and forever we’ll hold
to the Purple and Gold
of the Junior Classical League.”

--Narayan Sundararajan
(Treasurer, Shaker Heights)



A Guide to Understanding JCLingo:

Latin Shout-outs: a Facebook page that replaced NJCL Compliments; used for personals, confessions, gossip, dating advice, and more; nobody really knows who started the page, but it is allegedly a collaboration of NJCLers from various states, including Alaska?

JCLove: term used to describe couples formed through NJCL or other Classics-related means; first used by a That's Entertainment act

Slasher: SCL (Senior Classical League) members; Omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent; they literally wear nametags with slashed ribbons at Nationals

JCeLebrity: NJCL attendee who achieves enough fame or esteem to be known by JCL members across states and constantly referred to on Latin Shout-outs

The Large Hispanic Man and the crowd surfing Peter Chung: Was it Peter Chung or OJCL President Tino Delamarced crowd-surfing at the NJCL dance? Was it a large Hispanic man or Mohammed Patel who dropped him? Who knows?

It's a dry heat: a clichéd joke at NJCL with various meanings; it literally refers to the low humidity of Las Vegas

Book of Twinkiee: the holy book of the OJCL; that is all that needs to be said

Cult of Gucci Zain: Mysterious, elite group of the followers of Zain Kabeer, Communications Coordinator

#heardatCOSI: a hashtag used on Latin Shout-outs referring to the 2013 OJCL Reunion Day at COSI (Center of Science & Industry)

OH Spirit cheers led by Narayan, aka OJCL treasurer, aka JCeLebrity of Latin Shout-outs:

--My swag is on ATTACK MOOOOOOOOODE!

--Don't drop that TU-NI-CA!

--Twist and Shout

--Soo-weeee!

--YEEEEAAAAHHHHH!

Salvete Bromnes: a pun on the phrase "Salvete Vomnes," which is overused in NJCL campaign speeches

Cheers shouted to 2013 NJCL officers

--Sweeeeeeet Caroline = refers to Caroline Tucker, President

--Chung! Chung! Chung! = refers to Peter Chung, 1st Vice President

--Boom, boom, DOW! = refers to James Dow, Parliamentarian

--Uno, dos, Trace! = refers to Trace Turner, Editor

Tino's Guide to the OJCL Nationals Attendees: An extremely long and amazing list describing all the OJCL members who attended Nationals; located on the Latin Shout-outs page

--Allison Kao (NE Gubernator, Shaker Heights)



Ohio delegates at this year's Nationals

Buzzkill: The Struggles of Being a Certamen Player

1. We're always late.

Rounds and practices are always extended past the expected time for finishing, so we're always late to spirit, dances, ludi, life, etc. A couple conventions ago, I remember being late for spirit because one of the moderators (no joke, he had a classic Pringles mustache) tallied up our points wrong, and another time, the moderators debated on whether or not to accept one of our novice player's answers for close to an hour. They ended up accepting it, so that was cool.

2. We have to carry source material around.

At nationals we shamelessly wear a backpack that holds Conte (Latin literature), Grimal's (myth), Allen and Greenough's (grammar), or Cary and Scullard (history). We carry them around to be able to open them up and study whenever we can, and to be able to challenge a question with source material ready to back up our claim during a certamen round. Except for Allen and Greenough's, each is over a thousand pages long with approximately size 2 font. They weigh a ton as well, which I'm not a big fan of because I have to carry two of those books around. Oh, and for the Upper level, you have to know everything in those dictionaries if you want to win.

3. We have to know random facts by heart.

Who wrote "cacata charta"? Which mime attacked Caesar? What are the names of Actaeon's dogs? Certamen players have to know some pretty random facts about pretty random topics that we may never use outside of convention.

4. We don't have much time at nationals to do things outside of certamen.

The one aspect of certamen that I don't enjoy is that it's time-devouring. At nationals, we practice and study and practice and study, and once certamen's finished, we're left with only a day-and-a-half of nationals to savor. Sad face. I've been to only 2 NJCL dances, but don't get me wrong, we as certamen players try to enjoy every moment of free time we have: the first time I went to an NJCL dance, I was thrust into the middle of a mosh pit (I survived), and the second time, I sort of crowd-surfed. Anyway, I feel like we'd have more cool experiences like those at nationals if everyday we didn't have to worry about winning a certamen match.

--Tino Delamerced (President, Summit Country Day)



OJCL President and certamen player Tino Delamerced in action at nationals



MADD Updates

For a complete list of Make A Difference Days and information about each of them, go to ojcl.org!

Southwest

Ahhh, the season of fall is approaching, and yet we still mourn for the summer. This time of the year is when you pull your jackets out of the closet and wrap up in warm clothes. Football, soccer, bonfires, and yes, Make a Difference Day! I'm excited to announce that this year the MADD will be held at California Woods Nature Preservation, on Saturday, October 26th from 2-5 PM. We will be doing some community service to help clean up the environment, and while we are doing that we will meet new people and have a good time! I cannot wait to see all my fellow Latin friends there! Help the environment and come out to have a blast, at the South West MADD!

--Ra'ad Dawod (Southwest Gubernator, St. Xavier)



Central

2013 will mark the second consecutive year in which the Central Region MADD will be held at the Broad Street Food Pantry, addressing an urgent need in the greater Columbus area. The Broad Street Food Pantry is an organization dedicated to combating the pressing issue of hunger in Central Ohio. In 2012 alone, the pantry served 23,000 individuals over 350,000 meals (an average of 56,730 meals per week). All Central Ohio OJCL'ers are encouraged to join us for our annual MADD on October 12th. This event is a good opportunity to display the positive energy of our organization. Hope to see everybody on the 12th!

--Henry Bacha (Central Region Gubernator, Wellington)



Northeast/Northwest Combined

WHERE: 800 Sharon Drive,
Westlake, OH 44145

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 7-9 pm

WHAT: A fun, Classics-themed party thrown by the OJCL for Youth Challenge participants with physical disabilities. Bring a cheerful attitude and please wear your best toga!

Any questions? www.ojcl.org or call/Text:

Northeast Gubernator Allison Kao: (216) 855-4288

Northwest Gubernator Eleni Packis: (440) 596-8539

--Eleni Packis (NW Gubernator, Westlake) and Allison Kao (NE Gubernator, Shaker Heights)



You Know You've Got OJCL Problems When...:COSI Edition

- 1) Your parliamentarian (Will Emery) lives at COSI. He only leaves the building to attend school and Latin Convention. He also broke his leg in a fierce duel with Caesar's ghost.
- 2) You try to fit as many people as possible into a tiny submarine. Screaming and bruising ensues, and you then learn that the submarine has a hidden camera and everyone else was watching the monitor and laughing at you.
- 3) Your indestructible dam of sand that you just spent over ten minutes of hard work on gets eroded by a pretend river. Sometimes water can be a real jerk.
- 4) You spend the ridiculous sum of \$5 on frozen yogurt. But it was made by a robot, so it was worth every penny.
- 5) You don't fully understand the process of urination until it is explained to you in excessive detail by both the COSI human body exhibits and your fellow OJCLers. (Thanks, guys.)
- 6) You meld your face together with a fellow OJCLer at an exhibit and it is so horrifying that it gives every person who views it nightmares until States.
- 7) You download the OJCL President's rendition of "Forget You" on COSI's melodious fart piano onto your iPod.
- 8) You wait in line for an exhibit for a while but get distracted by another exciting exhibit and lose your place in line. (Repeat x10)
- 9) You ask an old man to take a group photo of the OJCLers. He hands your phone back to you with a quavering smile and tells you what a lovely picture he took. You turn on your phone and find no such picture; the old man just put your phone to sleep (a tragically wasted selfie opportunity).
- 10) You come out of the tornado wind machine with hair so fabulous it rivals Beyoncé's.
- 11) You finish going through all the exhibits but refuse to leave your beloved OJCL friends right away. So instead, you sit in a gossip circle in the corner of the building and chuck pennies at each other.
- 12) You see an adorable baby and the first thing out of the OJCL Treasurer's mouth is, "I AM GOING TO STEAL THAT CHILD. IT IS MINE. MIIIIIIINE." (Please don't kill its mother and start calling the baby "my precious.")
- 13) You are sore for days from pulling yourself up a rope just a few feet off the ground. These arms were made for Certamen buzzing, not physical labor.
- 14) You drove (whether it was a few hours or a few minutes) from your house just to spend your day with the coolest people around, the members of the Ohio Junior Classical League.

--Eleni Packis (Northwest Gubernator, Westlake)

(right) Current Northwest Gubernator Eleni Packis with Former OJCL President Heather Smith





Will Emery (Parliamentarian) being carried by other JCLers this year in Vegas

Ohio Dominates Ludi at Nationals

In the words of Nietzsche, the great philosopher and blatant plagiarizer of Kelly Clarkson, "That which does not kill us makes us stronger."

Fortunately, and somewhat surprisingly, the 2013 NJCL Olympika left no dead despite the blazing early morning heat.

The events began at 7:45 am and the temperature was already 90 degrees, because Las Vegas is America's Inferno. While the rest of Convention was dreaming in color (and doing the things

they wanted), the conquering heroes of the OJCL and a few other delegations whose swag was not on attack mode arrived at the track to exhibit the considerable athletic prowess of America's preeminent classical scholars.

The games began with sophomore Lindsey Dierig (Turpin) staking her claim as the strongest of the NJCL women. Competitors trembled as Lindsey threw heavy objects to victory in the shot and discus.

Allison Kao, a sophomore at Shaker Heights and esteemed Gubernator, recalling that what doesn't kill you makes you a fighter (with foot steps even lighter) stood a little taller and ran her way to 2nd in the 200m, 3rd in the 800m, and 2nd place in the Marathon.

Joseph Espy of Shaker Heights and Ohio's own Pheidippides won the Junior Boys Marathon in under 10 minutes, which I believe puts him at about 2.6 miles per minute. Not bad.

Dustin Argo (Summit) brought home the bacon for Ohio, placing 2nd in the 100 meter, 3rd in the 200 meter, and 1st in the Long Jump.

The modern Dioscuri of Will Emery (Granville) and Will Beatrez (St. Edward) burned up the track during the Boys 800m. Of course, it might have been the infernal temperature, but we like to take the credit. Will Emery won the event for the second year, despite minor foot pain (epilogue - it turns out that that minor pain was actually a fracture of the 2nd metatarsal. I am still in a cast 6 weeks later. That is how much I love the OJCL). Will Beatrez placed 2nd.

In other sports news, Ohio competed in Ludi Volleyball. The team did very well, after figuring out how to actually play the game, and we were only bested by Wisconsin, who apparently missed the memo that Laestrygonians are not traditionally welcome at sporting events.

Tim Goldenberg (Granville) won Ludi Chess for the second year. Good job Tim.

Ohio was truly excellent in Ludi and Olympika this year, so congratulations to all of our participants. Next year, in the hopefully cooler temperatures of Georgia, we will do even better.

--Will Emery (Parliamentarian, Granville)

A Summary of Nationals

Every morning for a week, I woke up and went down to breakfast, where a powerful heat hit me square in the face. But don't worry, it was a dry heat. The 2013 National Junior Classical League Convention was held this year in Las Vegas, Nevada. Part of the Ohio delegation got the chance to take a bus tour around the city before going to convention, where a dazzling amount of lights and images overloaded our senses. The group had the chance to see the "Pawn Stars" pawn shop, where we met one of the minor characters on the show, the security guard. Vegas also offered such attractions as Caesar's Palace, which we drove by and admired, all the while making critical comments on the historical accuracy of the décor.

Once we arrived at the campus of UNLV, we were greeted by Starbucks, which was a welcome sight, and cacti, which was less welcome. The entire campus was surrounded by majestic mountains, which created a beautiful backdrop for the convention. The site was situated on a flat expanse of land, along with the strip. The lights of Vegas were able to be seen throughout the entire convention, making for a lovely experience.

Because Convention was in Las Vegas, unique opportunities and problems arose. For instance, we were able to have "Circus Circus" at convention, which was a great experience. On the other hand, the indispensable SCL had to have spray bottles of water to control the oppressive heat. The heat was most definitely the worst part of convention, worse than sleep deprivation and prescribed eating hours. It seems like every person that traveled there had been reassured by someone that the heat was a dry one, and because of this it would not be terrible. They were wrong. However, it had the added benefit of adding "dry heat" to the list of inside jokes such as "moon dolphins" and "no jumping in Wait Chapel." Other than the small issue of the heat, Vegas was fun and exciting, with many new things to try and see.

Overall, Las Vegas was a wonderful experience and I can't wait until next year's convention in Atlanta, Georgia!

--Kelly McBride (2nd Vice President, Summit Country Day)



Individual Awards

Awards are only shown here for those placing in the top 3 for each event. For a complete list of awards, go to NJCL.org!

Will Emery

1st in the Boys Track and Field 800 Meter Event

Tim Goldenberg

1st in Ludi Chess

Ohio was well represented at Nationals this year! Congratulations to everyone who placed!

Group Awards

Certamen: Advanced Level 5th

Certamen: Intermediate Level 7th

T-Shirt: Best Use of Theme 2nd

Ludi Volleyball 4th

State Publication 10th

Alex Might

1st in the 12th Grade Boys Creative Arts Essay Contest

Michael Thorsen

1st in Traditional Photography

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Sara Zandvakill
1st in Acrylic/Oil

Mohammed Patel
1st in Open Certamen: Advanced

Heather Quinn
1st in Black Ink
3rd in Mixed Media

Hannah Baret
1st in Costume Jr. Couples

Joseph Epsy
1st in Boys Jr. Marathon
2nd in Multimedia

Allison Kao
2nd in Classical Art II
3rd in Hellenic History II
1st in Costume Jr. Couples
2nd in Girls 200 Meter Event
2nd in Girls Jr. Marathon

Benjamin Robertson
1st in Greek Derivatives III
3rd in Classical Greek III

Anav Sood
2nd in Classical Greek II
2nd in Latin Vocabulary II

Narayan Sundararajan
1st in Ancient Geography III
3rd in Greek Life and Literature III
3rd in Hellenic History III

Samuel Katz
3rd in Graphic Arts—Games

Will Beatriz
1st in Latin Grammar II
3rd in Mottoes II
2nd in Boys 800 Meter

Soren Gran
2nd in 9th Grade Boys Essay Contest

Samuel Tollett
2nd in Open Certamen: Novice
2nd in Pottery

Connor Tomshack
1st in Academic Heptathlon III
1st in Latin Grammar-Advanced III
2nd in Latin Derivatives III
2nd in Latin Vocabulary III
2nd in Reading Comprehension: Prose III
3rd in Roman Life III

Dustin Argo
1st in Long Jump Jr. Boys
2nd in Jr. Boys 100 meter
3rd in Jr. Boys 200 meter

Kevin Boyce
3rd in Reading Comprehension: Prose III

Patrick Casanas
3rd in Latin Literature 1/2

Joseph Delamerced
1st in Greek Derivatives 1/2
1st in Latin Literature 1/2
2nd in Academic Heptathlon 1/2
2nd in Latin Derivatives 1/2
2nd in Latin Vocabulary 1/2
2nd in Reading Comprehension 1/2
3rd in Classical Greek 1/2

Tino Delamerced
1st in Latin Derivatives IV
1st in Greek Derivatives IV
2nd in Academic Heptathlon IV
2nd in Colored Ink
3rd in Greeting Cards
3rd in Traditional Photography
1st in Individual Community Service

Mateo Fernandez
2nd in Latin Literature 1/2

Caroline Klette
1st in Classical Greek 1/2
2nd in Latin Literature 1/2
3rd in Greek Life and Literature 1/2
Kelly McBride
1st in Colored Pencil
1st in Posters

Grace Sambora
1st in Chalk/Paste;
3rd in Watercolor

Elisa Stanis
3rd in Mixed Media

Michael Warden
2nd in Classical Greek 1/2
2nd in Greek Life and Literature 1/2
2nd in Hellenic History 1/2
3rd in Open Certamen: Novice

Nathan Whitsett
2nd in Graphic Arts—Small Models

Lindsey Dierig
2nd in Chalk/Paste;
2nd in Impromptu Art
2nd in Large Models
3rd in Charts: Constructed
3rd in Jewelry
3rd in Maps: Drawn
1st in Jr. Girls Discus
1st in Jr. Girls Shot Put

Alexander Latham
1st in 7-8th Grade Boys Essay Contest

Michelle Adamczyk
2nd in Computer Edited Photography

Eugepae!

Spotlight School

Summit Country Day's Toga Bowling Tradition

"We have spirit, yes we do, we have spirit, how 'bout YOU?" Does this chant sound familiar? If it has the same effect on you that it has on me, suddenly your mind has been filled with a mental picture of insanely spirited OJCLers, dressed in wacky themed outfits, mobbed in the halls outside GA in the Ramada, losing their voices screaming such cheers at each other. Yes, spirit is an integral part of the JCL experience, and something that the Summit Latin Club tries to sustain throughout the year. Instead of just getting pumped for States and Nationals, our Latin Club strives to foster the sense of JCL love and fun that we all relish at Conventions. To do this, we throw several social and service events that let our Latin Club bond over enjoyable activities like bowling. But not just normal bowling, no. I'm talking toga bowling.

Yes, Summit's Middle and Upper Schoolers alike shamelessly don sheet togas and meet at Crossgate Lanes, where they proceed to bowl alongside all the "normal" people. It's one of our most popular events, and in my opinion, embodies JCL spirit. I mean, how many high school students do you know who would be willing to dress in ancient Roman attire in public and still manage to have fun with it?

This year, toga bowling was our kick-off club social event and took place on September 14th from 1-3pm. A large variety of students attended, ranging from 7th graders to Upper Classmen. Also in attendance, the beloved teacher and State Chair Mr. Dean, proudly wearing his toga. Competition was fierce among the Latin students, but Tullus Dean put the rest to shame by bowling the first strike of the match- in the first frame. Josh Harris achieved the highest score of anyone playing. Each received fun but stupid prizes for his accomplishment.

All in all, toga bowling was once again a hit among the Summit Country Day Latin students, and is sure to continue as a much loved tradition that prompts JCL spirit.

--Emily Haussler (Secretary, Summit Country Day)

*Some summit students with
Mr. Dean, toga bowling*



EXECUTIVE BOARD TRIVIA

How well do you know your board? Send your answers to this month's questions to Editor@ojcl.org for a chance to win a \$5 Starbucks giftcard!

Which board member met and personally spoke with Barack Obama?

and

Which board member is allergic to cats and can play the piano blindfolded?



THE BOARD

Front (left to right): Narayan Sundararajan, Eleni Packis, Allison Kao, Kelly McBride, Emily Haussler, Jane Klaus, Ryan Thaxton, Will Emery

Back (left to right): Ra'ad Dawood, Henry Bacha, Will Beatrez.

Salve OJCLers! Want to see your article in the Torch? Send it to editor@ojcl.org!