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 moooded filled the atmosphere, and much twisting & shouting took place as well. Not only did Ohio perform well and receive 2nd, uhhh... 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 omnipresence?
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.

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 pictures 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 Geography 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 swimming,
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

We must not forget Peter Chung, however —
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)

(right) Some JCLers in costume for Spirit.
One theme this year was “Waking up in Roma”, as displayed above.
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 Delamarco 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 MOOOOOOODE!  
--Don’t drop that TU-NI-CA!  
--Twist and Shout  
--Soo-weee!  
--YEEEEAAAAHHHH!

**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 “cacta 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)
Southwest
Ahh, 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 Southwest 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. MIIIIIIIME.” (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
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 footsteps 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 Dioscouri 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)
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)

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

**Individual Awards**
Awards are only shown here for those placing in the top 5 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

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 Barrett  
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 Beatrez  
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

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 Adomczyk  
2nd in Computer Edited Photography

Eugene!
"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!