

**The Summit Country Day School  
2012-2013  
Latin Awards Ceremony**



**Ecce! Vivit Lingua Latīna!**

# 2013 Classical Literacy Exam

The Classical Literacy Exam is given to Latin students in May. This competition measures basic knowledge of all aspects of Greek and Roman civilizations, including vocabulary, expressions, mythology, history, culture, quotes, and geograph.

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 100+ terms (A.D., herculean, valedictorian, etc)
- Level 1: 300+ terms (igoramus, Marc Antony, plebeian, etc)
- Level 2: 450+ terms (habeas corpus, quorum, triumvirate, marathon, etc)
- Level 3: 600+ terms (amicus curiae, St. Jerome, preterition, etc)

The test consists of 60 fill in the blank questions:

- 45 or more correct answers earn a Corona Aenea (bronze crown) ribbon.
- 50 or more earn a Corona Argentea (silver crown) ribbon.
- 55 or more earn a Corona Aurea (gold crown) ribbon.
- Perfect exams win a special gold 'Perfecta' medal.
- Students must earn a Corona Aurea before they graduate to the next level.
- Chocolate bars are included with the awards!

**Alumni of the Classical Literacy Exam:** Inessa Chandra, Jenny Chen, Anna Delamerced, Jared Dunnmon, William Eschenbacher, Steve Haag, Carter Hall, Stefan Kathman, Chris Lee, Kylie Lipa, Margaret Niehaus-Sauter, Daniel Rachovitsky, Stephanie Resnick, Matt Salter, Paul Slater, Catherine Schuler, Brandon Sharp



*Pythia - The title of the priestess of Apollo at Delphi who offered prophecies inspired by the god. This name is taken from the Python, the serpent which Apollo had to kill before he could built the temple of Delphi. In this image, the Pythia sits on a tripod on the left and offers her prediction to a petitioner standing to the right. The image is encircled by the meander pattern, which is also known as the Greek key.*

# 2013 CLASSICAL LITERACY EXAM

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Level

### Corona Aenea Ribbon

Kay Daly  
Lilly Gieseke  
Grace Gilligan  
Eric Kerschner  
Milena King  
Maria Maples  
Bronson Mehlman  
Luke Ritter  
Beckett Schiaparelli  
Victoria Walton

### Corona Argentea Ribbon

Colby Gordon  
Reyyan Khan  
Maya Mehlman  
Christopher Murtaugh  
Eleana Roudebush  
James Speed

### Corona Aurea Ribbon

Alex Almaguer  
Noor Amir  
Dane Barker  
Kristina Bauer  
Luke Desch  
Brigid Devine  
Anna Fahrmeier  
Nathan Fitzpatrick  
Tara Franke  
Evan Hunt  
Molly Mambort  
Grace Millikin  
David Thomas  
Filippo Tosolini  
Paul Wilson

## Level 1

### Corona Aenea Ribbon

Trey Ackel  
Sara Bissantz  
Lennox Brooks  
Bates Crowther  
Davis DeFoor  
Carter Fee  
Bri Heverin  
Charles Kubicki  
Jack Langenderfer  
Jay Nagle

### Corona Argentea Ribbon

Waleed Amir  
Lillian Chow  
Conrad Coldiron  
Margherita Favagrossa  
Lucia Grandison  
Amalia Nichifor  
Christopher Samaan  
Caroline Schmerge  
Logan Taylor  
Mary Towell

### Corona Aurea Ribbon

Paige Angne  
William Beckes  
Janel Bond  
Jared Bulla  
Patrick Casanas  
Joseph Delamerced  
Hannah Fassler  
Teo Fernandez  
Haley Hauser  
Eric Kroencke  
Connor McMurry  
Zachary Pavlin  
Hope Thomson  
Michael Warden  
Jennifer Whitehead  
Sam Wiser

## Level 2

### Corona Aenea Ribbon

Jack Diener  
Stephen Dunker  
Sarabeth Stretcher

### Corona Argentea Ribbon

Dustin Argo  
Nicholas Smith  
Ryan Stoffel  
Elisa Stanis  
Nathan Whitsett

### Corona Aurea Ribbon

Tullus Dean  
Alexis Hogya  
Laura Klug  
Elena Montag  
Sofia Ordonez  
Juliana Overbey  
Thomas Quan  
Natalie Pearl  
Styrling Rohr  
Amanda Sequeira  
Stewart Spanbauer  
Andrew Thomas

## Level 3

### Corona Aenea Ribbon

Kevin Boyce  
Jesse Campbell  
Kelly McBride

### Corona Argentea Ribbon

Styrling Rohr

### Corona Aurea Ribbon

Inessa Chandra  
Carter Hall

## Perfect Scores!

Catherine Alway (6th)  
Julia Dean (6th)  
Michael Haijar (6th)  
Brandon Harris (6th)  
Emily Harris (6th)  
Julia Rosa Helm (6th)  
Caroline Klette (Level 1)  
Caroline Kubicki (6th)  
Tess Wyrick (6th)

## National Junior Classical League Convention, July 2012: Excerpts from Mr. Dean's Blog

(for the full week, go to [http://ojcl.org/?page\\_id=840](http://ojcl.org/?page_id=840))

### THE BUS RIDE

51 students, 1 college graduate, and I met at Summit at 6:30 AM to begin our journey down to Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem NC for the 2012 NJCL Convention. Steven Malseed was the last to board the bus, a little after 7:00 AM – he had thought the meeting time was 7:30 and believed he would be early. But, no worries, because our bus driver Richard had not even finished cramming all the luggage beneath the Croswell tour bus. Richard later noted that there would be a new driver for our return trip since he was picking up the Harlem Globetrotters in Philadelphia. Nice juxtaposition of passengers.

It was 8 hours of driving with a rest area stop, a lunch break (pretty much Wendy's or Subway), and a 2 hour visit to the Pilot Mountain State Park. We arrived on campus at 5, were settled in by 6, had eaten by 7, and had the rest of the evening to play pick-up ultimate or connect with old friends or meet new friends or kick the hacky-sack or play Ninja or watch Disney's 'Hercules.' OH met for its nightly fellowship meeting at 10:30, and students were all in their rooms – some going to sleep and others clearly not – by 11:45. Convention formally begins tomorrow with the 1st General Assembly at 1 pm.



*Students on Pilot Mountain overlooking the Piedmont region*

Various things that I remember from the trip, in no particular order:

- Some students had never been to Virginia or North Carolina. Each has a Latin motto. VA is 'sic semper tyrannis' (thus always to tyrants), and NC is 'esse quam videri' (to be rather than to seem). go latin go
- Pilot Mountain was really nice. Some students played cards, some did the short 200 yard hike, some did longer ones, some did trail running. I did all 3 hikes – the Pinnacle Overlook, the Jomeokee, and the Sassafrass. The Sassafrass went way down and then – inevitably – way back up again. I was hot, sweaty, and tired by the end. So was Christian Lipa. Students were waiting on the air-conditioned bus, ready to go, by the time I was finished. Christopher Samaan was not happy with his sweaty neighbor Dustin Argo. No injuries, everyone survived.
- My son Tullus is making his 1st trip to Nationals. go tullus go
- Wake Forest has a very nice campus – and this is from a graduate of Jefferson's University of Virginia. Some pictures on another day.
- The West Virginia Turnpike feels even more curvy on a bus.
- The dining hall was filled with students renewing friendships from last year. I spotted many soft ice creams.

- Melissa Burgess, Indian Hill teacher and NJCL Graphic Arts Chair, told me that she might miss the late night state fellowships. I excused her – but only after seeing the doctor’s note that she is 5 months pregnant.
- Emelie St. Cyr, Wellington teacher, and Bryan Inderhees, fellow OJCL State Chair, announced their engagement. Latin not only enriches minds but only brings people together. go latin go
- Kelly McBride was so excited about her 1st trip to Nationals that she did not sleep last night. So she zonked out for some of the bus ride.
- Chris Lapp helped Mollie Effler to do some mythology review. Jesse Campbell and others told stories about chipped teeth. Mike Clark is now officially known as ‘Honey Bun’ for donating 48 of them to his fellow OH students. Mr. Honey Bun has already learned how to win friends and influence his neighbors.
- The dorms are nice but weird and confusing. Some singles, some doubles, grouped into pods of 4 or 5 rooms but with no common area. The air-conditioning works well. Mollie shields herself from Medusa’s deadly stare

### DAY 3 - CERTAMEN BEGINS

Today was a long day: project judge at 8 am, lunch with other State Chairs at noon, GA at 2, a short break, dinner at 5, round 1 of Competitive Certamen at 6:30, and then a late fellowship which ended at midnight. As I mentioned earlier, things get busy fast.



*Nathan, Natalie, Mike, Steven, Emily, and Kelly in the dining hall on Day 2.*

My judging assignment was Multimedia. The person in charge was K.C. Kless – husband of Rachel, father of young Samuel, Indian Hill MS teacher with my wife Andrea, and computer guru. Ed from TN and Natalie from TX were my fellow judges. We had 6 in the 7th-9th grade category and 12 in the 10th-12th grade. Each one is under 5 minutes, and the type varied widely: PowerPoints (boo!), animation, stop-animation, short films, music videos, documentaries, stories. It has to have a classical theme and be electronic, and that’s about it. Well, it took a long time, and K.C. said we were the last of his groups to finish. We spent a full 3 hours viewing, discussing, and finally ranking the projects.

My personal favorite was a great animated story about Latin grammar: why 3rd conjugation verbs have both long e’s and i’s in its forms. Yes, more fun than you can shake a stick at. Another was a song – with Latin lyrics! – on the tune ‘Call Me Maybe’ by Carly Rae Jepson. It was based on Vergil and called ‘Voca me Dido.’ The one that really made me laugh was the ‘epic rap’ between Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite during the Judgment of Paris. It had hysterical lyrics and well-timed dance moves.

The lunch for all the State Chairs was nice. We were served a tasty chicken salad with fresh fruit and cheesecake. I sat with fellow OH Chair Bryan Inderhees and some others from Nevada, New Jersey, and South Carolina. I did the annual picture

with MY Latin teacher Sue Robertson. [Here is a shout out to my old friend and former VJCL State Officer Curt Board, with whom I roomed at my 1st NJCL at Richmond in 1984!] The convention next year will be in Las Vegas at UNLV. NB: I will NOT be planning a bus trip there. In 2014, we travel down to Emory University in Atlanta, the home of my sister Paddi and her family. Her daughter Gracie takes Latin at Grady HS, and I recently met her teacher at an AP Latin conference in Cincinnati in March. It's a small world after all.

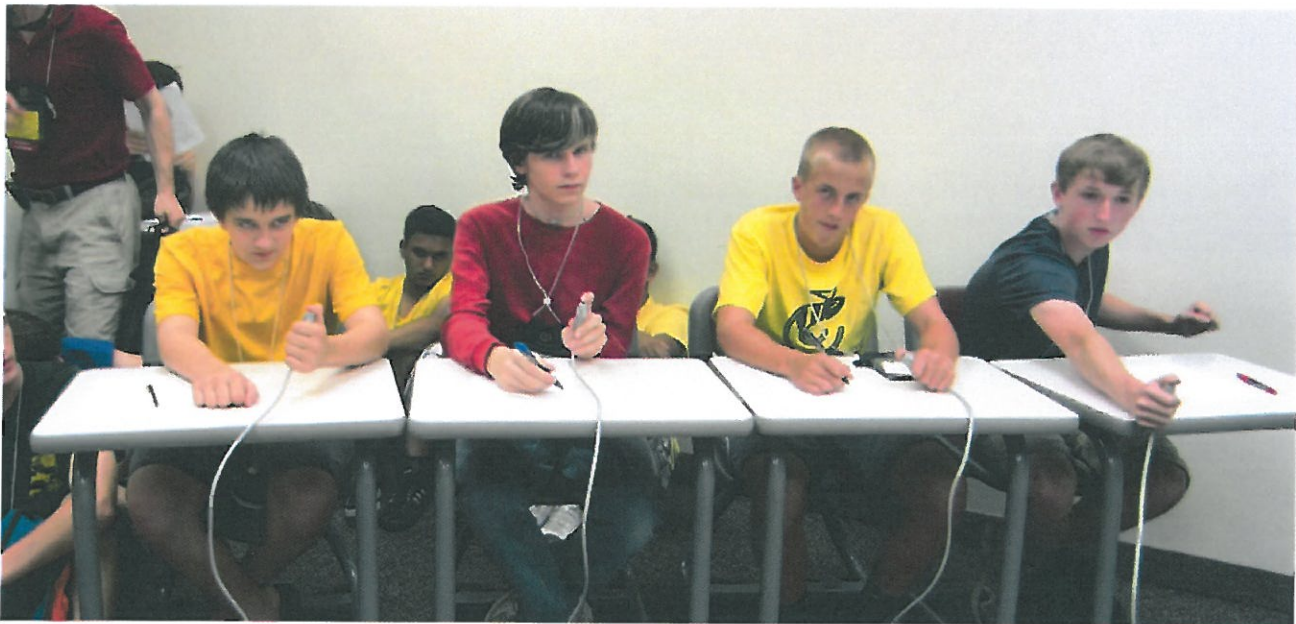
The GA on Day 2 included the recognition of winners on the National Latin Exam. Students who earned perfect scores all stood up. OH had a bunch of them, too many to name, but I know that Summit's Dustin Argo was among them. OH also had 4 students who earned 4 consecutive Gold Medals (really hard to do): Nina Gurevitz from Columbus Academy, Allison Kao from Shaker Heights, Tom Carroll from Westlake, and another student whose name I did not catch (sorry). Tom also was recognized as an NLE Scholarship winner! He now has \$4,000 to put towards his education at Rice University in Texas. Latin is truly alive – and it sometimes even gives you money!

During this GA, each state also did Roll Call, where the number of delegates and teachers are announced. Mark Samaan and JP Schmitz did a great job announcing OH's 171 people. I am not sure exactly what they did, but everyone laughed. See the Shutterfly account for a (very bad) video of their presentation. Hawaii's one delegate revealed that the state is finally off its double secret probation. As a fan of Star Trek, I liked the parody of Captain James T. Kirk where he made sure to set his phaser on 'fun' before arriving at convention. And, always last but never least, the Wisconsin cow made its usual appearance on the stage.

There was a serious storm soon after the GA. I overheard a NC teacher say to others, 'Get under cover! You don't mess around with a Carolina thunderstorm!'

Competitive Certamen began today. There will be 2 more rounds tomorrow, and then the top 9 qualify for semi's on Sun, and finally the top 3 will appear on the Big Stage on Monday for the Finals. I am the OH Certamen Coach, but often I receive help. Well, this year, Summit alumnus Chris Lapp stepped up big time and devoted his entire summer to prepping the teams for the national competition. Regardless of the outcome of the competition, Chris has been a terrific teacher and really enjoys training the players to be the best they can be. go chris go

Who are the certamen teams?



*Novice Team: Dustin Argo (Summit), Alex Lathem (Westlake), captain Adam Sichel (Indian Hill), Will Beatrez (St. Edward), and Maxwell Mehlman (St. Edward). Will and Maxwell will share the 4th position, rotating in/out for different rounds.*

The Novice team had a very difficult 1st round against perennial power FL and up-and-coming GA. The OH players were very nervous and played tentatively. Adam and Alex got some questions to break the ice. Final score: OH 65, FL 150, GA 60. The team looks forward to the rounds tomorrow where they hope to unleash their potential.

Intermediate Team: Sameer Apte (Shaker Heights), Kevin Boyce (Summit), Jesse Campbell (Summit), and captain Ben Robertson (Shaker Heights). The Intermediate team has the toughest draw of all the teams for the 3 preliminary rounds. Round 1 took place in the 'big room' against MA and VA. All 3 teams are very good, and it was a terrific round. Final result: OH 70, VA 90, MA 195. There was 1 MA player that dominated the 2nd half of the round and will be a formidable opponent for any team.

Upper Team: captain Tom Carroll (Westlake), Tino Delamerced (Summit), Mollie Effler (McAuley), Carter Hall (Summit), and Sam Nissen (McAuley). Carter and Sam will share the 4th position, rotating in/out for different rounds. The Upper team had an easy first round against OK and NC. Tino and Tom dominated the round, and Carter got a nice history question about the Latin Wars. Final result: OH 250, OK 15, NC 50. After 1 round, OH Upper is 3rd out of 21 teams.

Fellowship was very late, 11 pm to midnight. Everyone was upbeat, positive, and eager to share their experiences at convention. There is always a discussion of the day's events and then a preview of the next day.

Miscellaneous stuff from Fellowship:

- Emily Haussler on English Oratory: 'I had to change my speech because the national rules are different from the state rules, so I was a bit worried. But it went pretty well!'
- Adam Sichel on the History Test: 'It was great.' Chris Lapp added, 'He owned it!'
- Will Beatrez on the Essay Contest: 'I wrote about Odysseus, and it ended up really good.'
- On Spirit before GA: Treasurer and Leader Muhammad Patel said, 'Well, we tried, and we did get progressively better.' NE Representative Narayan Sundararajan told everyone, 'I lost my voice, and it was worth it. Everyone should lose their voice. Unless you are singing at That's Entertainment [the end of convention variety show that showcases JCL talent].'
- Parliamentarian Bobby McDonald, who gave the closing speech at the Day 2 GA: 'I was really nervous, but the cheers from OH calmed me down up there. Thanks.'
- Tino urged OH JCL'ers to attend the certamen matches: 'We love seeing your beautiful faces as we play.'

#### **DAY 4 - OHIO WINS THE NATIONAL CERTAMEN CHAMPIONSHIP!**



*The OH delegation challenges WI to a Spirit Contest outside Wait Chapel.*

## Notes from GA Day 4

- Each GA always opens with the Pledge of Allegiance, the JCL Creed, and lastly the JCL song. I thought the song today was particularly good. Nice work, v'omnes!
- Voting for National Officers occurred during GA. While the votes are counted, a JCL chorus sings a few songs. There were excellent this year. OH singers included Mark Samaan, Alex Might, Patrick O'Connor, and Samuel Yun.
- There was tribute to Anne Covington (VA) who started the National Latin Honor Society in 1989. Membership was \$1 then, and it is still \$1 – what a bargain. All members must maintain an A average through April, and each school can then add its own requirements. [Inductees for Summit must also participate in 4 Latin-sponsored events and complete an application form with essay.]
- Another 'Latin Pays Off Moment': Anna Delamerced won the 'Sister Jeanette Plante' NJCL Scholarship! It is a \$1,500 renewable scholarship. She certainly deserves it. go anna go
- The delegations of Nevada & Arizona did a short skit inviting everyone to next year's NJCL Convention at UNLV in Las Vegas. 'If it's good enough for Caesar, it's good enough for you.'
- Muhammad Patel led OH to a 3rd place finish in Spirit before today's GA. His efforts yielded real results: the prize was a 'play food' set. The spirit prizes are always in the 'fun but stupid' category. The single delegate from Hawaii won for Small Schools and received ice-cream-shaped chalk.
- A student who had lost her lanyard – with her name tag and room keys and dining hall pass – was forced to sing on stage to get it back. She did not know the lyrics to 'Call Me Maybe,' so she sang – with gestures – 'I'm a Little Teapot.' The very powerful Amy Elifrits joined in to lend *gravitas* to the song.

## Certamen Results

All the teams played at 10:30 in the Semis. Coach Chris went with the Uppers, I watched the Loweres, and Michael Cowett was with the Novice team. Believe it or not, the rounds can get pretty contentious pretty fast. Nothing violent, because Certamen has been a non-contact activity since the riot of 1997, but people can get quite excited if they do not like a decision regarding a question. So each of us served as the official OH 'coach' for the different levels.

I will start with the Loweres since I was actually there. It was a terrific round, very well played by all teams, with little controversy. Every round has 20 toss-up questions (worth 10 pts), and each toss-up has 2 bonus questions (worth 5 pts each). So 400 possible points in all. Good matches are usually won with a score in the low 100's. The score after 5 questions: OH 15, VA 15, IL 10. After 10 questions: OH 30, VA 40, IL 40. After 15: OH 60, VA 80, IL 40. So, with 5 questions to go, the Loweres were basically down by just 1 question. Unfortunately, we never got those points, and VA qualified for the Finals: OH 60, VA 115, IL 60. The certamen future is bright for Captain Ben, Sameer, Kevin, and Jesse.

My only involvement in the round was a request to have the moderator read the Latin more slowly. He seemed a bit surprised but did in fact slow up and make the Latin more easy to understand. I do not like to involve myself in the rounds, but others in the room later thanked me, so I am glad I said something.

The Uppers got off to a rough start, and VA pulled out to a commanding lead early in the round. Neither OH nor GA was able to overcome the deficit, and VA (again) won the round and advanced to the Finals. Coach Chris was very proud that the Uppers never gave up and noted that the team took 3 of the last 4 questions. They even had some fun near the end and answered one bonus with 'Pupienus' (get it, Poop-ienus...) and another with 'Book of Yolo.' Next year, OH will certainly miss Tom Carroll, a great Latin scholar and a former OJCL officer and just a fine all-around young man. Tom was always an excellent role model for others and showed that you can be good at certamen and still have a sense of humor. go tom go



And now for the Novice team! No suspense: they won the match & qualified for the Finals! It has been quite a few years since an OH team has made the Finals. And it is a tribute to the older players – and to Coach Chris Lapp in particular – that they accomplished this. The OH certamen approach is based upon older players teaching the younger players and thus learning the material better themselves. *Discimus docendo*, ‘we learn by teaching.’ The really cool thing is this: the Upper and Lower players feel that they are part of the Novice team’s success – because they are. Some of my best teaching in the summer is when I get out the way and do nothing. The older students are in charge and know what the younger students need to know. So, it will not just be the Novice team on the Big Stage tomorrow, but the whole OH group. go ohio go

Now a quick recap of the match. The match was close the entire time. Surprisingly, it was a battle between OH the 7th seed and GA the 6th seed, with 1st seed VA in the background. The outcome hinged upon a ruling on a history question: were the Cimbri & Teutones Germanic or Gallic tribes? The ruling (which took about 30 minutes – yes, 30 minutes): they were either Germanic or Gallic. The outcome: Adam had called them Gallic in his answer, so OH was awarded the points. This gave OH a slim lead over GA heading into the final question, but VA was quick to the buzz, took the final question, and sealed the victory for the OH Novice team. The finals are tomorrow at 10 AM against #2 seed FL and #4 seed MA.

#### **Random Stuff from Day 4**

President Heather Smith sang ‘Pricetag’ to the OH delegation at Fellowship. Tino ‘McDaddy’ Delamerced joined in for the rappin’ portion of the song. The crowd went wild.

Maddie Briner has taken every test except 1 the past 3 NJCL’s: ‘I’ve never placed on any of them, and I’m majoring in Latin!’

The Sponsors Banquet was this evening. Good food with good company. Melissa – not as powerful as Amy but perhaps as powerful as the SCL – got hold of my camera when I left the table. Check out her special eye for interesting shots on the Shutterfly account.

Another award for an OH person! Brian Compton – former State Chair, Co-Chair of the 2008 NJCL convention at Miami, future Chair of the 2018 NJCL Convention at Miami, Moeller teacher, veteran bus rider, seasoned SCL’er – won the prestigious ‘Summa Cum Laude’ Award. go brian go

The talent and variety show called ‘That’s Entertainment!’ was the big event tonight. The omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and indispensable SCL hosts the show, and the JCL supplies the talented acts. Only 12 of 53 acts made the show. The Racketeers made their usual appearance, but I fear it is their last. For the first time ever, they removed the racket covers from their heads, and I take this as their parting ‘ave atque vale.’ There were some good Olympic spoofs, a time traveling van in the officer skit, and a very compelling drag race.. It was top rate entertainment.



*The Summit Students at the 2012 NJCL*

## 2013 National Mythology Exam

This was the 24th year of the National Mythology Exam. It was taken in February by over 10,000 students in the United States, Canada, and Australia. The goal of the exam is to promote the study of classical mythology and literature in secondary schools. It has 50 multiple choice questions.

This year's exam had 3 sections:

- the main classical gods & goddesses - Zeus, Athena, Mars, etc
- Book 12 of Homer's Odyssey – the witch Circe, the Sirens, the monsters Scylla & Charybdis, and the cattle of the Sun-god Helios
- Perseus & Medusa, the snaky-haired Gorgon



*In this painting, Odysseus' ship approaches the strait with the whirlpool Charybdis and the monster Scylla.*

# 2013 NATIONAL MYTHOLOGY EXAM

## Bronze Medallion (45+)

### 6<sup>th</sup>:

Catherine Alway  
Kristina Bauer  
Jack Bergeron  
Samantha Crew  
Luke Desch  
Anna Fahrmeier  
Lilly Gieseke  
Colby Gordon  
Dugan Hauser  
Caroline Kubicki  
Maria Maples  
Grace Milliken  
Christopher Murtaugh  
Matthew Pahl  
James Speed

### 7<sup>th</sup>:

Trey Ackel  
Patrick Casanas  
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Garrison Herfel  
Evan Stapleton  
Michael Warden

### 8<sup>th</sup>:

Bates Crowther  
Charles Kubicki  
Connor McMurry  
Amalia Nichifor  
Jordyn Northern  
Nora Poch  
Zachary Pavlin  
Caroline Schmerge  
Ryan Schneider

### 9<sup>th</sup>:

Charlotte Luo  
Soyanne Mosbacher  
Sunanda Tamrakar

## Silver Medallion (48+)

### 6<sup>th</sup>:

Alex Almaguer  
Julia Dean  
Nathan Fitzpatrick  
Brandon Harris  
Emily Harris  
Julia Rosa Helm  
Eric Kerschner  
Maya Mehlman  
Milena King  
Alexandra Ragland  
Luke Ritter  
David Thomas  
Victoria Walton  
Paul Wilson  
Tess Wyrick

### 7<sup>th</sup>:

William DeFoor  
Margherita Favagrossa  
Teo Fernandez  
Caroline Klette  
Eric Kroencke  
Max Mosbacher

### 8<sup>th</sup>:

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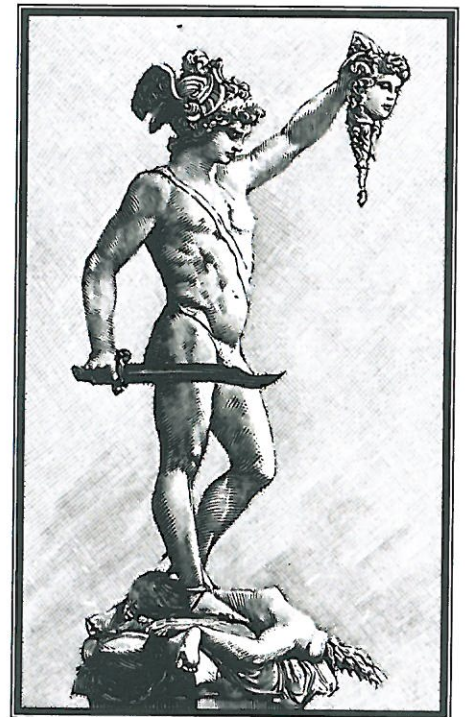
## Gold Medallion (50) – Perfect Exam!!

### MS (# of perfect scores):

Michael Haijar  
Tullus Dean (2)  
Mary Towell

### US (# of perfect scores):

Inessa Chandra  
Christian Lipa (3)  
Elena Montag  
Stewart Spanbauer  
Andrew Thomas (2)



*Perseus with Medusa's Head*