

## 2019 NJCL CONVENTION

11 Summit Latin students, 2 teachers, and 1 Summit alumnus attended the 2019 National Junior Classical League (NJCL) Convention at North Dakota State University from July 25 to July 31. The NJCL is a youth organization which promotes the study of Latin in secondary schools. There are 33,299 NJCL members in 1,130 schools throughout the country. Some of these schools are 'Century Clubs' which have over 100 members, and Summit is part of this select group with 107 members. The summer convention is a week-long 'academic village' with over 1,400 students, teachers, adult chaperones, and college helpers. It has a variety of activities, including tests, a Jeopardy-style game called Certamen, performance arts, graphic arts, colloquia, spirit contests, sports, and social activities.



There are a number of leadership opportunities available for NJCL members, and Summit has had teachers and students in positions of leadership for 21 consecutive years.

- Ryan Burns is the OJCL President. He is the leader of the OH delegation, runs all the state meetings, and supervises all the state activities. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> time that the President has been a Summit Latin student.
- Julia Dean (2019 alumna who will be attending the University of Cincinnati) is the Parliamentarian of the Ohio Senior Classical League, the college organization which assists the NJCL at its conventions. She is in charge of elections. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> year of leadership in the JCL.
- Tullus Dean (2017 alumnus and Xavier University student) is the President of the OSCL. He oversees all the activities of the college students as they help to run the state and national conventions. This is his 5<sup>th</sup> year of leadership in the JCL.
- Latin teacher Larry Dean has served for 20 years as the OJCL Certamen Coach. Certamen is a Jeopardy!-style academic competition with questions about the Latin language and classical civilization. The OH Intermediate certamen team advanced to the Semi-Finals this year.

- Latin teacher Lisa Mays is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3-year tenure as the OJCL Chair of Students. Lisa serves as a mentor to all the student members of the Executive Board and oversees all the activities of the OJCL.

Here are some of the highlights of the convention:

- Irene Calderon, Jimmy Fraley, and Kendall Richard were members of the OH Intermediate Certamen team which qualified for the Semi-Finals and finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
- 2 Summit students were recognized at the General Assembly on Thursday for their performance on the National Latin Exam in March. Ryan Burns and Irene Calderon scored a Perfect Exam, an accomplishment achieved by less than 1% of students. Ryan was also honored for his continued excellence on the NLE, with 4 consecutive Gold Medals.
- Julia Dean won an NJCL Scholarship worth \$4,000. These scholarships are presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and dedication to the NJCL.
- **Kendall Richard won a Best of Show Award** for her bead mosaic of Echo and Narcissus. There were only 5 graphic arts projects selected to earn the coveted Best of Show!
- **Out of over 1,000 students, Irene Calderon won 1<sup>st</sup> Overall in Graphic Arts and 8<sup>th</sup> in Overall Points. Irene worked extremely hard throughout the year and in the summer to achieve these amazing results!**





Here is the list of the top awards for each student:

- ✓ Ryan Burns – 17<sup>th</sup> in Latin Grammar and Latin Vocabulary
- ✓ Irene Calderon – 1<sup>st</sup> in Drawn Charts, Colored Pencil, Drawings, and Sculpture; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dolls, Pastel Drawings, and Ink Drawings; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Greek Derivatives, Reading Comprehension, Charcoal Drawings, Jewelry, Pottery, and Watercolor Drawings
- ✓ Julia Dean – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Classical Greek and 10<sup>th</sup> in Mythology
- ✓ Jimmy Fraley – 9<sup>th</sup> in Mythology and 10<sup>th</sup> in Classical Art
- ✓ Elsa Khan – 13<sup>th</sup> in Hellenic History
- ✓ Wali Khan – 27<sup>th</sup> in Mythology
- ✓ Ethan Lam – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Classical Art, 8<sup>th</sup> in Games, and 10<sup>th</sup> in Mythology
- ✓ Connie Nelson – 1<sup>st</sup> in Traditional Photography, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Drawn Maps, 9<sup>th</sup> in Impromptu Art
- ✓ Sam Parker – 24<sup>th</sup> in Mythology
- ✓ Kendall Richard – 1<sup>st</sup> in Mosaics, 9<sup>th</sup> in Latin Literature
- ✓ Nicholas Stanis – 10<sup>th</sup> in Hellenic History



