

2023 NJCL Summer Latin Convention

Four Summit students attended the National Junior Classical League convention from July 22nd – 28th on campus at Emory University in Atlanta. Wali Khan '23, Kori McLane '25, Rowan Lavelle '25 and Manuel Cantillo '28 competed against other Latin students from around the country in Creative Arts, Graphic Arts, Academic Tests, Athletics and Certamen.

Manuel excelled athletically during the week, finishing well in the Track & Field Olympika. He placed 4th in discus, 7th in the marathon, 9th in the 200 meter race, and 10th in the 100 meter. This placed him 25th in Olympika points and 45th in overall sweepstakes. Manuel also competed on Ohio's Novice certamen team, facing tough opponents from other states and narrowly missing the semi-final round.

Wali placed 17th on the Hellenic History test and was selected to give the closing remarks at the third General Assembly of the convention. Addressing the 1235 attendees, Wali shared his memories of NJCL conventions and his view of the event as a place for family, competition, and round table discussions. Elected the Ohio Senior Classical League Parliamentarian in March, Wali was also elected to be the National SCL Parliamentarian at this convention. Next summer, he will lead the college students that help run the convention through their election events.

Rowan also performed well academically, placing 8th in Reading Comprehension: Poetry, 14th in Classical Art, 15th in Mythology, 17th in Reading Comprehension: Prose, and 18th in Roman Life, all at Level III.

Elected 1st Vice-President of the OJCL in March, Kori led all of Ohio's state fellowships and meetings during the convention as the OJCL President was a virtual attendee. Kori recapped each day's events and encouraged the delegates to try new activities throughout the week. Kori did not let all of this responsibility get in the way of scoring points, however! Kori performed well across the board, placing in a variety of activities. In Academics: 10th in Reading Comprehension: Poetry, 14th in Classical Art, and 26th in Mythology, all at Level III. In Creative and Graphic Arts, Kori's Individual Costume placed 6th, Watercolor 1st, Ink 2nd, Mixed Media 3rd, Black Pencil 5th, Charcoal 6th, Colored Pencil 6th, and Acrylic 7th. All of this added up to Kori placing 9th in Overall Graphic Arts points and finishing 34th out of all 944 students competing at the convention.

Also in attendance was alumna Irene Calderon '22. Having previously served two terms on the NJCL board, Irene was elected NSCL Editor at last summer's convention. She completed the duties of her office over the course of the year, culminating with her editing and publishing the convention's daily satire magazine, *The Convention Ear*.

MS/US Latin teacher Lisa Mays continued to serve in her capacity as OJCL State Chair of Students, advising the OJCL board as they led the Ohio delegation through the various activities and competitions throughout the week.

See the next few pages for pictures!



Wali, Kori, Manuel, Rowan and Ms Mays in our state t-shirts the first day! Ms Mays and Irene



Cupcakes for Manuel's birthday!



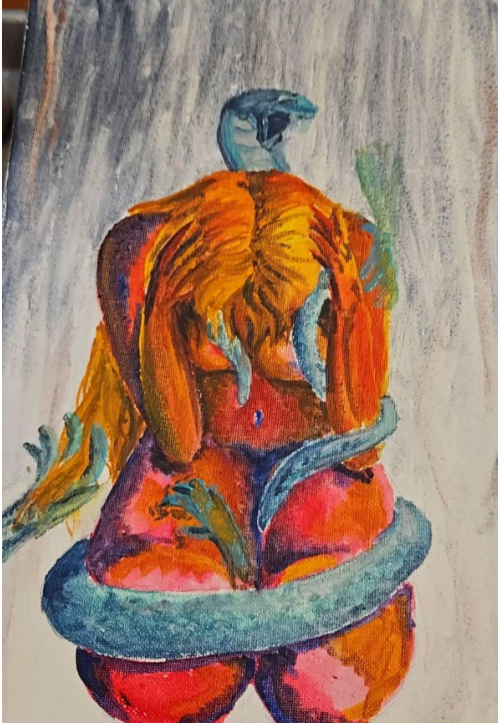
Wali addressing the convention at the close of GA III



Rowan cheering during Spirit



Wali, Kori, Manuel, Rowan, Ms Mays on Toga Day and the toga procession (with Rowan!)



Kori's 1st place Watercolor and 3rd place Mixed Media



Wali being sworn in and receiving his pin as NSCL Parliamentarian



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