

Five Summit students attended the National Junior Classical League convention from July 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> on campus at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. Hana Conte '26, Tyler Gier '28, Kori McLane '25, Ben Hofmann '28 and Manuel Cantillo '28 competed against other Latin and Greek students from around the country in Creative Arts, Graphic Arts, Academic Tests, Athletics and Certamen.

Tyler excelled athletically during the week, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50-yd breaststroke. This placed him 25<sup>th</sup> in Olympika points and 47<sup>th</sup> in Overall Sweepstakes. Manuel also participated enthusiastically in the athletic competitions, running in the Track & Field Olympika. He cheered loudly for Ohio during the spirit competitions each day, contributing to Ohio's #1 finish in spirit for the week. Manuel also competed on Ohio's Novice certamen team, facing tough opponents from other states and narrowly missing the semi-final round.

Ben made up the other half of the Novice certamen team, performing his duties as team captain with aplomb. Ben's Latin skills were not confined to the certamen rooms, however, as he placed well on the numerous academic tests. He placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Latin Vocabulary, 4<sup>th</sup> in Reading Comprehension, 9<sup>th</sup> on the Academic Triathlon, 9<sup>th</sup> in Latin Grammar, 10<sup>th</sup> in Latin Derivatives, 12<sup>th</sup> in Mottoes, 12<sup>th</sup> in Mythology, 13<sup>th</sup> in Roman History, and 15<sup>th</sup> in Ancient Geography, all at Level I. Impressively, Ben placed 35<sup>th</sup> on the Academic Decathlon, a prestigious test for the Upper Level students designed to find the best all-around Latin student at the convention and comes with a \$500 cash prize. Ben's work placed him 30<sup>th</sup> in Academics at the convention. Ben also competed in the Olympika, with his 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the 100 meter, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the 200 meter, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in the 800 meter and Marathon contributing to his 14<sup>th</sup> place finish in Olympika. All of these points combined to place Ben 32<sup>nd</sup> in Overall Sweepstakes out of all 1000 students competing at the convention.

Appointed Historian of the OJCL in April, Kori documented the goings on of the students during the convention. Kori also played an integral role in leading the Ohio delegation as the OJCL President was unable to attend. Kori and the other officers recapped each day's events and encouraged the delegates to try new activities throughout the week. Impressively, Kori still found time to score points while performing OJCL board duties! In Academics: 13<sup>th</sup> in Reading Comprehension: Poetry and 15<sup>th</sup> in Classical Art, both at Level IV. In Graphic Arts, Kori's Black Pencil and Mixed Media each placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chalk/Pastel 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ink 5<sup>th</sup>, Charcoal 6<sup>th</sup>, Colored Pencil 6<sup>th</sup>, and Watercolor 8<sup>th</sup>. All of this added up to Kori placing 15<sup>th</sup> in Overall Graphic Arts points and finishing 39<sup>th</sup> in Overall Sweepstakes.

Hana also had a busy week at convention. She was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President at the state convention in March and worked with Kori and the other board members to lead Ohio students through the week. Hana had just finished her term as OJCL Editor and her work on our state publication throughout the year earned the *Torch: Ohio* a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish! In Academics, Hana placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on Latin Vocabulary and 3<sup>rd</sup> on Mythology, both at Level III. Hana also finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the very competitive Impromptu Art competition and received a standing ovation for her amazing vocal performance of "Lost in the Brass" from the musical *Band Geeks* at the convention talent show, *That's Entertainment*. As Ohio is hosting next summer's national convention, Hana was also asked to deliver the closing remarks at the final General Assembly to close the convention. Addressing the 1200 plus attendees, Hana shared the impact of our recent Summit trip to Italy and Greece on her understanding of the ancient world and expressed her appreciation and hopes for the students of the NJCL and their continued growth and fellowship within the organization.

Also in attendance was alumnus Wali Khan '23. Having previously served a term as Parliamentarian of the OJCL, Wali was elected NSCL Parliamentarian at last summer's convention. He completed the duties of his office over the course of the year, which culminated with him running the elections for the college-level students of the organization.

MS/US Latin and Greek teacher Lisa Mays '05 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 during the week.

See the next few pages for pictures!



Wali, Kori, Hana, Tyler, Ben, Ms Mays, and Manuel on State T-Shirt Day



Hana's 5<sup>th</sup> place medal for State Publications and all the in-attendance publications winners





Cupcakes for Manuel's birthday!

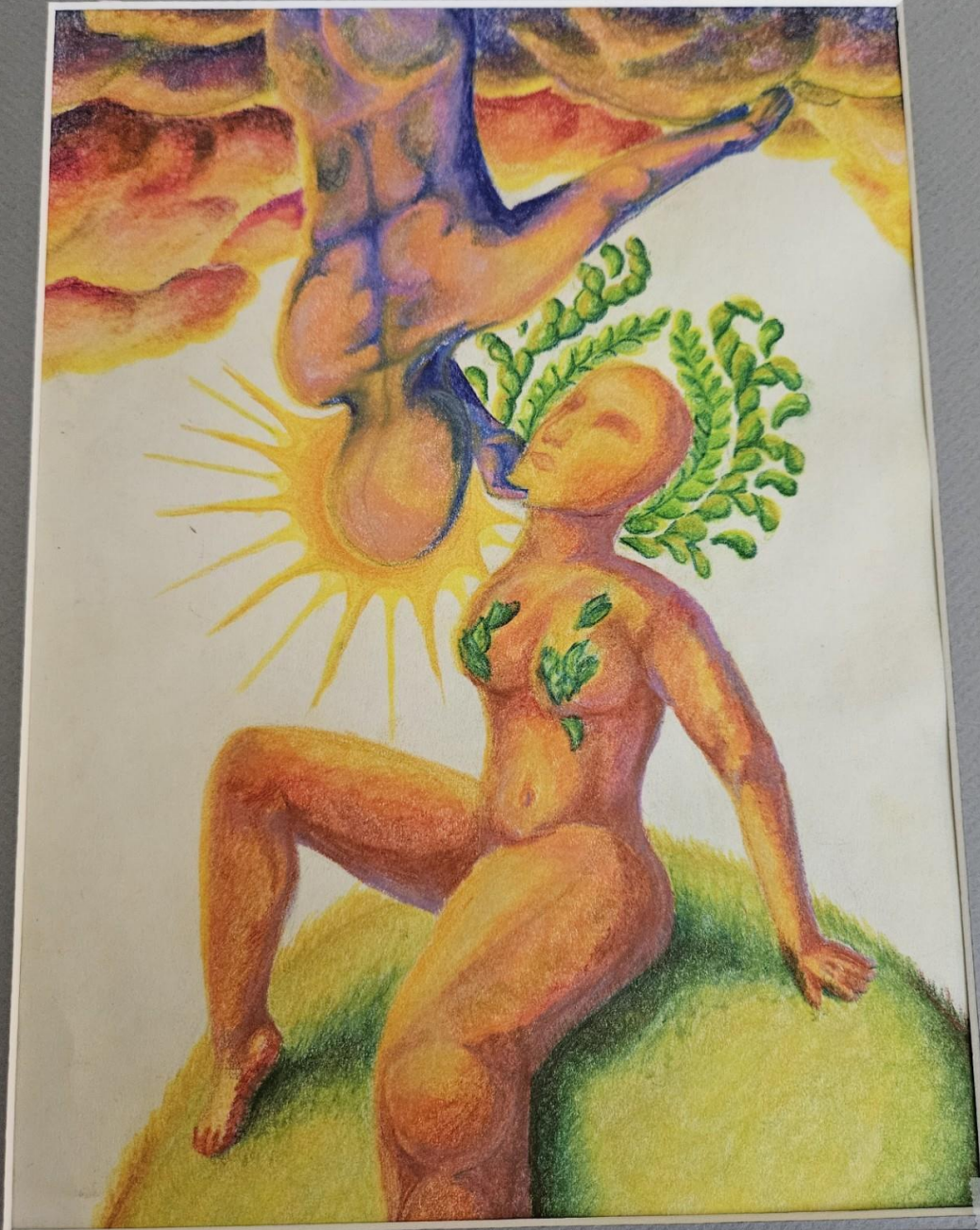


Hana's closing remarks at GA



(Most of the) Ohio Delegation on Toga Day at our dinosaur meeting spot!





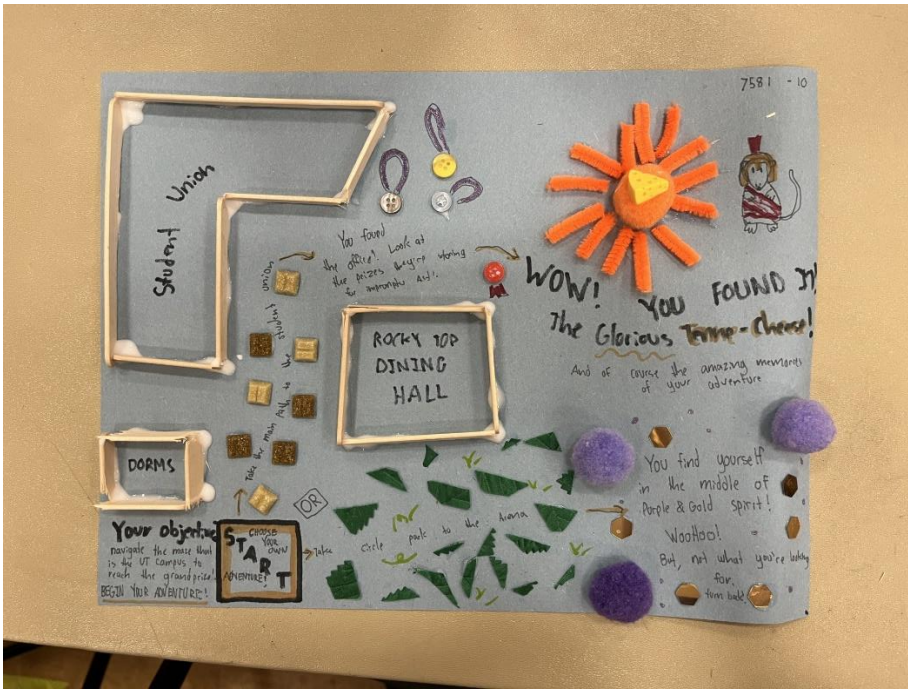
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Kori's 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mixed Media





Hana's Impromptu Art



NJCL painted Tennessee's 'ROCK-y Top' to celebrate our fun week on campus