

Six Summit students attended the National Junior Classical League convention from July 20th – 26th on campus at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Manuel Cantillo '28, EJ Clements '30, Hana Conte '26, Kori McLane '25, Evelyn Paulsen '30 and Emma Rinehart '30 competed against 854 other Latin and Greek students from around the country in Creative Arts, Graphic Arts, Academic Tests, Athletics and Certamen.

Elected Treasurer of the OJCL at the state convention in March, Manuel was responsible for designing, ordering, and selling merchandise at the Agora to raise money for scholarships for Ohio students to attend convention. He was also in charge of designing Ohio's state t-shirt (which placed 5th as Most Creative) and leading the delegation during the daily spirit competitions. Manuel did a great job and led Ohio's to its second consecutive 1st place finish in Spirit for the week. He and Hana performed Ohio's Roll Call skit together, which placed 2nd. Manuel also competed in the Marathon, placing 10th in the 9th/10th grade boys division. Academically, Manuel placed 26th on the Level I Ancient Geography test and 44th in Mythology, also at Level I.

As the President of the OJCL, Hana led the Ohio delegation throughout the week. Each night, she would lead the state's Fellowship meeting by recapping the activities of the day as well as prepping students for the remainder of the week and served as one of our two voting delegates during the various election events. In addition to her Roll Call performance, Hana excelled academically this year, placing 17th in Mythology, 18th in Latin Vocabulary, 21st in Roman Life and 27th in Latin Derivatives (all at Level IV). Recent graduate Kori also placed academically on the Level V+ tests, earning 8th in Latin Derivatives, 9th in Latin Vocabulary, 9th in Mythology, and 15th in Mottoes/Quotations/Abbreviations. Kori also completed duties as OJCL Historian, creating and entering our state scrapbook, which documents the various activities of the organization throughout the year. [Check it out here!](#) Additionally, Kori was asked to deliver the Closing Remarks at the first General Assembly, offering a welcome and encouragement for a fun week to attendees on behalf of Ohio as the host state.

The Middle School half of the Summit delegation also had a busy week! EJ's Large Model earned 4th place in the 6th-9th grade category, which placed him 27th in Graphic Arts points. These were combined with his Academic points from finishing 7th in Greek Life/Literature, 11th in Classical Art, and 25th in Latin Vocabulary (all Level 1/2) to earn him 47th place in Overall Sweepstakes points.

Evelyn also performed well in Level 1/2 Academics by placing in the top 25 on 12 of the 17 tests offered, earning 3rd in Classical Art, 6th in Ancient Geography, 6th in Roman Life, 7th in Roman History, 8th in Reading Comprehension, 9th in Latin Derivatives, 9th in Latin Grammar, 11th in Latin Vocabulary, 14th in Mottoes/Quotations/Abbreviations, 14th in Mythology, 18th in the Academic Triathlon, and 23rd in Classical Greek. All of this work contributed to her finishing in 29th place for Academic points. She also earned 15th place in Overall Creative Arts points with her 4th place finish in Lower Level English Oratory, 7th place Lower Level Modern Myth, and 6th place Pairs Costume (completed with Emma!) projects. Evelyn and Emma also teamed up to enter the Ludi Minecraft competition and their rendition of "Persephone's Garden" earned them 2nd place! In Overall Sweepstakes points, Evelyn placed 44th for the week.

In addition to her work with Evelyn on Pairs Costume (6th) and Ludi Minecraft (2nd), Emma finished 23rd in Academic points by placing in the top 20 on 12 of the 17 tests at Level 1/2: 2nd in Classical Art, 2nd in Hellenic History, 5th in Roman Life, 6th in Latin Derivatives, 7th in Ancient Geography, 8th in Latin Grammar, 9th in Reading Comprehension, 10th in the Academic Triathlon, 10th in Mottoes/Quotations/Abbreviations, 12th in Roman History, 13th in Mythology, and 18th in Latin Vocabulary. All of this work earned Emma 40th place out of all the students in attendance!

Also in attendance was alumnus Wali Khan '23. Wali had previously served at both the state and national levels as a Parliamentarian and showed off his acting skills as one of the hosts of this year's talent show, "*That's Entertainment!*" Summit alumnus and current Miami student, Ryan Kenter '23 stopped by campus to say hi during the week.

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. She was selected as one of the three judges for "*That's Entertainment!*" this year.

See the next few pages for pictures!



Evelyn, Emma, EJ, Hana, Kori, Manuel, and Ms Mays arrived early to help Ohio set-up for the week; Kori greets attendees at GA I



Manuel, Hana, Kori, EJ, Emma, Evelyn, and Ms Mays in our “Cinci-Nat-Tees” on state t-shirt day



Manuel and Hana introduce Ohio onstage during the Roll Call skit; Kori, Hana, and Manuel lead Ohio in the first day's Spirit competition



Middle Schoolers EJ, Evelyn, and Emma mean business; Evelyn and Emma show off their 6th place pairs costumes of Hades and Persephone



Ohio brought 40 students this year!



EJ, Manuel, Ms Mays, Hana, Kori, Emma, and Evelyn show of our togas for "Rome-Coming"



Evelyn and Emma are honored at GA V for placing 2nd in Ludi Minecraft; Manuel shows off Ohio's prize and medal for winning 1st place in Overall Spirit!



OJCL President Hana "passes the torch" to the president of Indiana, the next state to host convention



Wali hosts *That's Entertainment!*



Ryan stops by campus to say hi!



Summit's delegation "just chili-n" after Voting Fellowship