

2026 Ohio Junior Classical League Convention

348 students (who are joined by around 100 teachers, adults, and college students) from 22 Ohio schools attended the state competition March 6-8 in Columbus. Summit sent a delegation of 29 students to compete.

Summit placed 2nd in Overall Points, 3rd in Total Per Capita Pts, and 3rd in Academic Per Capita Pts!
Summit has placed 1st or 2nd overall for the past 17 years and 1st overall in 12 of those years!

The success of the Summit Latin team was a result of a consistent effort in all areas of competition: contests submitted before convention, creative arts performed at convention, graphic arts like models and mosaics, electronic competitions like the digital scrapbook and music video, and academic tests like derivatives and mythology. Other activities included general assemblies, a toga banquet, a talent show, elections, service projects, colloquia, and more.

Out of 348 students, Junior Cailyn Youtsey earned 1st place in Overall Pts and in Total Graphic Arts Pts. She had 7 1st places finishes and 2 Best of Shows (Model and Stitching on next page). It was a dominating performance!

Top point winners for Summit:

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| ✓ Cailyn Youtsey – 152 pts | ✓ Lily Finkleman – 36 |
| ✓ Evelyn Paulsen – 121 | ✓ Sophie Pressey – 35 |
| ✓ John Trokan - 104 | ✓ Gwen Suder – 34 |
| ✓ Kyan Gatewood – 103 | ✓ Adelynn Woodward - 33 |
| ✓ Emma Rinehart – 91 | ✓ Will Fox - 31 |
| ✓ Ivy Sousa - 66 | ✓ Hana Conte – 30 |
| ✓ Livia Butcher – 42 | ✓ James Finkleman - 30 |
| ✓ Daniel Winhusen - 38 | |

Large Model

Cailyn Youtsey,
The Summit Country Day



Stitching

Cailyn Youtsey,
The Summit Country Day





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Cailyn with one of her 1st Place Trophies!!

Summit in state leadership positions (for 27 consecutive years!)

- ❖ **Senior Hana Conte** completed her term as the OJCL President, during which she oversaw all the work of the officers during the year. At both the National Convention in the summer and the recent State Convention, Hana ran all the meetings of the OH/Summit delegations and worked closely with the adult State Chairs. Hana is the 8th Summit student to serve as President!
- ❖ **Sophomore Manu Cantillo** completed his term as OJCL Treasurer. He was in charge of fundraising for the OJCL and ran all the Spirit activities. Manu was also elected Secretary and will take all the minutes of the various meetings and create the Convention program.
- ❖ **Tullus Dean (Summit alumnus 2017)** finished his fourth year as the State Chair of Convention and Technology, a position which oversees the OJCL website, coordinates with the convention hotel, and oversees the finances of the organization.
- ❖ **Teacher Lisa Mays (Summit alumna 2005)** completed her eighth year as the State Chair of Students. She mentors the state officers and guides them in their duties. Lisa has a hand in all the myriad of activities at convention.
- ❖ **Alumni Caroline Klette (2018) and Wali Khan (2023)** were also in attendance as Ohio Senior Classical League members. The ‘omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and indispensable’ OSCL make the convention happen – helping at testing sessions, setting up the certamen rooms, grading tests, managing students at the creative art, and more!
- ❖ The Latin program is proud to be part of Summit’s mission of **educating leaders of character since 1890!**



President Hana Conte and State Chair Lisa Mays!



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Candidate Manuel Cantillo on the Campaign Trail



President Hana Conte swears in Secretary Manuel Cantillo

These 8 students placed in the top 15 overall out of 348 students:

- Cailyn Youtsey: 1st in Total Pts, 1st in Graphic Pts, 10th in Preconvention Pts
- Evelyn Paulsen: 4th in Total Pts, 2nd in Academic Pts, 8th in Preconvention Pts
- John Trokan: 8th in Total Pts, 5th in Creative Pts, 6th in Academic Pts
- Kyan Gatewood: 9th in Total Pts, 1st in Preconvention Contest Pts
- Emma Rinehart: 12th in Total Pts, 5th in Academic Pts
- Ivy Sousa: 5th in Graphic Pts
- Lauren Mueller: 5th in Preconvention Constests Pts
- Lily Finkleman: 9th in Preconvention Contests Pts

The following students earned 'First Place' Awards (21 total):

- ✓ Sebastian Brisken - Costume
- ✓ Lily Finkleman – Modern Myth
- ✓ Will Fox – Costume
- ✓ Kyan Gatewood – Costume, Modern Myth
- ✓ Evelyn Paulsen – Grammar, Vocabulary, Sight Latin
- ✓ Ivy Sousa – Jewelry
- ✓ Gwen Suder – Children's Book
- ✓ John Trokan – English Oratory, Literature
- ✓ Eliana Volmer - Costume
- ✓ Cailyn Youtsey – Decorative Stitching, Jewelry, Small Model, Large Model, Bead Mosaic, Tile Mosaic, Textiles, Woodworking

Best of Show Awards:

- ✚ Livia Butcher – Jewelry
- ✚ Sophie Pressey – Children's Book
- ✚ Cailyn Youtsey – Large Model, Stitching



Sophie Pressey with her Best of Show Award!

The Novice Certamen team won the State Championship!! The team members were 8th graders Lily Finkleman, Evelyn Paulsen, and Emma Rinehart (captain) and 7th grader Ivy Sousa.



Post-victory celebration!



All four won, and one for all!

Illustrated Children's Book



Sophie Pressey,
The Summit Country Day

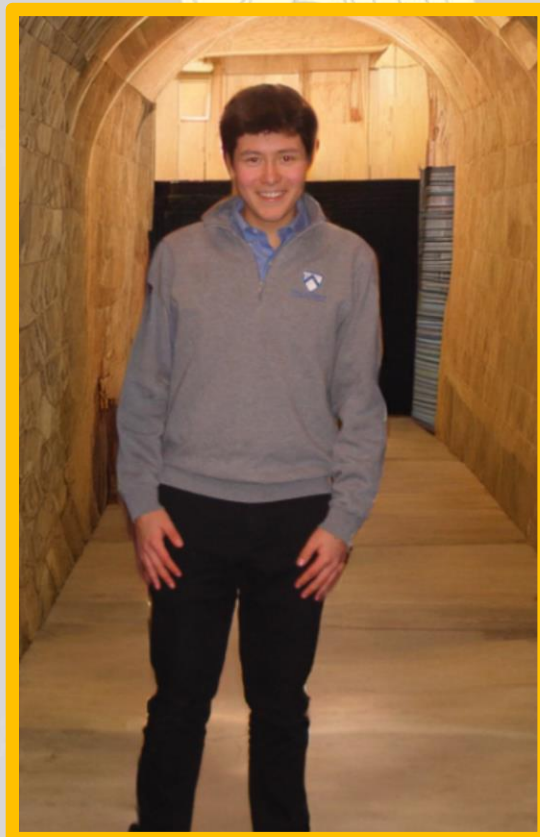
Jewelry

Livia Butcher,
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Kyan and John are always among Summit's top point winners!



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