

Latin Students Attend 60th Annual NJCL Convention in Las Vegas

Twenty members of the St. Andrew's Latin Club participated in the 2013 National Junior Classical League convention that was held at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, Nevada from July 22nd to the 27th. Participants competed in athletics (such as swimming, track, and ultimate Frisbee), art contests, and daily academic exams. Many of the students placed in the top ten of their respective competitions, including academic tests, graphic arts, speaking and writing contests, and "Olympika" (athletics). Students also assembled for state fellowship and general assemblies, where they competed to show their spirit for their state, and marched in the Spirit Procession wearing their best Roman costumes along with about 1200 other Latin students from across the nation. The St. Andrew's trip also included a couple of spectacular Las Vegas shows, an awe-inspiring trip to the Hoover Dam, and an educational river raft tour.

The NJCL Convention is run in part by student officers elected by the delegates to the convention. Trace Turner has served the organization admirably for the last year as Editor of the Torch: US, the NJCL quarterly. At this convention many of our 2013 grads also joined the Senior Classical League, an organization (made up of former JCL members after they graduate high school) that helps put on some of the events at NJCL convention. Upon becoming a member of the SCL at this convention, Trace Turner was elected to the position of SCL Editor. Additionally Wesley Wiedenmeier, the Texas State Junior Classical League webmaster, won second place in the national website contest for all his work on the tsjcl.org website this past year.

Two of our students were acknowledged for overall points as well. When a student places in the top five in a contest at NJCL he or she receives "personal sweepstakes points." At the end of the convention awards are given for the most sweepstakes points in each category. Noelle Brimble placed 9th and Walton Schmidt placed 10th in the Creative Arts Sweepstakes category.

Full results:

1st Place

Bryce Deskins - Classical Art (Level 2)
Henry Gaudin - 50-yard Breaststroke in Olympika
Walton Schmidt - Sight Latin Reading (Level 1)
Trace Turner - Traditional Photography (Grade 12)

2nd Place

Wesley Weidenmeier - Website Contest
Bryce Deskins - Open Certamen (Intermediate Level)

3rd Place

Noelle Brimble - Costume (Girls)
Noelle Brimble - English Oratory (Grade 10)
Charlie Dennis - Dramatic Interpretation (Poetry)
Nate Eakman - Modern Myth
Mariah Sager - Digital Scrapbook
Reeves Smith - Mottoes (Level 5+)
Trace Turner - Digitally Enhanced Photography (Grade 12)
Ariana Weiss - Classical Art (Level 2)

4th Place

Nate Eakman - Cartoons (Grades 11-12)
Mariah Sager - Latin Derivatives (Level 5+)
Walton Schmidt - Mosaics (Grades 7-9)
Trace Turner - Classical Art (Level 5+)

6th Place

Charlie Dennis - Classical Art (Level 5+)
Nate Eakman - Classical Art (Level 3)
Olivia Hinderer - Mottoes (Level 4)
Tom Hogan - Essay (Grade 9)
William McKinnerney - Multimedia (Grades 7-9)
Marshall Wilson - Impromptu Art (Grade 12)

7th Place

Connor Blake - 400 Meter Run in Olympika
Nate Eakman - Greek Derivatives (Level 3)
Mariah Sager - Greek Derivatives (Level 5+)
Katherine Salinas - Traditional Photography (Grades 7-9)

8th Place

Connor Blake - Sight Latin Reading (Poetry)
Noelle Brimble - Dramatic Interpretation (Poetry)
Bryce Deskins - Traditional Photography (Grade 10)
Nolan McNearney - Sight Latin Reading (Level 1)
Mariah Sager - Classical Art (Level 5+)
Mariah Sager - Latin Vocabulary (Level 5+)

Wesley Wiedenmeier - Essay (Grade 10)
Marshall Wilson - Latin Derivatives (Level 1)

9th Place

Noelle Brimble - Overall Creative Arts Sweepstakes
Tom Hogan - Black Ink Drawing (Grades 7-9)
Rachel Nezzler - Latin Literature (Level 1)
Reeves Smith - Classical Art (Level 5+)
Marshall Wilson - Essay (Grade 12)

10th Place

Bryce Deskins - Mottoes (Level 2)
Bryce Deskins - Essay (Grade 10)
Rachel Nezzler - Sight Latin Reading (Level 1)
Katherine Salinas - Classical Greek (Level 1)
Walton Schmidt - Overall Creative Arts Sweepstakes
Reeves Smith - Essay (Grade 12)
Trace Turner - Illustrated Quotations (Grades 10-12)
Wesley Wiedenmeier - Reading Comprehension (Level 2)