

VJCL CONVENTION RESULTS - LOCAL LATIN STUDENTS SWEEP TOP HONORS

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Eighteen Latin students from the Classical Cottage School of Winchester participated with 1600 other Latin students from across Virginia in the state's Junior Classical League convention in Richmond, November 21-22. Classical Cottage School students won ten of the top 26 awards presented. Students competed in academic tests, creative arts, and graphic arts with other students in the same level of Latin or the same grade level.

Tashi Treadway, grade eight, Latin One, received five top awards: Best-in-Show for the Couples' Costume contest depicting the nymph Io with Zeus, Best-in-Show for her Medusa doll, first in overall achievement among students in grades 6-8, the Pomfrey Award for the highest achievement in Graphic Arts, and the Aldridge Award for the highest achievement among all 1600+ delegates. Tashi also placed first in the Mythology test, the Classical Art and Architecture test, the Geography test, Modern Myth, Storytelling, Roman Jewelry, Photographic Groups, Poster, and Latin Greeting Cards. She won second place in Textiles, Sculpture, and the Latin One Omnibus test on general knowledge of the classical world. Her Dramatic Interpretation of Latin and her English Oratory each placed third. She placed fourth in the Latin Vocabulary test, Latin Oratory, Pottery, and Illustrated Latin Quotations; fifth on the Latin Language test; sixth in Computer-altered Photography; seventh in Children's Books; eighth in Art: Pencil; and tenth in Art: Mixed Media.

Catherine O'Keeffe shared Costume Best-in-Show honors with Treadway as Zeus. Her entries in Art: Pencil, Art: Watercolor, Pottery, Sculpture, and Small Models also won first-place ribbons. Catherine placed second Ornaments, in Dramatic Interpretation of Latin and in overall achievement among students in grades 6-8. Her Modern Myth, Art: Oil, and her Jewelry placed fifth. Art: Ink placed sixth, and Art: Pastel placed seventh.

Carolyn Manion, grade nine, Latin Four, received the Best-in-Show Award in English Oratory on the subject "To Read Well Is To Conquer The Ages" and the Schearer Award for the highest achievement in Creative Arts. Carolyn was the highest overall achiever among ninth-grade students and placed first in the Latin Grammar test, the Reading Comprehension of Latin Poetry test, Dramatic Interpretation of Latin Poetry, Storytelling, and the Girls' Costume contest depicting the mythical figure Agave. She placed second in the tests of Mythology and Classical Art and Architecture, in Modern Myth, and in Latin Oratory. She won third-place in the Latin Derivatives test.

Ingrid Heidelberger, grade twelve, Latin Five-plus, won Best-in-Show awards in Latin Grammar, Latin Derivatives, and Latin Oratory. She also placed first in Classical Art and Architecture test and the Reading Comprehension of Latin Poetry test, second in the Roman History test, and fourth in Dramatic Interpretation of Latin Poetry. Ingrid was the third-highest achiever among high school seniors.

Sophia Clifton, grade nine, Latin One, scored Best-in-Show in Dramatic Interpretation of Latin, first place in Latin Vocabulary and Greeting Cards, third in the Mythology test, and seventh in the Latin Language test. She placed sixth in overall achievement among ninth-grade students.

Camille Leeds, grade ten, Latin Four, placed first in the Roman History test, the Pentathlon test of general knowledge of the classical world, Dramatic Interpretation of Latin Prose, and the Couples' Costume contest depicting Zeus with Io. Placing second overall among tenth-grade students, Camille also won second-place in the Roman Life test, Photographic Groups, and Mosaics. She placed third in the Mythology Test, the Geography test, and in competitions of Pottery and Maps of Classical Areas. Camille's Latin Oratory, Small Model, and Photograph won fourth place. She was sixth place in Modern Myth and the Reading Comprehension of Latin Prose test. Her Sculpture placed seventh and her Jewelry ninth.

Depicting Io to Camille's Zeus was **Rachel Bell**, also grade ten and Latin Four. Rachel also placed first in Dramatic Interpretation of Latin Prose, Photographic Groups, and Mosaics. Her Jewelry and Pottery placed second. She won third in the Roman History test, fourth in Storytelling and Art: Pastel, fifth in Cartoons, eighth in the Mythology test, and ninth in the Roman Life test. Rachel also placed sixth in Small Models, seventh in Other Textiles and in Miscellaneous Graphics, eighth in Art: Pen, and ninth in Photography.

Simon Whittle, grade eight, Latin One, placed first in Latin Oratory and Boys' Costume Contest depicting the mythical Charon. Simon took second place in the Mythology test and the Omnibus test of overall knowledge of the ancient world. He placed third in Photographic Groups, fourth in the Latin Language test and in Original T-shirts, fifth in Reading Comprehension of Latin One, and tenth in the Latin Derivatives test. Simon placed fourth overall among all students in grades 6-8.

The photograph of **Maria Cascio**, grade 11, Latin Three, won first place. She took second place in Pottery, third in Art: Pastels and in Reading Comprehension of Latin Prose, and fourth place in Sculpture. Maria was the fifth-highest achiever among eleventh-grade students.

Maeve Juday, grade eight, Latin Four, placed second in the Latin Vocabulary test and in Dramatic Interpretation of Latin Prose, third in the Pentathlon test, Couples Costume contest as Io, Pottery, and in overall achievement among all students in grades 6-8. She won fourth in Storytelling and Art: Pencil, sixth in Latin Oratory, eighth in Classical Art and Architecture, and tenth in Latin Derivatives. Maeve's Photographic Group and her Art: Felt Pen both placed sixth.

Pairing with Maeve in the Couples' Costume contest as Zeus was **Biz O'Keeffe**, grade eight, Latin One, who also won second place in Pottery and Small Models. Her Modern Myth placed fourth and her Dramatic Interpretation of Latin placed eighth. Biz placed seventh overall among all students in grades 6-8. She won sixth in Art: Oil, Art: Pastels, and Ornaments. Her Jewelry and her Art: Watercolor placed seventh.

Placing second in the Couples' Costume contest were **Sinead Juday and Clara Shanabrook**, both grade five, Latin One. Sinead also won fourth in Art: Pencil, fifth in pottery, and sixth in Dramatic Interpretation of Latin and in Art: Felt Pen. Her Jewelry entry placed ninth. Clara's additional winnings include second in Art: Oil, fifth in Dramatic Interpretation of Latin, and eighth in the Mythology test. She also placed sixth in Pottery, Art: Charcoal and Art: Watercolor; and seventh in Art: Pencil.

Emma Clifton, grade seven, Latin One, placed second in the Latin Derivatives test and fourth in the Mythology test and in Dramatic Interpretation of Latin. Emma's Doll came in eighth.

Wyatt Joyner, grade six, Latin One, won second place in the Latin Vocabulary test, the Latin Language test, and Latin Oratory. He placed fifth in the Latin Derivatives test and sixth in the test of Latin Reading Comprehension.

Gigi Grillo, grade six, Latin One, placed fourth in the Girls' Costume contest as Agave.

Timothy Bennett, grade six, Latin One, received third-place ribbons in Roman History, Ancient Geography, Roman Life, Latin Vocabulary, and Latin Oratory. His entries in Sculpture and Art: Mixed Media placed fourth. Timothy was the ninth-highest achiever in grades 6-8.

Placing fifth in Latin Derivatives and the Omnibus test of general knowledge of the classical world was **Alan Whittle**, who attracted much attention in his get-up as a Roman soldier for the entire convention.

The Classical Cottage School is a consortium of area home-schooling families which meet one day each week for formal instruction with experienced teachers. The Latin teachers are Hartley and Susan Schearer.