

This past weekend, around 1100 Latin students from all across the state met at Camp Rock Eagle for the 66th annual Georgia Junior Classical League State Latin Convention. Grady sent 110 students this year, and we had our best results yet in the various athletic battles, academic exams, artistic events, oratorical contests, and musical contests.

They showed true kindness and sportsmanship. They helped out other schools at critical competition times. They branched out, welcomed, and befriended students from other schools. Please congratulate the students listed below on their amazing achievements!

OVERALL CONVENTION AWARDS

Spirit: Grady won 1st place in the state! Dylan Turner, Henry Nguyen, Cameron Tillery, Zaniyah Moore, Jack Palaian, Lily Shevlin, and Anne Rogan stepped up to lead spirit this year. Dylan, Henry, and Cameron lugged their musical instruments everywhere to create musical accompaniment at key times. They set a new standard for how spirit should be done at Latin Con!

Sweepstakes: Grady won 2nd place in the state!

Top 25 Students Overall: Lindsay Schroeder placed 25th

Top Athletic Winners Overall: Shawn Gillespy placed 1st, Lindsay Schroeder placed 2nd, and Barrett Donnelly placed 3rd

CREATIVE ARTS AWARDS

Kavi Jakes: 1st place Dramatic Interpretation

Lindsay Schroeder: 3rd place English Oratory

Alex Opsahl: 2nd place AP Essay

Olivia Podber: 4th place AP Essay

Clarice Hill & Lindsay Schroeder: 3rd place in the Costume Contest (they were Persephone and Hades)

Dana Richie: 3rd place Slogan Contest

Jack Palaian: 4th place Slogan Contest

Vocal Latin contest: Our Grady vocal ensemble sang "Non Nobis Domine" and placed 2nd in the state. The judges were so blown away that they asked the students to perform the piece in front of 1100 people at Saturday night's talent show. None of them had ever performed in front of an audience this big, and they nailed it. They were: Erin Taylor, Anna Boulton, Abby Edlein, Mark Ward, Jasper Harrison, Kai Mehra, Honey Harmon, Zaniyah Moore, Lucy Strohl, and Anne Rogan.

VISUAL ARTS AWARDS

Lanier Pickren: 1st place Greeting Cards (she designed a greeting card in Latin)

Maura O'Sullivan: 2nd place Impromptu Art

Lucy Gelber: 3rd place Impromptu Art

Joanna Baker, Maura O'Sullivan, and Honey Harmon: 4th place Multimedia

Olivia Podber and Katie Earles: 5th place Multimedia

Our Grady Latin Club Scrapbook, designed by Molly Edlein, placed 3rd in the state.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Joanna Baker: 1st place Latin Derivatives (Level 1)

Aleks Kline: 2nd place Latin Derivatives (Level 2)

Maura O'Sullivan: 2nd place Greek Derivatives (Level 1) AND 5th place Latin Derivatives (Level 1)

Harry Suazo: 3rd place Vocabulary (Level 5)

Griffin Richie: 3rd place Vocabulary (Level 1)

Kavi Jakes: 4th place Vocabulary (Level 2)

Sylvia Price: 5th place Greek Derivatives (Level 3)

Anna Boulton: 5th place Latin Derivatives (Level 5th)

Clarice Hill: 5th place Vocabulary (Level 2)

Emily Sands: 5th place Latin Derivatives (Level 1)

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Our Ultimate team placed 1st in the state!

Shawn Gillespy: 1st place in the 100-yard dash (Lower Girls) AND 1st place 50-yard dash (Lower Girls) AND 2nd place Frisbee Throw (Lower Girls) AND 3rd place in the chariot race

Lindsay Schroeder: 1st place Distance Run (Upper Girls) AND 1st place 10-yard dash (Upper Girls) AND 3rd place 50-yard dash (Upper Girls)

Barrett Donnelly: 3rd place 100-yard dash (Lower Boys) AND 3rd place 50-yard dash (Lower Boys) AND 3rd place Frisbee Throw (Lower Boys) AND 5th place Softball Throw (Lower Boys)

Abby Edlein: 1st place Distance Run (Lower Girls)

Declan McCarthy: 1st place Frisbee Throw (Upper Boys)

Katie Dwyer: 1st place Softball Throw (Lower Girls)

Jack Palaian: 1st place Distance Run (Upper Boys) AND 4th place 100-yard dash (Upper Boys)

Anna Tischer: 1st place Frisbee Throw (Upper Girls)

Madigan Duncan: 2nd place 100-yard dash (Lower Girls) AND 3rd place Softball Throw (Lower Girls)

Kavi Jakes: 2nd place Distance Run (Upper Boys)

MacKenzie York: 2nd place Distance Run (Lower Girls)

Neil Barry: 2nd place Frisbee Throw (Upper Boys) AND 5th place Softball Throw (Upper Boys)

Josh Brenner: 2nd place Frisbee Throw (Lower Boys)

Robert Mobley: 2nd place Softball Throw (Upper Boys) AND 3rd place Frisbee Throw (Upper Boys)

Lindsey Snyder: 3rd place Frisbee Throw (Lower Girls)

Jack Stegelman: 3rd place Softball Throw (Upper Boys) AND 4th place Frisbee Throw (Upper Boys)

Harry Suazo: 4th place Distance Run (Upper Boys)

Jarrett Ely: 4th place Frisbee Throw (Lower Boys)

Dana Richie: 4th place Frisbee Throw (Lower Girls)

Brynn Smith: 4th place 50-yard dash (Upper Girls) AND 5th place 100-yard dash (Upper Girls)

Kai Mehra: 5th place 50-yard dash (Upper Boys)

Emily Sands: 5th place Distance Run (Lower Girls)

Anna Lee Creekmur: 5th place Frisbee Throw (Lower Girls)

Kamryn Harty: 5th place Softball Throw (Lower Girls) – somehow she did this with a leg brace on!

Finally, we'd like to mention that Hope Nathanson ran for the office of State Georgia Junior Classical League Secretary. She ran a focused campaign, gave an awesome speech in front of 1100 others, and represented Grady well. Although she didn't win, she learned a lot from the experience and seemed to have fun doing it. She was our first candidate ever for state office, and she is thinking of running again next year.