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MS Junior Classical league wins at Nationals

Seven Greenhill Middle School Latin students participated in the National Junior Classical League's annual convention at Indiana University from July 31- August 5, 2006.

The students are:

Andrew Austin

John Lo ←

Jacob Rosenbloom

Molly Horn

Mackenzie Naert

Christina Rees

Kirby Richards

The students joined 1500 students from around the country at the convention and competition.

When they were not competing, they participated in seminars on topics related to Latin and Rome, attended dances, and had the opportunity to meet and mingle with other students.

Students from Greenhill qualified for the national competition through a series of local and regional tournaments. Joan Tucker, Middle School Latin teacher, started the middle school Junior Classical League chapter this year.

The students competed in events like Roman History, Geography, Pastel Artwork, swimming, Choir and a quiz bowl events. Most students finished in the top 10 nationally.

" This is new for us," said Ms. Tucker. "The students worked hard to prepare for competitions all year long."

The local tournament was held at Van Alstyne High School back in February. Many students went on the regional competition in Pflugerville.

" Some of the events are only held at national," said Mrs. Tucker. "Students competed for the first time on a national level, which can be difficult."

Students participated in seminars and other activities during the weeklong national convention. A parade and banquet was held on Friday night and students were invited to dress in togas.

Spirit awards were also given out to groups. Students were encouraged to wear costumes and coordinate with other teams from their state.

” Each night, the Texas delegation would meet,” said Mrs. Tucker. “We would decide on spirit wear for the next day.”

Students are now preparing for the local Dallas-Fort Worth competition in Sherman on February 24, 2006.

Information about the convention, as well as contest results, can be viewed at <http://www.njcl.org/activities/2006/convention/default.asp>