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## Flyers Conquer Latin Exam

### Six Students Earn *Gold Summa Cum Laude*

by Timmy Duffy '13

**V**enerunt! Viderunt! Vicerunt!  
They came! They saw! They conquered!  
Thirty-nine Latin students of all levels came to, saw, and conquered the American Classical League/National Junior Classical League (ACL/NJCL) National Latin Exam, a 40-question test challenging each student's knowledge of grammar, comprehension, Roman mythology, culture, and history.

The test was administered on Tuesday, March 9, and each student was given 45 minutes to complete the exam. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors took a test in Latin I, Latin II, or Latin III. Seniors and advanced juniors could choose to take one of four tests: Prose III, Prose IV, Poetry III, and Poetry IV.

Most Chaminade students scored significantly higher than the national average. Twenty-four students earned awards for their outstanding performances on the exam. These awards ranged from *Cum Laude*, meaning "with praise," to *Gold Summa Cum Laude*, meaning "with the greatest praise." Any students who scored between 84% and 88% received a silver medal, and any student who scored a 90% or higher received a gold medal.

Mark Hollwedel '13, a Latin I student, received the highest grade of anyone at Chaminade who took the exam, scoring a 92% and earning a gold medal. "We all tried so hard," said Mark. "I guess I just took the best guesses!"

Other *Gold Summa Cum Laude* winners were Liam Ray '10, Sean Hardick '10, Michael Riordan '11, Erik Lobben '12, and Steve Filocoma '12.

"I was gratified to see that the enthusiasm shown by the students in class carried over to this opportunity to do something with Latin outside of class," said Bro. Peter Heiskell, a Latin I teacher.

Each student who took the exam displayed discipline and hard work, and this can be seen in their high scores. Their success could not have been accomplished without the careful guidance of Chaminade's Latin Department: Bro. Peter, Bro. John McGrory, Bro. Robert Facht, and Fr. Garrett Long.

Bene viri!

Well done, men. ➤



**(Front row, l.-r.) Tyler White '10, Joe Loscalzo '13, James Kelly '13, (middle row, l.-r.) Sam Wigutow '10, Chris Moore '13, Mark Hollwedel '13, Timmy Duffy '13, Joe Johnson '12, (back row, l.-r.) Stephen Filocoma '12, Mike Bucaria '10, Christian Coletta '11, Jack Manning '11, and Sean Hardick '10 came, saw, and conquered the competition in this year's National Latin Exam.**