



2015-2016

# JOOI

## PLANNING GUIDE

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## Hello fellow Optimists!

My name is Logan Clemente and I have the honor of serving as YOUR 2015-16 JOOI President. I am a part of the Lyman Octagon Club in Longwood, Florida. I have served as the North Florida District Governor and also had the honor of serving as one of the 2014-15 International Directors. This year, along with the Board of Directors, I hope to make it the best year JOOI has ever seen! My plan for JOOI includes marketing, growing membership, and greatly increasing the amount of communication we have as Members. I look forward to these goals that were mine, now ours, coming to life.

In the same breath, I want to wish you all the best of luck this year. Remember, I am **YOUR** President and I am here for **YOU**. Please feel free to contact me so I can help you make the BEST of your year.

### Logan Clemente

2015-16 JOOI President

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## Share our passion:

1. Build a Club in a country new to JOOI
2. Personal growth and service:  
PGI, Souper Bowl of Caring and JOOI of Reading
3. Get excited about the work you do

**Hi there!**

My name is Rion James and I live in Kettering, Ohio. I'm simply ecstatic to have been elected to the International Board of Directors for the 2015-16 JOOI year! This fall I will be entering my 6th year as a JOOI Member and over the years I haven't been able to think of a single other extra-curricular activity I would rather be a part of. There are really only a few things you need to know about me: I love to window shop on Amazon.com, and even more, I love shopping for luxurious cars all over the internet. I consider myself to be a McDonald's and Wendy's aficionado! If you can't find me at home, I'm at Walmart. If I'm not at Walmart, I'm probably either working or dropping my car off at my mechanic. After I graduate high school this fall, I'll be obtaining a job to build up a financial basis. Later I will utilize a two-year scholarship for training to become an EMT. If that works out, I'll be pursuing a career as a trauma surgeon or some other ER based job, since I often find myself working well under pressure, and find joy when it comes to learning about the practice of medicine. Again, I'm ecstatic to be serving JOOI this year, and I hope you're as excited as I am to make this year a great one!



- Rion James

**Hello!**

I am O'Hara Wickham, a current sophomore at Mater Dei Catholic High school. I recently turned fifteen and I am very excited to begin my term as one of the 2015-16 JOOI International Directors. I am the founder and President of the Mater Dei Junior Optimist Club. When I'm not at school or working on community service projects, you could find me at the barn training with my horse! I have been active in JOOI for four years. JOOI has been a huge part of my life; I have learned many great qualities from the adult Optimist and my fellow Members! I don't know where I would be today without the Junior Optimist. I have made so many memories and even more friendships. JOOI will always have a place in my heart. My goal for this term is to create strong communication between the Districts and help expand the membership of JOOI.



- O'Hara Wickham

**Hello JOOI Members!**

My name is Brett Santacona and I am very excited to serve you this year as one of your 2015-2016 JOOI International Directors. I am from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and I currently live in the town of Brooklin, Ontario. I have been involved with JOOI over the past six years as a Club Member, Governor, and International Sub-committee Member. JOOI has given me the opportunity to grow as both a leader, and a person. While making lifelong friendships as a Member, JOOI is truly bringing out the best in me!



I wish you all the best this year and I can't wait to see you in July when JOOI comes to my home country of Canada at our International Convention in Quebec City!

- Brett Santacona

**Hello, Optimist friends!**

My name is Tamara Gluck and I am so honored and excited to serve you on the 2015-16 International Board of Directors. A bit about me: I'm 17 years old, and will be until the next International Convention (which I hope I will see many of you attend). I live in central Florida and am entering my senior year at Lyman High School. I'm going on my seventh year with JOOI. Throughout my years of involvement, I've held positions at the Club level, such as Treasurer and President, and I will be a 2015-16 Vice President. At the District level, I've been Secretary/Treasurer twice, and am a past North Florida District Governor.

Besides JOOI, I'm very involved at my high school: I'm a part of the engineering program, and participate in the SECME and STEMM programs. If I'm not in the journalism room helping edit the newspaper or building yearbook spreads, I'm backstage working with crew members for whatever production is happening in the theatre department. If you still can't find me, I might be taking pictures at different events around the school, or possibly taking a nap. The experiences I've had with JOOI have helped me build the personality I have today in order to be active in all of these great extracurricular activities. These are experiences I hope you all have, and I hope we can bring to the rest of the world. Have an Optimistic Day!



- Tamara Gluck

**Friends,**

What an extraordinary year last year was! If you were a part of the epic year, welcome back. If you are new to JOOI, welcome to the family. It was such a unique pleasure to serve you as International President over the 2014-15 Optimist year and I can't wait to serve so faithfully as Immediate Past-President. I've mentally worked out my final Fall edition of the Torch article for months like a Calculus 2 question, but it is much harder than I expected. My call to you is to make these years in JOOI worth every minute. Whether it is spent volunteering or even planning a project, you're doing it right. Show others in your community the benefits of volunteering to better the lives of those in need, and also the volunteer!



There's so much more we can talk about but, for now, stay tuned to the weekly emails from the Board to stay in the know. If you missed out on those last year, please ask your advisor to update your information or email youthclubs@optimist.org.

In Optimism,  
Javanni Waugh

## Brochures:

“JOOI” for students

“Sow the Seeds” for adult members

“Invest in a Child’s Future” for possible JOOI Sponsorships

“The ABCs of JOOI Club Building”

“JOOI: What’s in it for You, What’s in it for Your School” for the educator

## PowerPoint:

What is JOOI?

Building a JOOI Club

JOOI Awards Program

What JOOI Clubs Do

Sharing JOOI with the World

JOOI of Reading

## JOOI Kits

The Torch (Newsletter)

Public Service Announcement

“The JOY of Sponsoring JOOI” and “The JOOI of Volunteering” videos

Souper Bowl of Caring

KaBOOM!

Internet Safety Kit

JOOI Club Department Assistance (800) 500-8130

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