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Events List

Inaugural Certamen

October 27, 2013

Montgomery Blair HS
Certamen, Fashion Festival,
Roman games

Certamen Plebianum

November 16, 2013

Eleanor Roosevelt HS
Certamen, Fall Forum
(*ludi*), Chariot Races

Saturnalia Certamen

December 14, 2013

Linganore HS
Certamen, Teacher
Certamen

2014 National Convention

The convention will be held at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, from 7/28 - 8/2. Excerpts from Annee Lyons's reflection are on the next page.

Stories-Contact Me!

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Let the games begin! Photo by Sam Howells

Blair's Inaugural Certamen

Kickoff to the 2013-2014 MDJCL Season

On Saturday, October 27, 2013, students, teachers, and parents from seven schools all around the state arrived at Montgomery Blair High School. A total of 24 teams — 9 Latin I, 3 Latin II, 6 Latin III, 6 Advance Latin — checked in and competed. After four rounds of competition, the winners are as follows:

Latin I: In 1st place, Westminster E, in 2nd place, Eleanor Roosevelt, and in 3rd place, Easton H.

Latin II: In 1st place, Eleanor Roosevelt, in 2nd place, Rockbridge, and in 3rd place, Easton.

Latin III: In 1st place, Rockbridge, in 2nd place, Westminster E, and in 3rd place, Westminster F.

Advanced Latin: In 1st place, St. John's, in 2nd place, Eleanor Roosevelt, and in 3rd place, Linganore.

The atmosphere of the Inaugural Certamen hopefully sparked a competitive feel that will be carried on throughout the season.

2014 National Convention

Over this past summer, a few students from Maryland attended the 2013 National Convention at UNLV. Annee Lyons, elected 1st National Vice President at the event, said the experience there left her "speechless". She describes her time there as "one of the most dramatic and rewarding experiences of [her] life". Says Annee, "The convention we have planned for you [this year] is incredible." Packets will be released on March 1, but plan to attend now! Talk to Annee, or visit njcl.org if you have any questions.

Afterwards, several students played Roman games, which were created and run by Blair's own Latin II students. At the same time, students showcasing their costumes competed in the Fall Fashion Festival (winners pictured below). Looking forward, we hope that everyone is excited for Roosevelt's *Certamen plebianum*, which will include Certamen, *ludi*, and chariot races!



Girls' Winners (top left; costumes from left to right): Diana, Roman woman, Minerva.

Group Winner (top right): Portrayed Vulcan's revenge.

Guys' Winners (right; costumes from left to right): Mobster, Pluto, Helios.

Photos by Tuyet Nguyen.

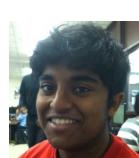
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