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Salvēte, Latiners! Sophomores, juniors, seniors: welcome to another year of Latining! Freshmen: welcome to your first year of TJ Latin! Right off the bat, we're heading into a series of fun events, starting with this year's Virginia Junior Classical League (VJCL) Convention.

The VJCL Convention theme for 2022, quoted from Horace's *Epistles*, is *Caelum, non animum, mutant qui trans mare currunt*. In English, this translates to "They who run across the sea change their sky, not their soul." It is my hope that this sentiment will hold true for our community. While we all are in different grades, take different classes, and will go off to different colleges and careers, I hope that we will always remain the same people who have loved Latin and Classics.

An overview is made up of smaller details. A mural is made up of paint strokes. A garden is made up of different flowers, plants, and trees. A community is made up of individual members, each as valuable as each other. Our world is made up of all the seas we sail, our history made up of all the memories we've gathered along the way. In this year's *Scribe*, I will strive to document and proudly proclaim our experiences and memories.

Let's run across our sea, and let's savor every sky we see.

Cheers,
Ellie (Chloe) Chen, 2022–2023 LHS Auctor

The auctor would like to acknowledge Srishty Muthusekaran, Vivian Xue, and the other *artifices* for their significant help in the production of this issue. *Gratias vobis ago!*

COVER: AP Latin students celebrate Vergil's birthday.
BELOW: Latin students help seniors with their togas during Homecoming Week. RIGHT: Latin students make spirit props for the 2022 VJCL Convention



Kickoff Certamen! On October 29, we had a great turnout at the first Certamen of the year, hosted by St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. We sent strong teams to compete at all levels and brought home some trophies! TJ Certamen is looking forward to a great year.

Latin Buddies Program. In the recently established Latin Buddies Program, similar to TJ's BigSib/LittleSib program, Grace Ko and Ellie Chen have matched up pairs of older and younger Latin students to help younger students and promote friendship!

2022 VJCL Convention. TJ Latin will be sending our delegation to the state convention on November 20–21. If you're attending, don't forget to finalize your projects and get in some last-minute studying for those tests! (Check out page viii!)

Latin Honor Society officer elections. The TJ Latin Honor Society (LHS) officers are elected around the start of each year by LHS members. Below is an explanation of each office, for any readers who may be unfamiliar. Candidates campaigned for themselves at a fun 8th-period Ice Cream Social, and elected officers enjoyed a festive induction ceremony. A more thorough introduction of the 2022-23 LHS officers is on the next page!

Call for submissions! Have an interesting story about Latin you want to share? Did something particularly fun inside or outside the classroom? Want to tell us about your TJ Latin experience? Contact Dr. Donohue or Ellie Chen, and your story just might appear in the next issue of the *Scribe*!



TITLES AND DUTIES

Consules: presidents

Praetores Maximi/ae: vice presidents

Praetores Magni/ae: vice presidents, spirit coordinators

Censor: secretary

Tribunes: LHS tutoring program coordinators

Reges/Reginae Certaminis: Certamen coordinators

Dominus/a Telae: webmaster

Artifices: historians, artists

Auctor: editor of the *Scribe*

Proconsules, Ex Officio: all-around officers



TJ LHS officers and Latin students participate in the Ice Cream Social

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Some questions I asked this year's LHS officers:

What's your favorite Latin word?

What's your favorite Latin quote/motto/phrase?

What does Latin mean to you?

What's one fun fact about yourself?

And here are some of their answers!

CONSULES



Clarissa "Andromeda" Ding (she/her) 12, AP
Lux et veritas (light and truth)
"I stream on twitch!
twitch.tv/babyccee"



Lauren "Electra" Fisher (she/her)
12, Latin V
"Generally, Latin means a way to holistically connect to people that lived millennia ago."
"I eat a lot of fruit. A bizarre, insane amount."

PRAETORES MAXIMAE



Nivika "Sappho" Gandhi (she/her)
11, AP
Carthago delenda est (Carthage must be destroyed)
"Latin is a way we can bond over learning a different language that has such a big influence on our language and others. It's also a break from the emphasis on pure STEM subjects."

Laura "Diana" Guo (she/her)

11, AP
Alis volat propriis (she flies with her own wings)
"The community is probably the best part. I feel really comfortable in TJ Latin and I love how we have inter-class unity, which I think is a unique part of our language."



PRAETORES MAGNI



Rex "Rex" Allard (he/him)
11, III
Vulpes (fox)
Castigat ridendo mores
(one corrects the customs by laughing)



Alex "Aegeus" Yung (he/him)
12, AP
Semper edens (always eating)
"In freshman year, I found some of my closest friends on the first day of Latin class, a group now called the Plinsters, the name inspired by one of Ms. Conklin's emails."

CENSOR



Avery "Caelia" Park (she/her)
11, AP
Perfer et obdura (carry through and endure)
"I was born on March 14th, which is Pi Day."

TRIBUNES

Nina "Maia" Garces (she/her)

11, AP
Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit (perhaps one day it will help to remember even these things)
"Latin is more than a language; it's more of a family. Whenever you go in during lunch, there's always someone to say hi to you."



Cierra "Sulpicia" Min (she/her)
11, III
Docendo discitur (it is learned by teaching)
"I like finding edible plants in my neighborhood. Last year, I found some bamboo shoots and wineberries and wild violets and ate them."

meet the officers



REGES ET REGINA CERTAMINIS

Gabriel "Chrysaor" Ascoli (he/him)

12, V

Mutatis mutandis (with what must be changed having been changed)
"It's been a second family and I love it. I'm excited to get everyone excited about Latin!"



Amit "Catiline" Erraguntla (he/him)

12, V

Amet (let him love, he may love)
Dum vita est, spes est (while there is life, there is hope)

Lucy "Thalia" Watts (she/her)

11, V

Conturbabimus (we will mix up)
"Latin is my fun and interesting class in a school day of required subjects."



DOMINUS TELAE



Derek "Ovidius" Li (he/him)

12, AP

Non nobis solum (not for ourselves alone)
"There are so many things I never thought I'd be able to do that I have done through Latin."

ARTIFICES

Melissa "Iris" Brown (she/her)

11, III

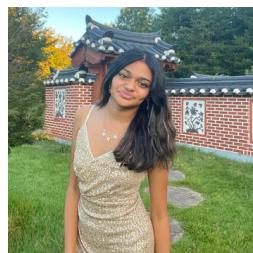
"The class is a place to relax and connect with your friends. It's a fun, rewarding experience.
"I have my own pancake recipe and it's in my head."



Saranya "Selene" Gadwala (she/her)

11, AP

Ad astra per aspera (to the stars through difficulties)
"Latin has always been a constant, a class I could look forward to. It means more than a class; it feels like family and part of my identity."



Vivian "Delia" Xue (she/they)

10, III

Aut viam inveniam aut faciam (I will either find a way or make one)
"Latin has been a priority and a safety net. It's a reliable safe space for me and for everyone."



AUCTOR



Ellie "Chloe" Chen (she/they)

12, V

Exegi monumentum aere perennius
(I have built a monument more lasting than bronze)
"I crumple up all my plastic water bottles before recycling them."

PROCONSULES

Daphne "Daphne" Feigin (she/her)

12, V

"Latin transcends being just a class. It is like a community and a way of life."
"I fell into a sewer while recording my AP Latin video project."



Patrick "Sinon" Gaucher (he/him)

12, AP

Piscina (fishpond)
"I love being around all the people who are excited about Latin, so that's probably the most meaningful thing about it to me."



Prithvi "Castor" Seri (he/him)

12, V

"For me, I guess it's memories. Latin is a place to explore my passion with LHS and a really big part of my high school career."
I benched 200 lbs.



EX-OFFICIO



Tarini "Onyx" Basireddy (she/her)

12, N/A

"Latin is my TJ experience. People in TJ Latin really do look out for you, both inside and outside of Latin, too."
"I really like snakes."

Summer of 2022: TJ Students Excel, Enjoy, and Experience



At the end of July this year, TJ Latin students had the experience of a lifetime at the annual National Junior Classical League (NJCL) Convention, colloquially called “Nats.” The 2022 NJCL Convention took place at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

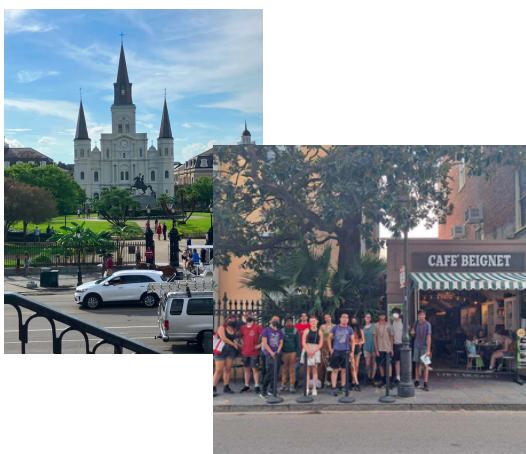
TJ students delivered outstanding performances in both the academics and the arts. Within his level, current junior Rex Allard won eighth place in mythology. Within her level, current sophomore Vivian Xue won first place in watercolor painting and acrylic paintings. The Virginia delegation as a whole won fifth place in Certamen, a competition similar to Quiz Bowl, and third place for spirit (in the nation!).

When asked what advice she would give to someone who was considering attending Nats, current consul and AP Latin student Clarissa Ding said, “[Nats was] a vast part of my summer. It’s just really fun because it’s like a community you get to spend a week with, and you guys are cheering together, doing a bunch of things together. I got to know a lot of people better than I would have normally.” Wistfully, she stated, “Thinking back on it, I wish I could have stayed longer.”

TJ students flew down to Louisiana a day early to explore New Orleans together, a fun bonding experience. In addition, students got to try crocodile meat, which, according to Clarissa, “was like chewier chicken.”

Keep a lookout for details about the 2023 NJCL Convention, to be hosted at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, from July 23rd to 28th!

TOP TO BOTTOM: TJ Latin students have fun together in New Orleans; riverboat cruise; St. Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square; a stop at a café for lunch and beignets



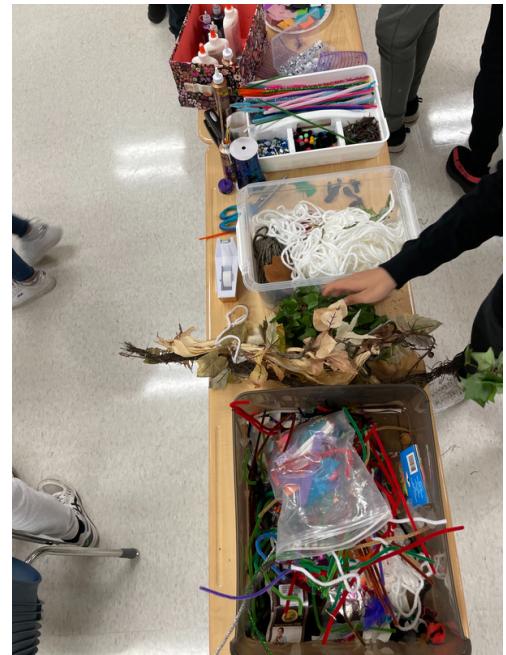
Latin Event: Mythological Pumpkins

Medusa, Argus, Pegasus, Arachne, Kronos, and Hercules sit side by side outside the Latin classrooms. What could this be? Is it a congregation of the biggest and baddest mythological characters? Even better: it's a convention of Myth Pumpkins.

During 8th period on October 26, students gathered into groups of two or three to decorate pumpkins, continuing a fun and collaborative TJ Latin tradition. Our wonderful *artifices* and *magistrae* prepared an abundance of art supplies, including paint, feathers, tissue paper, Halloween-themed wreaths, and balloons. Using those supplies, students were given less than 40 minutes to mold their pumpkin to a mythological character or tale.

Various pumpkins received ribbons of honor, awarded by the *artifices*: Best in Show, Most Comedic, Most Chaotic, Best Fall Vibes, Most Mythologically Accurate, Prettiest Pumpkin, and Cutest Pumpkin. All pumpkins were displayed along the Latin hallway, brightening the school atmosphere with their beauty.

Like pumpkins on a shared vine, we Latin students are connected to each other. As a creative team-building event, Myth Pumpkins embodied some of the best aspects of our community.



viii convention preparation game

In preparation for the upcoming 2022 VJCL Convention, here are some quick questions for each level in various categories. Feel free to discuss with your *socii et amici* to figure out the answers, and ask Ellie Chen or any other LHS officer if you have questions!

Latin I

GRAMMAR: Translate into English: *Lingua Latina est optima lingua!*

MYTH: Which god produced the first horse as a gift to the people of Athens in a contest of patronage, which he ultimately lost? (cred. 2017 VJCL)

HISTORY: Who led a massive slave rebellion in the late 70s BC that has become immortalized in later culture for his personal magnetism and surprising success against highly trained Roman armies? (cred. 2017 VJCL)

Latin II

GRAMMAR: Bob tells Joe, "I will stay in Rome for a few days." Joe, however, only speaks Latin. (Joe was born in 2005.) Please help translate so that Joe can understand!

MYTH: Zeus is to Heracles as Peleus is to...?

HISTORY: Which battle fought in 31 BC was the last civil war of the Roman Republic and ended with Cleopatra and Mark Antony committing suicide?

Latin III

GRAMMAR: What is the best translation for *mirabile visū*?

MYTH: What young woman, raised by bears, is said to have been the only woman to participate in the voyage of the Argo and the Calydonian Boar hunt? (cred. 2017 VJCL)

HISTORY: Which lawyer and famous orator defended Milo (not very successfully) when he was accused of murdering Clodius?

AP Latin

GRAMMAR: What case and number is *Danaum*? (cred. 2017 VJCL)

MYTH: Which warrior woman, blessed by Diana, led the Volsci and fought alongside Turnus against the Trojans in Vergil's *Aeneid*?

HISTORY: How many parts is *Gallia omnis* split into, according to Caesar's *De Bello Gallico*?

Latin V

GRAMMAR: Identify the underlined subjunctive clause and translate this sentence: *Vereor nē Rōmānī ad Graeciam veniant.* (cred. 2017 VJCL)

MYTH: How many sisters did Phaethon have and what were they called? (This is Ellie's favorite myth, by the way!)

LITERATURE: To whom does Catullus dedicate a *lepidum novum libellum*, and what is Catullus referencing when he says that this person dared *omne aevum tribus explicare cartis?*