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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Salvete amici!

With our second issue of the Nuntius, I am beyond excited to continue sharing the incredible energy of our JCL community.

Our first issue set the stage, and now, as we dive deeper into the year, In this issue, there will be spotlights on the CAJCL Convention (coming soon)! I hope you'll find even more ways to engage with the Classics and with each other. JCL is more than just a club—it's a space where we can celebrate the legacy of the ancient world while creating new traditions of our own. Whether you've just competed in your first Certamen match, discovered a new favorite myth, or are simply here for the toga fashion, there's always something to explore.

The Nuntius is here to highlight your passion, your achievements, and the countless ways Latin continues to shape our world. As we look ahead, I encourage you all to step forward and make your mark.



Whether you're considering joining the board for the next year, submitting your own creative pieces to the Nuntius, or just embracing the spirit of JCL, remember—Latin isn't dead, and neither is the passion that fuels our community.

Thank you all again for reading the Nuntius. Carpe diem!

Celine Wang
CAJCL Nuntius Editor, 2024-2025
Harvard-Westlake School

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Salvete omnes!

With just one month left until the State Convention, I hope you guys are all looking forward to representing your school—especially at spirit during the General Assemblies! This is a time for you to showcase your JCL spirit with enthusiasm, creativity, and unity.

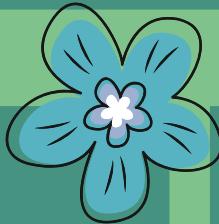
Let's go over some rules and pointers to help your school get ahead in the competition.

Participation is key—schools should bring energy and excitement. Our student judges should not only be able to see you but feel your presence in the auditorium.

Additionally, a strong sense of unity is essential. Student bodies that work together and support each other tend to earn more points.

Furthermore, spirit should also align with the convention theme. You are encouraged to be creative in the way you choose to interpret the theme! Unique and innovative displays will stand out.

However, all participants must follow the rules to maintain a fair and organized event. Noisemakers such as speakers, whistles, or instruments are not allowed. Confetti is prohibited to keep the space clean, and parading or running around the competition area is not permitted to ensure safety and order.



As for service, the CAJCL will support Letters of Love through hand-crafted cards. Their mission to provide emotional support to children battling serious illnesses through thoughtful, handmade letters empowers the JCL community to change the world—one card at a time.

With these guidelines in mind, bring your best spirit and make this convention an unforgettable experience! I look forward to seeing all of you guys in March!

**Gratias,
Yoyo Li
CAJCL Second Vice-President 2024-2025**



LA WILDFIRE VOLUNTEERING

In light of the recent tragedies of the LA Wildfires, the Second Vice-President has put together a short list of Local organizations are seeking volunteers to assist with disaster relief, from distributing supplies to supporting displaced families. On behalf of the board, we invite you to volunteer and help these organizations if you wish to. Whether you have time to help in shelters, clean up affected areas, or donate essential items, every effort counts. Join the recovery efforts and stand with LA.

Thank you.



1. YMCA of Metropolitan LA

a. Mainly needs: Reusable bags/grocery bags; Luggage (new or gently used); Gloves - winter, working; Sleeping equipment (sleeping bags, mats, blankets, pillows, air mattresses); Air purifiers; Heaters; Dietary restricted-friendly food (Diabetic, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.); Instant coffee; Powder creamer; Baby formula; Peanut butter/jelly supplies - non-peanut butter as well; Cereal

2. LA Animal Services

a. Needs: Linens – towels and blankets, peanut butter, large and extra large kongs, kitten wet food (Canned), kitten dry food, stainless steel bowls of all sizes, ceramic crocks, plastic or stainless steel litter pans (all sizes), dog and cat treats (hard and soft), dog and cat toys, guinea pig, hamster, gerbil food & cages, hay (timothy or oat), cat scratching posts, baby wipes, potty-training pads, heating pads, dog and cat carriers, baby bottles (newborn) and kitten bottles, pacifiers, fabric softener sheets, dog and cat groom supplies, shampoo, conditioner, brushes, clippers

3. CCF Wildfire Recovery Fund

a. "CCF has a long history of making a direct and meaningful impact on individuals and families in need, ensuring that support reaches those most affected. Since 2003, the CCF Wildfire Recovery Fund has provided over \$30 million to communities affected by disasters."

CAJCL INFORMATION



**71st Annual
National Junior Classical League Convention**

July 22-July 27, 2024 | University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

*Multa, quae impedita natura sunt, consilio expeduntur.
"Many things which are naturally difficult are solved by ingenuity."*
Livy, Histories, XXV.11

Agenda and Convention events
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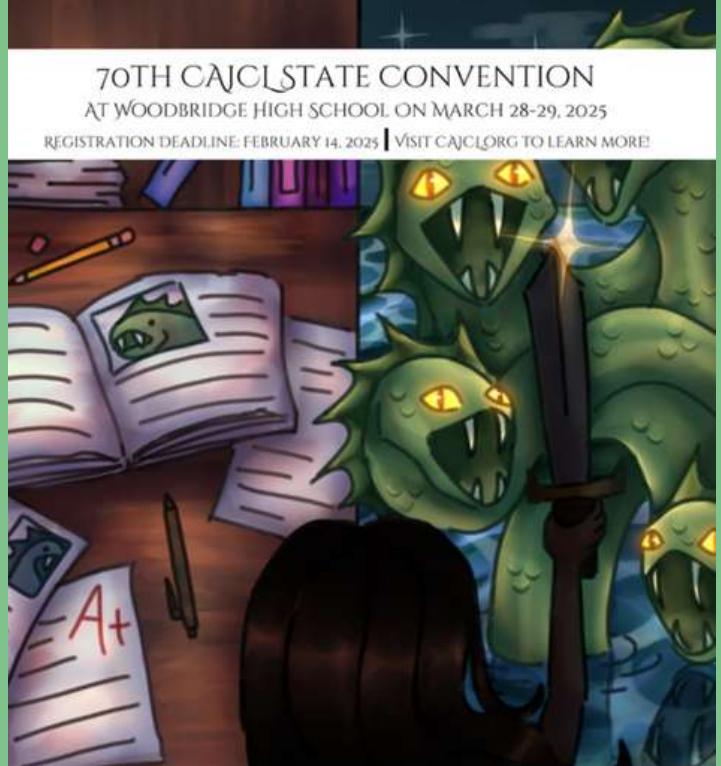
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MORE INFORMATION
njcl.org/NJCL_Convention/2024-NJCL_Convention

Registration Opens
March 1, 2024
Cost: TBA



**70TH CAJCL STATE CONVENTION
AT WOODBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ON MARCH 28-29, 2025**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14, 2025 | [VISIT CAJCL.org TO LEARN MORE!](http://CAJCL.org)

NON SCHOLAE SED VITAE DISCIMUS - SENECA
"WE LEARN NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE."

HOSTED BY WOODBRIDGE AND UNIVERSITY HIGH

**JULY 21-26, 2025:
NJCL CONVENTION @ MIAMI
UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO**

**MARCH 28 - 29, 2025:
STATE CONVENTION
@ WOODBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

CAJCL CONVENTION PREVIEW

Salvete, omnes!

I'm Michael Corrigan, and I'm one of the Convention Presidents for the 70th CAJCL State Convention. Christopher and I couldn't be more excited to welcome you all to this year's State Convention! We have an incredible lineup of events planned, from thrilling competitions like dodgeball and chariot races to engaging activities that bring our JCL community together. This year, we're focused on making Convention more interactive and exciting with a wide range of events to ensure that every chapter has the opportunity to contribute and participate in ways they feel most connected to their classical spirit. That's Entertainment will be held at Woodbridge's state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center, so even more of us can appreciate the limitless talent in the JCL. In addition to this, we will be having fun events in our Aquatic Center, and are hoping to see delegates channel their inner Julius Caesar in the Alexandrian Harbor. Whether you're here to compete, learn, or simply connect with fellow JCLers, there will definitely be something for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait to see the energy and enthusiasm you all bring to this convention. Let's make it a memorable one!

Thanks,
Michael Corrigan
CAJCL Convention President 2024-2025



CONVENTION EVENT PREVIEW

Events (From CAJCL Website):

CAJCL Convention is an annual event held in the spring, at which CAJCL members can participate in a variety of activities and the following contests:

Academic Contests - Academic Tests (Ancient Geography; Classical Art; Daily Life; Grammar; Latin Derivatives; Mottoes, Abbreviations and Quotations; Mythology; Pentathlon; Reading Comprehension; Roman History; and Vocabulary), Dramatic Interpretation, Latin Oratory, English Oratory, Sight Latin Reading

Certamen - Certamen is a game of fast recall of facts about classical civilizations and its peoples, languages, and cultures. The matches are supposed to be fun, competitive, and informative. There are two types of Certamen contests for CAJCL students at Convention: Open Certamen and Competitive Certamen (must qualify at CARCER)

Creative Arts Contests - Costume Contest and Essay

Graphic Arts Contests - Impromptu Art, Handicrafts, Posters, Charts, Maps, Illustrated Quotes, Cartoons, Greeting Cards, Photography, Drawing, Painting, and National Banner Contest

Olympika Events - Track and Field, Chess, Swimming, Trebuchet, Chariot Racing, and Ultimate Frisbee

Find more details on the 2024-2025 CAJCL Convention at cajcl.org

NATIONAL PUBLICITY CONTEST

Salvete Omnes!

With State Convention rapidly approaching, now is a great time to look back on and celebrate the achievements your chapter has accomplished in this school year. Between Ludi, SCRAM, recruitment fairs, game nights, and more, I have personally seen each CAJCL chapter embark on endeavors this year which are worth celebrating.

Beyond celebration though, I also believe that each of your accomplishments are worth sharing. Therefore, I want to encourage each CAJCL chapter to create a submission for the National JCL Publicity Contest, which is the perfect opportunity to connect your chapter with the wider JCL community. With luck, your chapter can also bring home a national award to cherish for many years to come.

Participation in the National Publicity Contest is easy. There are no strict guidelines on what needs to be submitted in each portfolio, and the only prerequisite is for your chapter to be in good standing with the NJCL. The deadline for submissions is 6/1/25, so your chapter will also have an ample amount of time to create a submission. Publicity Contest Awards will be presented at National Convention, but your chapter does not need to be present at National Convention in order to win.

Please consult the link below for more details on submission guidelines and categories:
<https://www.njcl.org/Students/Non-Convention-Contests/NJCL-Publicity-Contest>

I hope to see all of your submissions!

Miles Hexun
CAJCL First Vice-President 2024-2025

REMINDER FOR THE 2025-2026 CAMPAIGN

Hi all!

The election for the CAJCL state board is ramping up and our candidates are getting excited for state! The candidates will give speeches during GA II and a town hall will follow where all members of CAJCL will have opportunities to ask questions and see their candidates answer impromptu questions regarding their positions. As well, be sure to check out their campaign posters that are posted around the campus. Prepare your voting delegations with good questions, and absolutely make sure to stay involved with this year's elections and get excited about another year of JCL. If you have any questions regarding the election process such as speeches, or how to attend the town hall feel free to ask me at parliamentarian@cajcl.com.

Best,
**Sachin Sandhu, 24-25 CAJCL
Parliamentarian.**



PICTURES FOR THE SCRAPBOOK



Dear JCLers,

As your historian, it is my duty to create a scrapbook that encapsulates the one of a kind spirit and culture CAJCL has to offer. I am calling out to all chapter historians, CAJCL members, and teachers to send me photos of your chapter at historian@cajcl.org. These photos could be from Ludi, SCRAM, in-class, or outside of class: anything JCL related please send my way, I would love to take a look at them and include them in the scrapbook.



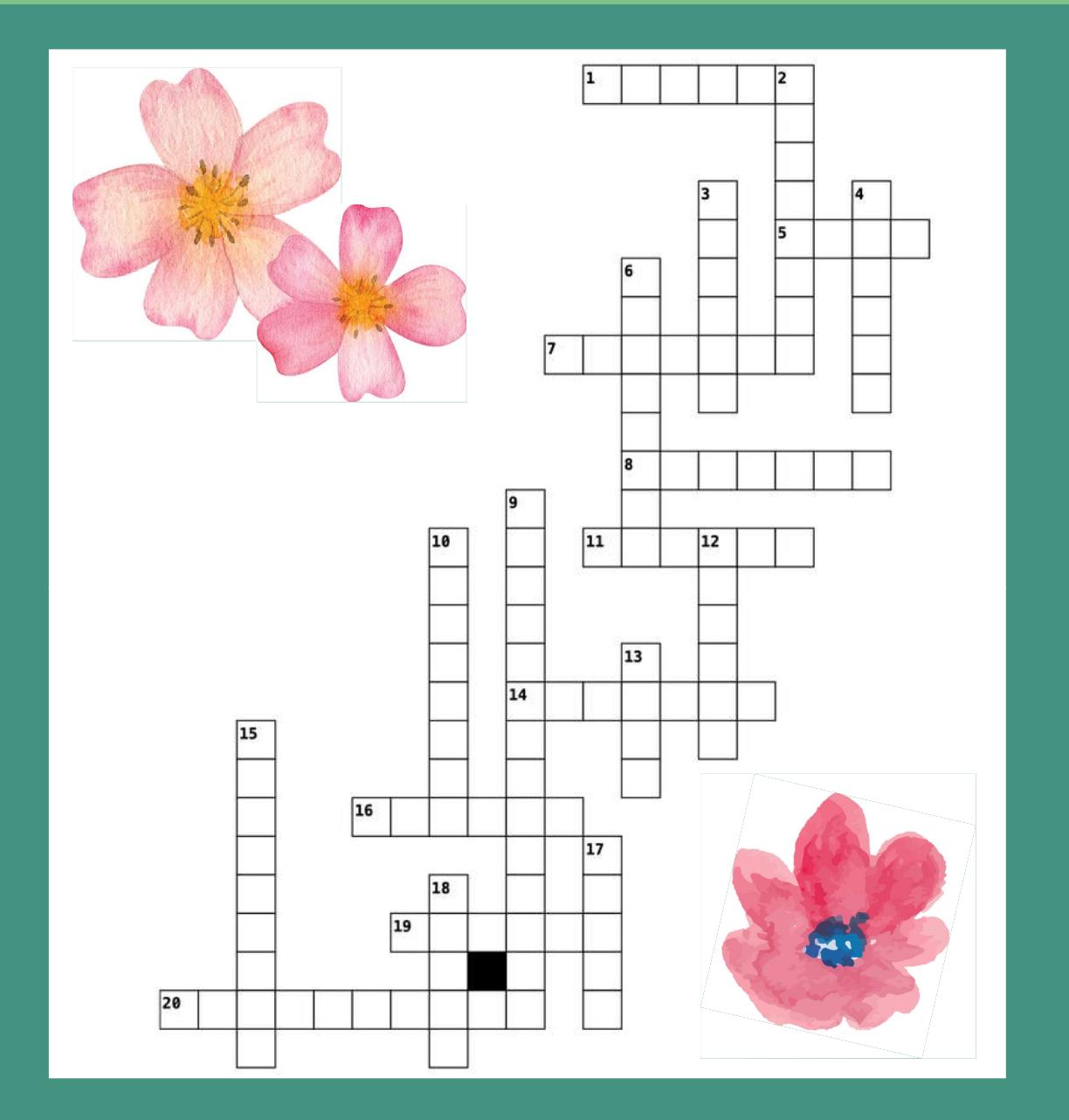
**Thank you,
Will Farrell**

2024-2025 CAJCL Historian



CROSSWORD!

By Ameera Ramzan
CAJCL Secretary 2024-2025



CROSSWORD AND ANSWERS

Across

1. Who was Heracles's first wife, whom he married at Thebes before his bout of madness in which he killed their children?
5. Zelus, Nike, Kratos, and Bia are the spawn of what prominent river of the Underworld?
7. What son of Priam, who had gained the gift of prophecy when snakes licked his ears, was captured by the Greeks during the sack of Troy?
8. What Lydian queen was Heracles ordered to serve for a span of three years?
11. Who was Callisto's father, a wicked king of Arcadia who had tried to feed Zeus human flesh?
14. Who, to escape his murderous step-mother, was carried from Orchomenos to Aea on the back of a golden ram?
16. When Telemachus went on an expedition to seek information about Odysseus, he first came to Pylos and spoke with what wise old man, a veteran of the Trojan War?
19. What Trojan killed Menestheus, Anchialus, Protesilaus, and Patroclus during the Trojan War?
20. Who stole fire from heaven to give to mankind?

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Cybele | 10. Helen |
| 2. Styx | 11. Alcestis |
| 3. Demephoon | 12. Helenus |
| 4. Prometheus | 13. Sphinx |
| 5. Phrixus | 14. Nestor |
| 6. Circe | 15. Lycaon |
| 7. Hector | 16. Dido |
| 8. Omphale | 17. Aegeus |
| 9. Hermaphroditus | 18. Megara |
| | 19. Cyclopes |
| | 20. Holy Moly |



Down

2. Whose life did Heracles save by wrestling Death?
3. What monster threw herself off the citadel of Thebes when Laius's clever son ended her habit of eating visitors by producing the answer "man" in response to her riddle?
4. Whose chariot did Atalanta help pull after she was transformed into a lioness?
6. What two-word rhyming English phrase is sometimes claimed — falsely, unfortunately — to derive from the name of a sacred plant that Hermes tells Odysseus to pluck while on Aeaea (no space)?
9. Who was the one child of Hermes and Aphrodite?
10. What mythological group included Brontes and Steropes and built Zeus's thunderbolt for him, among other things they created in their forge?
12. After murdering her children, Medea fled to the court of what king of Athens?
13. Inspired by her own escape from Pygmalion, her murderous brother at Tyre, what woman helped the Trojans when they landed in Africa, though Aeneas abandoned her and left Carthage for Italy?
15. For what son of Celeus did the disguised Demeter serve as a caretaker?
17. On their voyage back to Iolcus, who purified Jason and Medea of murder?
18. What was the name of the person whose face is said to have launched a thousand ships?

SCRAM RECAP

Salvete omnes!

On behalf of Sage Hill School and Sage Hill JCL, we thank you for joining us at SCRAM on November 16, 2024. We hope you had a blast going on a daylong Odyssey filled with competitions, sports, workshops, and fun!

The day kicked off with the Opening Ceremony, where we heard from Head of School Ms. Patricia Merz and recognized state board and executive committee members in attendance. We recited the JCL Creed, JCL Song, and Pledge of Allegiance, with about 25 delegations and over 550 delegates from across Southern California filling Town Square, adding their voices, and cheering along.

Following the testing session, SCRAM became a choose-your-own-adventure for the delegates! Some headed to Open Certamen, traveling from room to room with new friends from other schools. Others donned togas and enjoyed Toga Yoga in the sun of Town Square, or raced the clock in the STEM Challenge to build Odysseus' raft. While athletic events started in full swing on the field and in the gym, the library was filled with fabric, pins, and glue as delegates unleashed their creativity in Project Runway.

If they hadn't already paid a visit to Lotus Snacks, everyone made sure to fuel up with lunch from TK Burgers. A crowd gathered by the hill to watch Speed Dating, hosted by a Sage Hill delegate, which also included a special round featuring Tiresias, Circe, and Aeolus! These famous characters from Odysseus' journey gathered crowds themselves as they wandered around campus for the day, a fun interactive addition to this year's SCRAM.

Events stayed in full swing after lunch. In Impromptu Art, delegates created beautiful pieces, depicting everything Odyssey-themed from Charybdis to the boat she ate, which still remain in our Latin classroom. By this time, the collective efforts of JCL-ers on the service project throughout the day filled boxes of pet toys for the Anti-Cruelty Society. Edible Mosaics packed the physics lab with delegates, and it stayed full for the following colloquium, a presentation and taste test on Roman cooking. Delegates also made their own curse tablets and graffiti in active workshops and heard from professors from UCLA, UCI, and Concordia University. Finally, Closing Ceremony wrapped up the day with sponsors collecting awards and Convention Presidents Christopher Burke and Michael Corrigan encouraging everyone to attend State Convention at Woodbridge High School.

SCRAM was a true labor of love. Thank you to our SCRAM Board members and sponsor Dr. Feland, who worked hard for many months to make this event possible in every way. And once again, thank you for attending. We hope you had fun and enjoyed a day of JCL community. Please tag @sagehilljcl or use #SCRAM2024 on Instagram to share your memories and photos. We look forward to seeing you all at State Convention!

**Claire Sueyoshi and Baominh Dang
CAJCL Southern Reps. 2024-2025
Sage Hill School**

PHOTOS FROM SCRAM

