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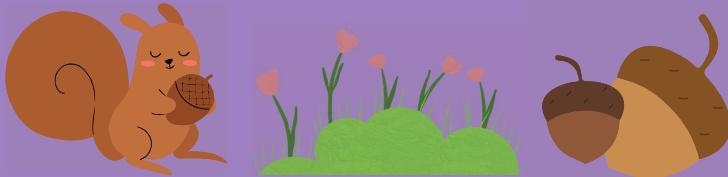
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CAJCL INFORMATION



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



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

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

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

Registration
Opens
March 1, 2024
Cost: TBA

Agenda and Convention events
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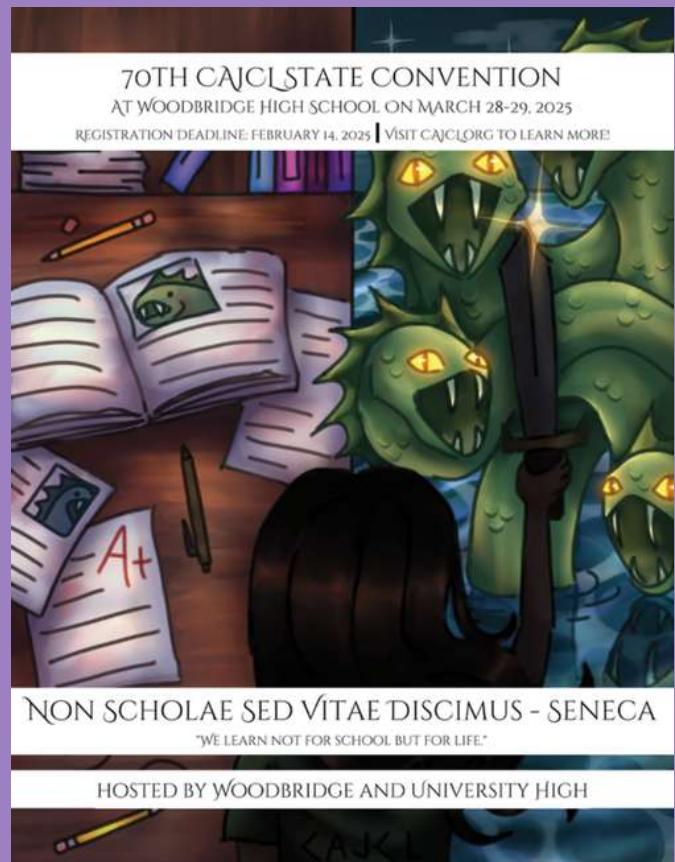
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**JULY 21-26, 2025:
NJCL CONVENTION @ MIAMI
UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO**



MEET THE 2024-2025 CAJCL OFFICERS!

Salvete omnes! My name is Miles (he/him) and I'm a senior at University High School in Irvine. I've been a JCL member and a Latin student for 4 years, in which time I have served as my school JCL's academic chair and club president. Through my school's JCL I met many of my closest friends and found the most supportive community which has transformed my perspective, not only on Latin, but also on my other academic, social, and personal pursuits. Additionally, it was this experience which spurred me to serve on the CAJCL board, as I was eager to engage with the JCL community beyond my school. I specifically noticed that CAJCL has a lack of accessible activities and events outside of SCRAM/Ludi/State Convention and therefore decided to run for 1st Vice President in order to bolster the frameworks we have in place for promoting local JCL events. My hope is that this investment into lowering barriers of accessibility on the local scale can extend the benefits of our organization to more Latin students in California. So far in my term, I have indeed found that the CAJCL community is just as supportive and inspiring as my school JCL community, and I have had the best time not only befriending my fellow board members, but also meeting so many of you JCL members from every area of California. After particularly seeing the excitement you all have for participating in our Latin community at both Ludi and SCRAM, I am now even further energized to promote JCL throughout the state and prepare the organization for an amazing State Convention. Thank you all for giving me a chance to serve the CAJCL community and I look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time soon!



MILES HEXUN
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



YOYO LI
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Salvete omnes! My name is Yoyo Li, and I'm a Senior at Sage Hill School. You might remember me from last year's CAJCL board, where I served as Parliamentarian. I had such an amazing—not to mention transformative—time working with the state board, and I am so excited to be serving as your CAJCL second vice-president this year! I've been involved with JCL since the sixth grade, so this organization is definitely key to my academic career. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, playing golf, and trying out new recipes. Since this is my last year as part of the JCL, I want to make an impact on the community that has supported me by giving back. That is why I am most excited to host a service project at State Convention. Also, I can't wait to see all your amazing spirit! I hope I have the opportunity to meet and connect with some of you from Southern California at SCRAM, and if you are attending Ludi, I look forward to meeting you all at State! If you ever have any questions about service or spirit for your own chapter, you can always reach out to me, and I would be happy to help you out!





DEYA MURTHY

NORTHERN REPRESENTATIVE

Salvete omnes! I'm Deya Murthy (she/her), and a senior at Miramonte High School. I've been in the Miramonte Latin Club (the largest NJCL Chapter!) from ninth grade and have loved Latin ever since. I'm now a co-president of the Miramonte Latin Club, and I'm so excited to host Ludi. Like a lot of Latin students, I joined Latin Club/class due to my love of Percy Jackson. Now, I've forgotten everything about mythology accept the basics, but I still hold the series fondly in my heart. Instead, I like to study history and Classical Art, especially Cycladic Art (check it out)! My favorite historical figures are Nero and Sulla, because their goofiness levels are through the roof (JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM, I do not condone some of their actions). I wanted to serve on the CAJCL board to give back to the community that has served me so well; some of my best high school memories were at Latin conventions, from Open Certamen to star gazing (and seeing a shooting star!). My favorite part of being on the board is connecting with other passionate Latin students from all over the state. This year, I can't wait to road trip with my fellow Miramonte students to Southern California for the State convention (I'm coming for the In-n-out..just kidding). Finally, my goal this year is to host the best Ludi possible with new, engaging activities and speakers. We are honored to host Ludi, and we can't wait to meet everyone!

Salve! My name is Parker Hjortsvang, I go by he/him/his and am currently a junior at Miramonte High School. I have been a part of the JCL almost from day one of taking Latin at the start of my freshman year in high school. My love for the JCL started with my local Latin club, I started going to weekly meetings and before I knew it I was going to all of the crazy conventions Latin has to offer. My first nationals let me experience how fun Latin truly is, the convention gave me a view on how spirited I would become for Latin. Taking my love for Latin with me, I ran for state office and lost; ending up as a northern representative on the board. My current goal on the board is to host the best Ludi ever(all of them are spectacular) and to gain more experience planning events. My favorite part about being on the board is knowing how I will have great people helping me as I take up a bigger role in CAJCL. I know state convention is going to be great as an overnight trip with all of my friends. I love the spirit competitions at conventions and can not wait for the one at state. This is one of the biggest events I am looking forward to on my calendar. In my free time outside of Latin I do long distance running on the track or trails near my house. Along with playing video games at night with my friends on my newly built computer.



PARKER HJORTSVANG

NORTHERN REPRESENTATIVE

Hi! My name is Claire Sueyoshi (she/her/hers). I am a senior at Sage Hill School and this is my fourth year in Latin and JCL. My involvement in JCL has grown so much throughout my time in high school and I've loved the community more than I ever thought I would. With the support of my delegation and sponsor behind me, being Southern Representative felt like the obvious choice to give back to the community. Ever since I joined JCL, I've heard a lot about and seen photos and videos from the last SCRAM at Sage in 2019. My grade's presence in Sage JCL is particularly strong and there was considerable interest in hosting SCRAM within the group, so much so that we knew we could tackle all the detailed planning and hard work required to put on the event. My favorite part of being on the board is getting to share all the amazing work our SCRAM officers are doing, as well as hearing updates from other officers across the state! This year, I hope to put on a fun and enriching SCRAM experience and am most excited for the hectic SCRAM day, where I'll get to see everyone I've met at other conventions and meet new people right here at Sage! Outside of JCL, I'm a stage manager for my theatre, which has some overlapping elements with Southern Rep. duties, like organization and communication. I love music and I constantly bounce around between piano and cello, classical pieces, Broadway accompaniment, and chamber music. I also crochet and knit, and occasionally try to spin my own yarn.



CLAIRE SUEYOSHI
SOUTHERN REPRESENTATIVE



CHRISTOPHER BURKE
CAJCL CONVENTION PRESIDENT

Hello, my name is Christopher Burke and I am one of this year's convention presidents. I am currently a senior at University High School in Irvine. I have been involved in JCL for 4 years now. Last year I served as the consul (co-president) of my high school chapter. I wanted to be on the CAJCL board because I wanted to help my chapter be represented in CAJCL. I felt that I could make a positive impact and represent my chapter well to the state board. This year I am hoping to run an awesome state convention with my co-convention president Michael. I am really excited for our "activities potluck" that we are planning to implement this year. We are welcoming all chapters who plan on attending to sign up to run an activity to allow for more widespread active participation in JCL at the state level. Outside of JCL, my main interests are theology, history, and government. At Uni, I am heavily involved in the school's Mock Trial team, Model United Nations club, and student council. In college, I intend to major in history with an emphasis in American history.





SACHIN SANDHU PARLIAENTARIAN

Hi all! My name is Sachin Sandhu (He/Him) and I am your 24/25 CAJCL Parliamentarian. I am a Junior at Menlo School in my 6th year of Latin, as well as my 6th year as a part of JCL. Serving on the CAJCL board has been a wonderful experience. I have been able to create great relationships with board members from other schools, help other students who are passionate about pursing the study of Latin and Greek, and make changes that will have a lasting positive impact on the CAJCL community. I am super excited for state convention and being able to see my friends that I have met through JCL. Hopefully I will have the chance to meet any more. By the way, if you are at all interested in learning more about what it is like to be on the board, please reach out to me at parliamentarian@cajcl.org.



Hi, my name is Ameera Ramzan, I use they/them pronouns, and I am currently attending Harker as a sophomore! I have been taking Latin and have been involved in JCL for 5 years. I have enjoyed attending many different conventions, playing certamen, and meeting other JCLers while immersing myself in the wonderful classical world. One of my favorite convention memories was competing in Project Runway with a group of people I had never met before and winning! I wanted to serve on the CAJCL board to give back to this amazing community and help build connections between officers and delegates. This year, I hope to boost transparency and increase the voices of all JCLers, regardless of whether or not they directly know a member of the board. I'll be working on Instagram posts, board meeting highlights, and suggestion forms to create more opportunities for member involvement outside of the planned conventions. I'm also excited to try out new activities at many of the events this upcoming year and continue to meet Latin students from all over our state! Outside of JCL, I enjoy theater, mock trial, and speech & debate; I hope that someday Latin will help me become a successful lawyer. I also love cooking, volunteering, and exercising; I'm currently teaching myself how to play the ukulele and to crochet. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or ideas that you have to make JCL even better! I'm looking forward to an amazing year of fun!



AMEERA RAMZAN SECRETARY



My name is Jun Choi and I go by the pronouns "he/him." I go to University High School, Irvine and I am a senior. I have been involved in Latin and JCL since freshman year and joined my local chapter's board in sophomore year. I wanted to serve on CAJCL board because I wanted to expand my involvement in JCL from just my school. I also wanted to connect with admin and fellow JCLers that helped improve my knowledge of Latin and give me insight into the social foundations that hold up JCL. My favorite part of being on board is connecting with various people that each give me a unique look into a certain part of JCL. My goals for this year are to create a more streamlined CAJCL website that allows people to find information easier. I am most excited to communicate with new people and do my best to present news and information on the website.



JUN CHOI
WEBMASTER



WILL FARRELL
HISTORIAN

My name is Will Farrell, my pronouns are he/him, and I am a junior at Menlo School which is located in the Bay Area peninsula. This year will be my 6th year taking Latin, and my first year studying Ancient Greek. I was first introduced to JCL my freshman year and have been a member either at my school chapter or the state level ever since then. After I was a member of my high school JCL board, I attended my first Ludi and State Convention and fell in love with JCL. I knew I would love to be on the state board and bring my two passions together, ancient languages and virtual arts. When I was reading the outline for the historian position, I noticed the historian position could be used to bring more people to CAJCL if the historian put a larger emphasis on social media and video creation. On top of the scrap book and photography, my goal this year is to create more long-form and short-form video content that encapsulates the excellent culture JCL has. I am working on making the Instagram account more active on Instagram reels, and I made a TikTok account that everyone should follow @cajcl! On the account I will be producing JCL related content and videos from the conventions to advertise our one of a kind CAJCL spirit!



MICHAEL CORRIGAN
CAJCL CONVENTION PRESIDENT
University High School



BAOMINH DANG
SOUTHERN REPRESENTATIVE
Sage Hill High School



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Salvete amici!

My name is Celine Wang, and I am your Nuntius Editor for the 2025-2026 school year.

With the first issue of the year, I hope to follow in the footsteps of the previous Nuntius editors and do my best to bring you the most fun with every paper! This year, I hope to focus the Nuntius with the aspect of our community. Please allow yourselves to be engaged in JCL, and fully immerse yourselves as classical scholars. Through the Nuntius, I hope that you will be able to find something that you would want to further explore. Whether it is joining the board for the 2025-2026 school year, or simply looking at the wonderful poster for the CAJCL convention, there is something for everyone in the Nuntius.

It is our community that ties us together and brings the Classics alive. I know there are people who ask: "Why study latin if it is a dead language?" The truth is, latin is far from dead. As long as the love for the Classics is alive, latin will always be impactful and influence the modern cultures today. Go out into the world today and make a difference.

Finally, I would like to thank Felix Chen, the Nuntius editor from the 2023-2024 school year, on his guidance to me. When transitioning into this role, Felix offered me much advice and encouragement. I know that with Felix as the NJCL editor this year, *The Torch* will shine just as bright as the 2023-2024 Nuntius.

Thank you all for reading the Nuntius, and remember - *carpe diem!*

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



WELCOME TO JCL!

salvete omnes!

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We are excited to have you join us as we embark on another journey of discovery, learning, and fun with the California Junior Classical League!

The CAJCL is all about celebrating the rich history, language, and culture of the ancient Romans. This year, we have a fantastic lineup of events and activities planned, and we are especially excited to prepare for the upcoming California Junior Classical League State Convention! State convention is one of the most anticipated events of the year—a weekend filled with competitions, workshops, spirit events, and opportunities to meet like-minded students from across the state who share a passion for Latin and the classics.

Competing at State Convention is a unique experience where students can showcase their knowledge in various areas like Latin grammar, Roman history, mythology, and classical art. Beyond the academic competitions, there are also creative contests in drama, music, and visual arts, as well as athletic events inspired by ancient traditions. This is your chance to bring home medals, create unforgettable memories, and build lasting friendships!

But the journey to the state convention begins now! Throughout the school year, you all can prepare by having regular club meetings to get ready for the events, host study sessions, and practice competitions. Whether you're new to Latin or a seasoned student of the language, there's a place for everyone to learn, grow, and have fun.

Joining the CAJCL means being part of a community that thrives on curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning. As we dive into a new year filled with ancient stories, challenging competitions, and spirited camaraderie, we encourage you to bring your enthusiasm, ideas, and passion for the classics.

We can't wait to see you at our first meeting and to begin this adventure together. Here's to a year full of growth, laughter, and the joy of learning!

gratias maximas,
Miles Hexun and Yoyo Li
2024-2025 1st and 2nd Vice-President



SNEAK PEEK INTO CONVENTION

Salvete Omnes!

This year's national convention theme – “non scholae sed vitae discimus” – reminds me to both reflect on and look forward to our common threads of JCL life. It is in fact uniquely through both CAJCL and NJCL that many of us, including myself, have best realized that we do indeed learn for life instead of for school. It is only uniquely through JCL that we have the privilege to experience these “dead” languages beyond subjunctives or ablatives or Vergil, instead participating in a vividly living community through the cherished moments screaming “tolle tectum!” or celebrating a Certamen win.

We have most definitely forged some amazing memories in the past year. Beginning with Ludi and an impromptu SCRAM-ulum, ramping up to a ludicrously fun weekend at Menlo for State Convention, and finishing off strong with 40 CAJCL members heading to National Convention in Knoxville for a week, I am continuously surprised by the strength of our collective convictions for sharing Classics experiences with each other – and there is nothing more worth learning than that.

These memories also most importantly lead me towards optimism that CAJCL will continue to grow and surpass its pre-pandemic strength. Of course though, we cannot keep CAJCL thriving without each of your involvements. With the new school year beginning and a new set of memories and learning experiences ready to be made, I call on each of you to continue being a part of CAJCL and NJCL, whether renewing your memberships as a teacher, reminding your sponsor to do so as a student, or encouraging fellow Latin programs to join our JCL community. If you have any questions about renewing membership or applying to become a CAJCL and JCL chapter, please do not hesitate to email firstvp@cajcl.org.

I look forward to seeing each of you again at Ludi, State, or National Convention, and to hear about your all-encompassing learning experiences at the local levels. Most of all though, I hope that you each keep learning about life as part of CAJCL.

Miles Hexun, First Vice President

COMMUNITY SERVICE

salvete omnes!

My name is Yoyo Li, and I am your 2024-2025 CAJCL second vice-president! I'm here to give you a few tips and tricks for hosting service projects at your school's chapter. Community service is arguably the most important part of carrying out our JCL values and spirit. That's why the CAJCL board makes it a priority to host a service project to support the local community that has given so much to us. We achieve this goal through both fundraisers and volunteer opportunities. Service projects are so core to our identity as an organization, and I highly encourage all chapters to put together volunteer opportunities for their members. Here are some easy opportunities that you can put together for your chapter!

1. Making blankets through Project Linus

Project Linus provides handmade blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. With many donation centers all throughout California, your JCL chapter can get involved easily by contacting and donating to your local Project Linus chapter. Please refer to their website for their mission and for more information (<https://www.projectlinus.org/>).

2. Writing letters to veterans through Operation Gratitude

Operation Gratitude includes a handwritten letter in every care package that they send off to veterans, deployed troops, and wounded heroes. Your encouraging words can be what motivates them to move forward in their duties to our nation. Please refer to their website for their mission, more information, and letter writing instructions

(<https://www.operationgratitude.com/volunteer/anywhere/letters/>).

3. Putting together pet toys for the Anti-Cruelty Society

The Anti-Cruelty Society provides compassionate care to animals without homes and has a no-kill, open-door policy when it comes to stray animals. They are also dedicated to educating the public on animal safety. They are in-need of donations of handmade blankets, pet toys, and pet beds. Please refer to their website for their mission, more information, and DIY donation instructions (<https://anticruelty.org/diy>).

4. Group volunteer work at your local soup kitchen

Local soup kitchens depend on donations and volunteers to keep the organization up and running. If you are from the OC area, Someone Cares Soup Kitchen is always accepting donations and walk-in volunteers. Search in your local area to find a soup kitchen that you can serve to help alleviate food insecurity within your community.

5. Something unique that you come up with!

Often, when individual school chapters work to achieve their own service goals, the impact they make can be much greater than the single service project that we host at State Convention. Your local chapters can serve your own communities in unique and personalized ways, and always make sure to be creative and target certain problems in your community.

I look forward to seeing all your amazing service project ideas. If your chapter has completed a service project, please tell me all about it! Also, if you have any questions about service or spirit, please feel free to reach out and ask me! You can always reach me at my email (secondvp@cajcl.org), and I would be happy to answer them!

gratias maximas,

Yoyo Li

2024-2025 CAJCL Second Vice President

JOIN THE 2025-2026 CAJCL BOARD!

Salvete Omnes!

In the midst of the U.S. election season, I am happy to announce that CAJCL is preparing our very own election process for the '25-'26 school year. These elections are a fantastic opportunity to be proactive and engaged in our JCL community, and each position provides you with great opportunities for learning and personal growth..

Each office requires a different skill set. For example, are you great at creative design and photography? Try becoming our Historian! Interested in community engagement, giving back, and running a board meeting? Become our 2nd VP! There is an office suited for you on the CAJCL board, and I highly recommend running a fun, inclusive, and creative campaign.

If you are interested in running—which you should!-- or have any questions about the board. Email me at parliamentarian@cajcl.org! Otherwise, please feel free to ask any questions at Ludi or SCRAM where you may attend seminars about the election process. I hope to see you there!

Sachin Sandhu
CAJCL Parliamentarian 24'-25'



PICTURES FOR THE SCRAPBOOK



Save JCLers!



It's Will Farrell the CAJCL Historian and I am just calling out for anyone who has any good, funny, or entertaining, videos or photos from JCL. These photos or videos could be from Ludi, Scram, or even in everyday Latin class. I would love to see any photos or videos and put them into the scrapbook at the end of the year. If you have anything you'd like to submit, please email me at historian@cajcl.org.

Thank you!
Will Farrell
CAJCL Historial 2024-2025



NOTE FROM THE WEBMASTER



Are you ready to let your creativity and passion for the classics shine? The NJCL Website Contest is your opportunity to design a dynamic and engaging online space that represents your local Junior Classical League chapter. Whether you're an experienced web designer or completely new to the field, this contest is a chance to learn, grow, and create something extraordinary.

Participating in the NJCL Website Contest is more than just a fun project—it's a meaningful way to share your chapter's story with a wider audience. Your website can showcase your chapter's achievements, highlight upcoming events, and serve as a hub for members and visitors alike. It's an opportunity to craft a digital presence that reflects the unique identity and spirit of your chapter, inspiring others to connect with and celebrate the world of classics.

By joining the contest, you'll gain valuable skills that go beyond the competition itself. Web design teaches creativity, attention to detail, and problem-solving. Whether you're learning to code, mastering design software, or organizing content in an intuitive way, you'll develop technical and professional skills that are useful in countless fields. These experiences can also be a powerful addition to college applications, as they demonstrate your ability to take initiative, manage a project, and see it through to completion.

Beyond the personal benefits, the NJCL Website Contest offers an exciting opportunity to compete on a national stage. You'll have the chance to connect with other JCL chapters, gain feedback from experts, and perhaps even earn recognition for your hard work and innovation. Imagine the pride of seeing your website celebrated as one of the best in the nation!

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to combine your love for the classics with your interest in digital design. Enter the contest and show the world what your chapter can achieve!

Jun Choi
CAJCL Webmaster 2024-2025





DEAR ABBY



By Ameera Ramzan
CAJCL Secretary 2024-2025

Dear Caecilius:

I've been feeling disconnected from the Latin community. I wish there was a way to explore Latin in a fun and engaging way outside of the classroom, and maybe even with other Latin students from all over the country. Do you have any suggestions? -**Lost Roman**

Dear Lost Roman,

I think I have the perfect idea for you: JCL, or Junior Classical League! As an organization, CAJCL hosts a variety of events from regional conventions to statewide gatherings, and we even participate in a national level convention. These conventions are a ton of fun with activities like Olympika, art contests, certamen, and much more. Through these events, you'll also have the opportunity to meet JCLers from all over the state and country. In the gaps between events, CAJCL and NJCL sometimes host mini events or competitions, such as club photo of the month. You can recruit people to join your school's club/chapter to expand the JCL community even more!

With JC Love,
Caecilius

Dear Caecilius,

I keep hearing people talking about this thing called "certamen," but I'm not exactly sure what it is or how to get involved. I've always had a competitive spirit and a love for Latin, and I want to find a way to express those interests. So can you give some information about this "certamen"? -**Aspiring Buzzer**

Dear Aspiring Buzzer,

Sure! Certamen comes from the Latin word, meaning "competition." It's a type of quiz-bowl game with only Roman related questions. Categories range from history to mythology to language and grammar to much more. You play on a team with 3 other members to work together and gather as many points as possible from answering different types of questions. There's a lot of opportunities to play this game at JCL conventions. We have open certamen at all our events, where you'll be placed on a random team. We also have competitive certamen at our state convention as long as your team qualifies at our qualifier event, Carcer. If you get a certamen machine, you can also play with friends in your own schools. Overall, it's a great way to express your competitive spirit and help you explore the different aspects of Roman life, culture, language, history, and mythology!

With JC Love,
Caecilius

MEET THE 2024-2025 CASCL OFFICERS!



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Orange Coast College



NJCL ESSAY WINNERS

*Please take a moment to appreciate the opening paragraphs of
the 2024 California NJCL Essay Contest Winners!*



The Romans' invention of the Cloaca Maxima, one of the world's earliest sewage systems mirrors renowned Carthaginian general Hannibal's ingenious military tactics during the Battle of Tarentum. Both the battle and sewage system demonstrate ingenuity, but in different contexts – military strategy versus civil engineering.



The Roman Sewage System: Where Imagination Meets Ingenuity

By: Charlene Li



Deeper Reflections of Roman Mosaics

By: Lyra Majumdar

You've probably heard of Taylor Swift. She holds a singular place in the American pop culture psyche. However, Swift's recent album, the Tortured Poets Department, is not the musical sensation of this summer. That title unequivocally belongs to Sabrina Carpenter's "Espresso," which, with its infectious, disco-inspired tune, has broken records with its time on the U.S. and global charts. Carpenter, like Swift and many modern artists, wields a special breed of internet superstardom. However, unlike Swift, Carpenter's relative inexperience has allowed her to experiment; "Espresso" has proven to be infectious in a way that none of her previous songs were. It delves into the consuming power of love, but it does so in a way that's boldly original: with an extended, caffeine-related metaphor. Despite its clear home in today's world, the universal themes of "Espresso" both mirror and diverge from another important -- but less- appreciated -- work from centuries ago: "Tandem Venit Amor" by the Roman author Sulpicia, which details the feelings surrounding new love.

In Poetics, Aristotle proclaimed, "the aim of art is not to represent the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance." Unsurprisingly, then, art is a medium of self-expression that uncovers cultural underpinnings and the socio-political zeitgeist, providing enduring insights of civilizations. This is particularly evident when considering Ancient Roman civilization, with the 79 AD eruption of Mount Vesuvius hauntingly enshrining the art, graffiti, and history of prominent cities like Herculaneum and Pompeii. The intricacies of Roman mosaics and other artworks, often the foundational veneer for dwellings, help us to identify the figurative societal and imperial foundations of Roman civilization. In particular, they illustrate the centrality of ostentation in social hierarchy, mirror cultural diffusion due to the imperial expansionism of Rome, as well as serve as a mechanism for reflecting political, ethnic, and religious allegiance.



Ars Longa, Vita Brevis: From Sulpicia to Sabrina Carpenter

By: Shreyas Karman



2024 NJCL AWARDS

State:

- 4th: Ludi Kickball
- 3rd: Ludi Ultimate Frisbee
- 2nd: T-Shirt: Best Visual
- 3rd: T-Shirt: Best Overall
- 3rd: T-Shirt: Best Use of Theme
- 4th: Digital Scrapbook State
- 2nd: Website Contest: State

Harker Middle School:

- 1st: Promotion of Classical Studies
 - 1st: Publicity - Recruitment Pres.
 - 1st: Publicity - School Media
 - 3rd: Publicity - Best Portfolio
- Individuals:**
- Karnam, Shreyas**
- 1st: Classical Art II
 - 3rd: Hellenic History II
 - 3rd: Reading Comp. II
 - 1st: Essay, 6th-9th Grade
 - 1st: Modern Myth - Lower Division
 - 2nd: Local Publications
 - 3rd: Constitution Contest
- Malla, Reyansh**
- 1st: Hellenic History I

Harvard-Westlake School:

Individuals:

Acosta, Ryan

4th: Mottoes III

Majumdar, Lyra

1st: LDD Heptathlon III

1st: LDD Mythology III

1st: LDD Roman History III

Loyola High School:

Individuals:

Earley, Calli

3rd: Reading Comp, II

California - MAL:

Individuals:

Goetsch, Boon

3rd: Greek Derivatives II

2nd: Sight Latin - II Gold

Jaeger, Alexander

2nd: LDD Roman History I

Jin, Chelsea

3rd: LDD Mythology I

3rd: LDD Roman History I

3rd: LDD Vocabulary I

2024 NJCL AWARDS

Miramonte High School:

- 1st: Largest JCL Chapter
- 1st: Publicity - In-School Display
- 1st: Publicity - Non-School Display
- 2nd: Publicity - Best Portfolio
- 3rd: Social Media Campaign
- 4th: Website Contest: Local Large

Individuals:

Cleveland, Alex

- 2nd: 100-yard Backstroke Sr. Boys
- 2nd: 100-yard Freestyle Sr. Boys
- 2nd: 50-yard Backstroke Sr. Boys
- 2nd: 50-yard Breaststroke Sr. Boys
- 4th: 100-yard Medley Sr. Boys

Davis, Christophe

- 2nd: Small Models 10

Gupta, Sean

- 1st: Mottoes I
- 4th: Reading Comp. 1/2 & 1 I

- 2nd: Games 6-9

- 2nd: Small Models 6-9

Kalmar, Eleanor

- 2nd: Acrylic/Oil 11
- 2nd: Impromptu Art 11

Murthy, Deya

- 3rd: Classical Art III

The Lawrenceville School

Individuals:

Broady, Zain

- 3rd: Open Certamen: Interm.
- 3rd: Certamen

The Harker School:

Individuals:

Chen, Felix

- 1st: State Publications

Jiang, William

- 3rd: Latin Lit. III
- 4th: Roman Life III

Qin, Pascal

- 2nd: Mottoes III

Xie, Chelsea

- 1st: DI Advanced Prose Passage 1

Zhang, Leo

- 3rd: DI Advanced Prose Passage 1
- 4th: Ludi Chess

Zheng, Demi

- 1st: Sight Latin - Prose Gold
- 4th: DI Advanced Poetry Passage 2