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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Salvete amici!

With our final issue of the *Nuntius*, I would like to reflect upon this year of JCL love.

As the year winds down and we prepare to turn the final page on this chapter of our JCL journey, we're proud to bring you the last issue of the *Nuntius* for this school year. It's been an incredible ride—from Certamen triumphs and spirited spirit competitions to hours spent laughing over Latin puns and bonding over shared love for myth, history, and culture.

This final issue is a celebration: of all we've accomplished together, of the friendships we've formed, and of the ancient legacy we continue to breathe life into each day. From the opening moments of the year to the recent CAJCL State Convention, you've shown what it means to be part of this community—not just as students of Latin, but as leaders, teammates, artists, and scholars. Through your essays, your artwork, your performances, and your laughter, you've brought the Classics into the present with creativity and pride. You've made the past come alive, and in doing so, you've built something lasting. JCL has never been just a club—it's a home for all who are curious, passionate, and eager to connect across time.



The *Nuntius* has aimed to spotlight your passion and perseverance, your wit and wisdom, and the joy you bring to every event, every word, and every gathering. Thank you for making this year unforgettable. Thank you for your voice, your energy, and your love of the Classics. Until next time—*valete, amici*, and keep the spirit of JCL alive wherever you go.

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

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT FAREWELL



Salvete omnes!

As my time as your 2nd Vice President comes to an end, I want to take a moment to reflect on this incredible journey. Serving on the CAJCL State Board for these past two years has been one of the most exciting, challenging, and rewarding experiences of my high school career.

When I first stepped into this role, I quickly realized just how special this community is. From leading spirit competitions during late night fellowship sessions to encouraging participation across schools, I've had the joy of watching JCLers come alive with enthusiasm and share their love for the classics. Whether it was cheering in togas or connecting with fellow Latin students from around the state, every moment reminded me why I decided to run for office in the first place.

I'm so grateful for the friendships, the lessons, and the support that I have received from my fellow board members, sponsors, and all of you. Your dedication to JCL continues to inspire me.

To the next 2nd VP: I know you'll carry the torch (and the pom-poms!) with pride and passion. Never underestimate the power of spirit to bring people together because it really is at the heart of who we are as JCLers.

Thank you all for an unforgettable year. I'm proud to have served this amazing organization.

gratias maxima,
Yoyo Li
CAJCL Second Vice-President 2024-2025



NJCL INFORMATION



A photograph of the University of Tennessee Knoxville campus at dusk. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, and the university buildings are illuminated. A large building in the foreground has "UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE" written across its facade.

**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*

Agenda and Convention events
Krish Sharma, NJCL President | president@njcl.org
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University and Local Matters
Ryan Vinson, Convention Co-Chair | magistervinson@gmail.com
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Registration Opens March 1, 2024
Cost: TBA

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

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P: 513-529-7741 | F: 513-529-7742

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MORE INFORMATION
njcl.org/NJCL-Convention/2024-NJCL-Convention



CONVENTION SPIRIT RESULTS



In the Small Middle School Category:

In third place, Head Royce Middle School

In second place, Crossroads Middle School

In first place, CHD Academy

In the Large Middle School Category:

In third place, Harbor Day School

In second place, La Entrada School

In first place, Harker Middle School

In the Small High School Category:

In third place, California High School

In second place, Menlo-Atherton High School

In first place, CHD Academy

In the Medium High School Category:

In third place, St. Ignatius College Preparatory

In second place, St. Francis High School

In first place, The Harker School

In the Large High School Category:

In third place, Sage Hill School

In second place, Loyola High School

In first place, Miramonte High School

For "Best Costumes & Props": University High School.

For "Most On-Theme": Sage Hill High School.

PICTURES FOR THE SCRAPBOOK

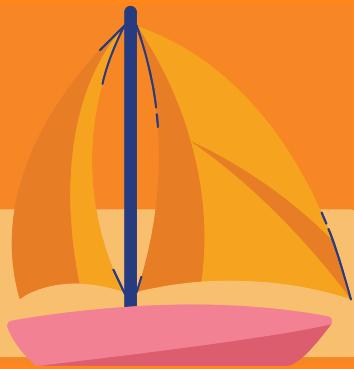
Dear JCLers,

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**



ROMAN PICK UP LINES



By Ameera Ramzan
CAJCL Secretary 2024-2025



Want to work on your Roman Speed Dating skills for next year's events? Try out these Roman/Latin pick-up lines to spread the JC Love!

Are you the consulship? Because I'd march on Rome and start a civil war for you.

Are you Rome? Because I'm finding all roads lead to you.

Were you ever a Roman senator? Because your beauty is stabbing me in the heart right now.

Are you wearing a stola? Because you stola my heart.

Are you wearing a toga? Because you tog-at my heartstrings.

Did your mother name you Pluto, because you're drop dead gorgeous?

You're irregular, but in a good way: it's difficult to decline you.

You're the accusative infinitive to my indirect statement.

Are you the nominative case? Because I want you to be the subject of my life.

Even Orpheus wouldn't look back if he had you waiting for him in the Underworld.

Are you a Roman legionary? Because you just marched straight into my heart.

Like Prometheus, I'd steal fire from the gods — just to light up your world.

Even Narcissus would turn his head to look at you.

Are you a subjunctive? Because you're everything I wish for.

You're like a gerundive — I feel obligated to love you.

Even Cicero couldn't argue against how perfect you are.

Are you Nero? Because you're setting my world on fire.

CONVENTION WINNERS

Certamen Results:

In Middle School 1, Harker Middle
In Middle School 2, CHD Academy
In Middle School 3, Menlo Middle
In High School 1, University High School
In High School 2, University High School
In High School 3, University High School
In High School Advanced, CHD Academy

Graphic Arts Viewer's Choice:

In first place, Lily Kalmar from Miramonte High School (a painting)
In second place, Chelsea Jin from Harker Middle (a drawing)
In third place, Maya Evans from Head-Royce School (a model of an aqueduct)

Top Academic Test Scores:

Ancient Geography: Ethan Weyn, Harker Middle School
Classical Art: Shreyas Karnan, The Harker School
Daily Life: Ryan Shababa, Sage Hill
Latin Derivatives: Toby Ang, CHD Academy; Boon Goetsch, Geffen Academy
Latin Grammar I: Finn Ang, CHD Middle School
Latin Grammar II: Timothy Chen, University High School
Latin Grammar III: Toby Ang, CHD Academy
Roman History: Jed Kim-Ozaeta, University High School
Mottoes, Quotes and Abbreviations: Jonah Chan, CHD Academy
Classical Mythology: Alex Kong, Sage Hill School
Academic Pentathlon: Alex Kong, Sage Hill School; Christing Ji, Sage Hill School; Miles Hexun, University High School
Reading Comprehension 1: Olivia Nelson, Stanford Online High School; Zara Bhalotra, Head-Royce School
Reading Comprehension 2: Timothy Chen, University High School; Christopher Dodd, Menlo Middle School
Reading Comprehension 3: Lucas Yuan, The Harker School; Joey Ang, CHD Academy High School
Latin Vocabulary: Demi Zheng, The Harker School

CONVENTION WINNERS

Overall Awards:

In the Academic Category:

MS-1 Academics: Terence Heng
MS-2 Academics: Johnny Dodoo
MS-3 Academics: Larry Zhao
HS-1 Academics: Evan Mossavir
HS-2 Academics: Timothy Chen
HS-3 Academics: Zahra Syed
HS-Adv Academics: Felix Chen

In the Arts Category:

Ms-1 Arts: Caleb Chuang
MS-2 Arts: Lilliana Aali
MS-3 Arts: Ethan Weyn
HS-1 Arts: Claire Staelin
HS-2 Arts: Maya Benatzi
HS-3 Arts: Noah Thaler
HS-Adv Arts: Rini Saha

In the Athletics Category:

Ms-1 Athletics: Astraea Browei
MS-2 Athletics: Cindy Li
MS-3 Athletics: Victor Crim
HS-1 Athletics: Alexis Letulle
HS-2 Athletics: Talia Schachter
HS-3 Athletics: Logan Letulle
HS-Adv Athletics: Toby Ang

In the Combined Category

(academics, arts, and athletics):
Ms-1 Combined: Olivia Nelson
MS-2 Combined: Johnny Dodoo
MS-3 Combined: Ethan Weyn
HS-1 Combined: Claire Staelin
HS-2 Combined: Maya Benatzi
HS-3 Combined: Zahra Syed
HS-Adv Combined: Rini Saha

Chapter Awards:

For High School Scrapbook:

3rd place: University High School
2nd place: Miramonte High School
1st place: Woodbridge High School

For High School T-Shirt:

3rd place: Sage Hill High School
2nd place: St. Ignatius High School
1st place: SLO Classical Academy

For High School Banner:

3rd place: St. Ignatius College Prep
2nd place: University High School
1st place: Menlo School

For High School Publicity:

3rd place: University High School
2nd place: Miramonte
1st place: The Harker School

For Middle School Scrapbook:

1st place: La Entrada Middle School

For Middle School T-Shirt:

3rd place: Harbor Day School
2nd place: La Entrada Middle School
1st place: Harker Middle School

For Middle School Banner:

3rd place: Harker Middle School
2nd place: Harbor Day Middle School
1st place: Crossroads Middle School

For Middle School Publicity:

2nd place: Crossroads Middle School
1st place: Harbor Day Middle School

CONVENTION WINNERS

Overall School Awards:

In Small Middle School Category:

- 3rd place:** Crossroads Middle
2nd place: Menlo Middle
1st place: CHD Academy

In Large Middle School Category:

- 3rd place:** Harbor Day School
2nd place: La Entrada
1st place: Harker Middle



In the Small High School Category:

- 3rd place:** Pacifica Christian High School
2nd place: Menlo School
1st place: CHD Academy



In the Medium High School Category:

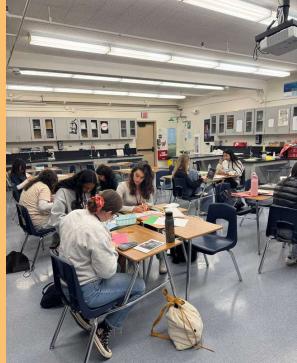
- 3rd place:** Crossroads High School
2nd place: St. Ignatius College Prep
1st place: The Harker School

In the Large Middle School Category:

- 3rd place:** Miramonte
2nd place: University High School
1st place: Sage Hill School



PHOTOS FROM CONVENTION



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