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Jessica Hu (L) and Edith Zhang (R) pose for a picture before a NJCL convention spirit contest (pV).

Welcome to a New Year of TJ Latin!

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Salvete, discipuli et discipulae, and a hardy welcome to a new year at TJ! I know, whether you're a lightning fast Certamen player, an expert in mythology, history, or grammar, a dedicated convention attendee, or a Latin "newbie" ready to explore your options in our fantastic Latin community, that we are all excited to dive into Latin. This year, the VJCL convention theme is a piece of Cicero's wisdom: "omnium enim rerum principia parva sunt," or "for the beginnings of all things are small." We can all, whether we're writing an English oratory or crafting a graphic art, thinking about founding our own start-up or exploring chaos theory and the Big Bang, or simply living our daily lives, find a valuable lesson in these words.

I know I am excited and honored to be guiding *The Scribe* in its second year of publication. I think we can all agree that *The Scribe's* inaugural editor, Anwar Omeish, did an amazing job last year. I hope to continue our newsletter's history of award-winning excellence. To make this year's newsletter the best it can be, we must all contribute. Do you have an opinion on a Latin-related event you'd like considered, or an announcement you'd like to make, or a drawing, cartoon, or piece of Latin, history, or mythology related writing you'd like to share with the TJ Latin community and beyond? Send it to the newsletter can become part of the mission to let everyone know what TJ Latin is all about.

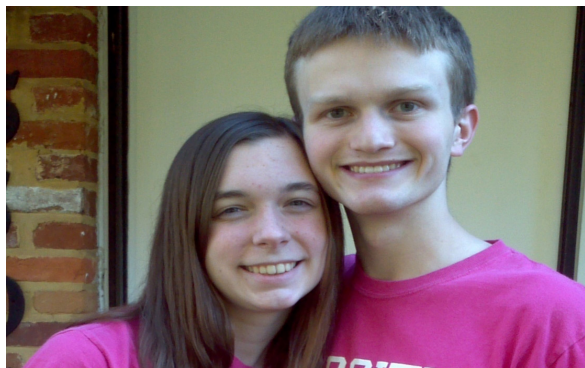
--Emma Hastings, LHS Auctor (2013-14)

Our Fearless Leaders, 2013-14

On Monday, September 30th, after an open forum and ice cream social with the many passionate, well-qualified candidates for LHS office, Latin Honor Society members voted in this year's officer elections. With the votes tallied and results announced, fifteen officers currently serve on the Executive Board, and eleven are new to the board this year.

Consuls (2)

Senior members of LHS executive board. Co-plan and run all activities. Do anything they are told to do by teachers.



Name: Lauren Mostrom

Grade, Level: 12, V

Conventions: 1 state, 2 national

Favorite Word: pudibunda

Favorite Author: Ovid

New Ideas: I think it would be good to set up a buddy system for certamen and one-on-one tutoring, so we can strengthen our "Latin family" while also providing a direct point of contact for help.

Personal Statement: "My study of Latin has given me great friends and a better understanding of the world. I wouldn't trade it for anything!"

Name: Andrew Coffee

Grade, Level: 12, V

Conventions: 4 state, 4 national

Favorite Word: Hebdomas

Favorite Author: Ovid

New Ideas: We should work to and deal with unforeseen changes while TJ copes with the renovation. We must continue to provide all aspects of LHS that everyone knows and loves.

Personal Statement: "Just to reiterate a point, WIN OR DIE."

Praetor Maximus

Organizes publicity and community service. Monitors NJCL Service Activities and report them to the Executive Board



Name: Nolan Kataoka

Grade, Level: 11, AP

Conventions: 3 state, 2 national

Favorite Word: vincens

Favorite Author: Tiberius Catius Asconius Silius Italicus

New Ideas: Document current activities and create new ones this year so we can actually enter the Publicity Contest next year.

Personal Statement: "Since Gaia emerged from Chaos, I knew that my soul was sold to TJ Latin. Now I have come to pay up. And I couldn't resist the opportunity to work with Orchi, the other awesome Praetor!"

Praetor Magnus

Organizes spirit. Assists with event themes. Works with Praetor Maximus on community service and publicity



Name: Orchi Banerjee

Grade, Level: 11, AP

Conventions: 2 state, 0 national

Favorite Word: diva

Favorite Author: Vergil

New Ideas: New types of community service projects, and other local outreach programs. For example, extending our Latin program into local elementary and middle schools to raise awareness and a new level of appreciation for the Classics. Also, I'll collaborate with the praetor maximus to develop new ideas for publicity, so that we can spread the word about our program.

Personal Statement: "I've given my all to TJ Latin for the past two years, whether it was through Certamen, convention, or Latin Club Events and extracurricular tests, and I've enjoyed every moment of it! By being an officer, I want to inspire other students to develop the same passion and interest in the Classics. I love Latin because of all the knowledge and experience it has provided me with, and I hope to make others feel the same!"

Censor

Takes notes at all Executive Board meetings. Advertises all events for the LHS. Keeps attendance.



Name: Aneesh Susarla
Grade, Level: 10, III
Conventions: 1 state, 0 national
Favorite Word: Potestas
Favorite Author: Apuleius
New Ideas: Increased involvement through social media, Suggestion box, increased turn-out to events.

Personal Statement: "I started Latin in 7th grade at middle school, and have loved it every step of the way. Latin has allowed me to learn many things, and grow as a person through different interactions. As Censor I hope to meet new people in the "Latin Cult", and have fun throughout the year!"

Tribune

Schedules and organizes accessible record of tutors and service. Works with magistrae to plan session dates.



Name: Jeffrey Horowitz
Grade, Level: 12, AP
Conventions: 2 state, 1 national
Favorite Word: Plebs
Favorite Author: Catullus
New Ideas: Hold review sessions for the tutors to review material in earlier levels of Latin and create a system where someone can request for help and I can set them up with someone willing to tutor.

Personal Statement: "I think my first experience with Latin outside of the class was the at Certamen practice in the beginning of freshmen year. Although I was initially disappointed to find out that it wasn't mandatory,, in the long run it's been good that I got involved. Through Latin I have made great friends and enjoyed learning about Romans and the language."

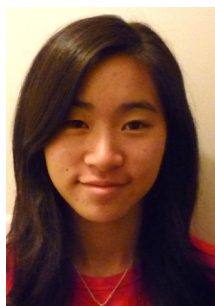
Reges Certaminis (3)

Attend 8th period Certamen sessions. Share lunch sessions with other Rex. Attend Certamina throughout the year.

Name: June Ge
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Conventions: 1 state, 1 national

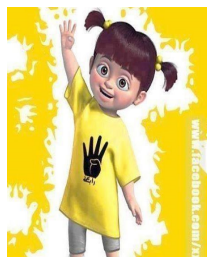
Favorite Word: Olim

Favorite Author: Catullus



New Ideas: This has already been implemented a few times, but having a Google Form for Certamen sign ups clears up attendance and team organization much more efficiently.

Personal Statement: "Ah, my beloved Certamen, keeping the Roman tradition of gruesome and occasionally violent competition alive in the form of a modern day quiz game. I count myself lucky to be among the ranks of the other Reges as we lead our teams to victory; vince aut morere, right?"



Name: Reem Mohamed
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Conventions: 1 state, 0 national
Favorite Word: glaebae
Favorite Author: Vergil

New Ideas: Advanced mini-lessons for younger Certamen players

Personal Statement: "I've been a regular attendee of Latin Club activities since Freshman year, and LHS has given me so much. Serving in the LHS board gives me a chance to give back and give younger students the wonderful opportunities I had."

Dominus Telae

Appointed. Updates website after each LHS event by adding pictures and text. Submits website to NJCL contests.



Name: Jay Devanathan
Grade: 12, AP
Conventions: 1 state, 1 national
Favorite Word: ferre
Favorite Author: Vergil

New Ideas : Expand on the Forum in the TJ Latin site as more of an online question and answer resource for Latin students/certamen players

Personal Statement: "As an officer, I want to contribute to the organization that's given so much to me throughout my high school life, and help make events and activities happen."

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Artifices (2)

Appointed. Create scrapbooks for conventions, TJ Latin T-Shirt, and ads. Work with Praetor Magnus on banner.



Name: Jessica Hu

Grade, Level: 11, III

Conventions: 2 state 1 national

Favorite Word: magnopere

Favorite Author: Horace

New Ideas: Coordinate with the dominus telae to create a short "scrapbook page" sneak peak every month for Latin students to keep updated.

Personal Statement: "I've always enjoyed art and scrapbooking. TJ Latin has provided me with many enjoyable experiences, and I'd like to contribute my skills to keeping up such a great program!"

Name: Bobbie Sheng

Grade, Level: 11, AP

Conventions: 2 state, 0 national

Favorite Word: animus

Favorite Author: Catullus

New Ideas: Create and update more bulletin boards, start online database of Latin Club photos.

Personal Statement: "I have loved to express myself through art ever since I was very young, and as an artifex I'm so excited that I'll finally be able to use my love for art and design to help the TJ Latin Club get all the attention it deserves!"

Auctor

Writes bimonthly newsletters for the Latin program and articles for the PTSA. Manages publicity and officer reports.



Name: Emma Hastings

Grade, Level: 12, V

Conventions: 3 state, 1 national

Favorite Word: rivalis

Favorite Author: Ovid

New ideas: Adding challenges and art submission contests to the newsletter.

Personal statement: "I couldn't be more excited to give back to the wonderful Latin community by being your editor."

Proconsul(2)

Appointed. Assist in leading the TJ delegation. Do anything they are told to do by teachers. Act as consular assistants.



Name: Anthony Carrington

Grade, Level: 12, V

Conventions: 2 state, 3 national

Favorite Word: Forsan

Favorite Author: Ovid

New Ideas: This year I'd like to stay really involved with Certamen and help with publicity, so we can place at Nationals

Personal Statement: "I love Latin. I don't want to believe it's my last year here. TJ Latin has truly become my family during my time here at TJ. I loved serving as Certamen Coordinator last year, and I am super excited for the year to come!"

Name: Anwar Omeish

Grade, Level: 12, V



Conventions: 3 state, 2 national

Favorite Author: Ovid

New Ideas: Continuing and expanding the elementary school outreach program, and expanding TJ's access to resources in the VJCL and beyond.

Personal Statement: Over the past three years of Latin, I've been able to immerse myself in language and civilization while pursuing both leadership and service. I look forward to expanding this involvement as Pro-Consul in the next year.

VJCL Historian



Name: Jeong-In Seo

Grade, Level: 11, III

Conventions: 2 state, 1 national

Favorite Word: luna

Favorite Author: Ovid

Personal Statement: I helped out our previous artifices a little last year, and it was just really fun for me. This year,

I would like to fully participate in the activities. Even if there is a lot of work, I know I'm going to enjoy spending my time for Latin.

TJHSST, VJCL Excel at NJCL Convention

This summer from July 22nd to 27th, more than twenty TJ students attended the 60th annual National Junior Classical League Convention at Las Vegas University for a week full of Latin fun in every form. From vigorous studying to attending fascinating 'discamus' sessions to screaming themselves hoarse during spirit to just hanging out with Latin-loving students from across the country, everyone had an amazing, Classics-filled experience.

For two days before the convention started, TJ students went on their own excursion throughout Las Vegas and surrounding areas, touring Treasure Island, Caesar's Palace, the Venetian, and a host of other casinos, and visiting the Hoover Dam. TJ students had a highly fruitful time



at the convention, competing in academic, creative, graphic and athletic contests. TJ's large traditional scrapbook, created by the talented duo of "the girls," Michelle Lee (G) and Jackie Lee (G), and our newsletter *The Scribe*, edited by Anwar Omeish (12), both won 1st place in the country. Robert Wharton (G) won 3rd in overall creative arts, and Edith Zhang (11) won 8th in overall Olympika events. We were also excited to support Molly Hemenway (G) as the NJCL Communication Coordinator. Another highlight came with the election of our very own Jeong In Seo (11) as elected VJCL Historian, along with Priya Gill as VJCL Editor. We wish them both luck.

The VJCL as a whole also had a successful convention, winning several national awards. Virginia's

NJCL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Category: Place, Name (Level)

ACADEMICS

Ancient Geography: 5, Patrick Maribojoc (V+) **Classical Art:** 5, Lauren Mostrom (IV) **Classical Greek:** 7, Anant Das (II); 10, June Ge (III); 10, Robert Wharton (V+) **Greek Derivatives:** 6, Robert Wharton (V+); 7, Kevin Zeng (V+); 9, Michelle Lee (V+); 10, Morgan Cheatham (V+) **Greek Life and Literature:** 7, Anthony Carrington (IV) **Hellenic History:** 4, Patrick Maribojoc (V+) **Heptathlon:** 6, Emma Hastings (III); 6, Owen Hoffman (IV); 6, Robert Wharton (V+); 9, Jeff Horowitz (III); 10, June Ge (III) **Latin Derivatives:** 3, Owen Hoffman (IV); 7, Andrew Coffee (IV); 8, Robert Wharton (V+); 9, June Ge (III); 10, Molly Hemenway (V+) **Latin Grammar - Advanced:** 2, Owen Hoffman (IV); 4, Andrew Coffee (IV); 4, June Ge (IV); 5, Robert Wharton (V+); 8, Kevin Zeng (V+); 10, Morgan Cheatham (V+) **Latin Literature:** 4, Owen Hoffman (IV) **Latin Vocabulary:** 2, Owen Hoffman (IV); 5, Andrew Coffee (IV); 5, Robert Wharton (V+); 6, Emma Hastings (III); 10, Patrick Maribojoc (V+) **Mottoes:** 7, Morgan Cheatham (V+); 8, Jay Devanathan (III); 8, Molly Hemenway (V+); 9, Owen Hoffman (IV); 10, Andrew Coffee (IV); 10, Nolan Kataoka (III) **Mythology:** 2, Anthony Carrington (IV) **Reading Comprehension - Poetry:** 2, Robert Wharton (V+); 4, Andrew Coffee (IV); 4, Owen Hoffman (IV); 6, Emma Hastings (III); 7, Jacqueline Lee (V+); 8, Michelle Lee (V+); 10, Morgan Cheatham (V+) **Reading Comprehension - Prose:** 1, June Ge (III); 2, Robert Wharton (V+); 3, Owen Hoffman (IV); 4, Molly Hemenway (V+); 5, Andrew Coffee (IV); 6, Nolan Kataoka (III); 7, Anwar Omeish (IV); 8, Patrick Maribojoc (V+); 8, Kevin Zeng (V+); 9, Emma Hastings (III) **Roman History:** 5, Kevin Zeng (V+); 9, Owen Hoffman (IV) **Roman Life:** 10, Emma Hastings (III)

CREATIVE ARTS

Costume: 7, Anwar Omeish (Jr. Girls) **Dramatic Interp. Prose:** 1, Robert Wharton (Sr. Boys); 3, Jay Devanathan (Jr. Boys); 3, June Ge (Soph. Girls) **Essay:** 3, Anthony Carrington (Jr. Boys); 3, Emma Hastings (Jr. Girls); 3, Patrick Maribojoc (V+); 5, Adam Goldstein (Soph. Boys); 5, Robert Wharton (Sr. Boys); 6, Anant Das (Soph. Boys); 7, Jay Devanathan (Jr. Boys) **Latin Oratory:** 2, Robert Wharton (V+); 4, Anant Das (II); 7, Jay Devanathan (III); 10, Emma Hastings (III) **Sight Latin Poetry:** 2, Robert Wharton (Sr. Boys) **Sight Latin Prose:** 5, Anwar Omeish (Jr. Girls); 5, John Wilkes (Jr. Boys); 6, June Ge (Soph. Girls); 7, Andrew Coffee (Jr. Boys); 10, Emma Hastings (Jr. Girls)

GRAPHIC ARTS

Black Ink: 2, Morgan Cheatham (12); 2, Jeong In Seo (10) **Black Pencil:** 1, Jeong In Seo (10); 6, Edith Zhang (10) **Cartoons:** 3, June Ge (10) **Charcoal:** 2, Edith Zhang (10) **Charts - Drawn:** 9, Morgan Cheatham (12); 10, Anwar Omeish (11) **Colored Pencil:** 4, Jessica Hu (10); 9, Edith Zhang (10) **Computer Photo:** 4, Anwar Omeish (11); 4, Anant Das (10) **Decorative Stitching:** 3, Anwar Omeish (10-12) **Illustrated Quotes:** 5, Noah Shin (10-12); 7, Anwar Omeish (10-12) **Impromptu Art:** 1, Jessica Hu (10); 9, Edith Zhang (10) **Jewelry:** 8, Noah Shin (10-12) **Large Models:** 4, Noah Shin (10-12) **Maps - Drawn:** 1, June Ge (10) **Mixed Media:** 1, Jeong In Seo (10); 2, Edith Zhang (10) **Multimedia:** 3, Anwar Omeish (10-12) **Posters:** 4, Anwar Omeish (10-12) **Small Models:** 10, Noah Shin (10-12) **Textiles:** 3, Anwar Omeish (11-12) **Traditional Photo:** 9, Anant Das (10) **Watercolor:** 6, Edith Zhang (10); 7, Jessica Hu (10)

OLYMPIKA & LUDI

200 Meter Track: 1, Kevin Zeng (Sr. Boys); 1, Edith Zhang (Soph. Girls) **400 Meter Track:** 1, Edith Zhang (Soph. Girls); 2, Kevin Zeng (Sr. Boys) **50-yd Breaststroke:** 1, Edith Zhang (Soph. Girls) **50-yd Butterfly:** 4, Edith Zhang (Soph. Girls) **50-yd Freestyle:** 3, Edith Zhang (Soph. Girls)

three Certamen teams performed admirably, with the Novice team achieving 3rd place, the Intermediate team placed 6th, and the Advanced team, counting TJ's own Owen Hoffman (12) among its ranks of the best Certamen players in the state, placed 4th. Virginia also took home a

well-deserved 1st in the spirit competition for large delegations, a 3rd in the clever and fun Roll Call competition, and 1st in state chapter growth.

Next year's convention will take place from July 28th to August 2nd at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Stay tuned for further details.



LHS Welcomes New Members

On October 9th, 2013, the atmosphere was abuzz with excitement as students poured into the darkened upstairs café and took their seats in front of the “altar” adorned with candles, flowers, and columns. Magistrae Conklin and Lister inducted the latest group of eager Latin students into the Latin Honor Society, assisted by this year’s team of student officers. Through a mysterious ceremony full of secret rites, undying wisdom, and inside jokes only a Latin student could appreciate, the latest round of TJ students entered into a family of Classics fans like no other.

To join the Latin Honor Society, students have to be in their third year of Latin and maintain at least a B in the class. They are also required to spend two eight period blocks tutoring other Latin students in need. But beyond these written obligations, LHS members also have a duty to uphold and spread the knowledge and love of Latin and Greek in all their forms, and to help their fellow Latin

students in any and every capacity. 91 new Latin students were brought into the exulted ranks of the LHS, bringing our total membership to 152, 13 more than last year! We are all excited to see our Latin program grow, and know that each new year will bring more and more students into our family. To the new inductees, bonam fortunam!

LHS inductees this year were Peter Andringa, Saaketh Anjutgi, Pranav Balan, Jacob Benheim, Aldrayne Cabansag, Bradford Case, Abhimanyu Chadha, Haarika Chalasani, Colin Chen, Sandra Cho, Hyun Seok Choi, Caroline Culberson, Anant Das, Stephen Dempsey, Patrick Do, Venkata Doodala, Catherine Frank, Sairisheel Gabbi Reddy, Krishna Gadde, Ryan Golant, Jay Gupta, Alison Hau, George Ho, Joyce Hong, Chloe How, Jason Hu, Jessica Hu, Junyoung Hwang, Matthew Hwang, Catherine Im, Catherine Jin, Alexis Jenkins, Abishek Karkar, Anjali Khanna, Hyo Won Kim, Joshua Kim, Samuel Kim, Samuel Koser, Wade Kovalik, Min Jae Kwon, Jonathan Lee, Raymond Lemanski, Joshua Levy, Christine H. Li, Christine J. Li, Andrew Li-

ang, Eli Lifland, Christopher Liu, Ray Liu, Michael Mace, Rahul Madala, Olivia Marcantonio, Gabriel Margolis, John Morris, Bhuvanesh Murali, Shirali Nigam, Robert O’Connell, Daniel Oh, Matthew Park, Vooaha Putalapattu, Risheek Rajolu, Justin Redman, Michael Rodriguez, Emily Rogers, Kevin Salassi, Alessandra Scholle, Jeong In Seo, Nirmaan Shankar, Noah Shin, Arya Sivadhanam, Miryeng Song, Matthew Sun, Aneesh Susarla, Bill Tang, Sage Teasley, Jason Thomas, Anna Tursi, Rachel Vasta, Kaushik Venkatesh, Julian Villacorta, Tarun Vippra, Zachary Wade, Akhil Waghmare, Joie Wang, Anuraag Yachamaneni, Hitesh Yalamanchili, Jaehee Yang, Stella Yang, Edith Zhang, Sally Zhou, and Nicholas Zugris.



Certamen Season Begins at SSSAS

October 26th marked the start to the 2013-2014 Latin Certamen Season! This “Kick-Off Certamen”, held at St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Virginia, was a huge success. Latin students from all across Virginia united again, reminiscing of old times, speaking feverishly about the woes of Dido, and partaking in everything else that defines JCLove.

TJ Certamen, one of the largest groups at the event, brought with it eight teams, two on each level. All teams played extremely well, lighting TJ Certamen’s seasonal torch with bright, victorious colors. Our Latin I team of Arjun Guidroz, Daniel Li, and sisters Sneha and Ramya Ravi placed second, and the other Latin I team of Milana Wolff, Danny Guo, Joseph Chen, Joseph Park, and Joseph Chong placed fifth. These places were huge

achievements for students all playing in their first Certamen ever. The level II team took home fifth place. The level II team of Andrew Huang, Hector Moon, Daniel Chae, and Akshay Balaji placed fifth. The level III team of Ryan Golant, Minjae Kwon, Michael Rodriguez, and Bill Tang, also fought diligently, missing first

and earning second place by a close ten points. Finally, the upper level A team, composed of veterans Anthony Carrington, Andrew Coffee, Owen Hoffman, and Lauren Mostrom, took home a sizeable first place, and the B team of Sienna Lotenberg, Orchi Banerjee, Peter Kim, and John Wilkes earned sixth place. With all these fantastic places, TJ certamen has begun the year with triumph and a fortuitous omen of victories to come.

The friendly competition, camaraderie, and love for Latin that was present throughout the Certamen truly made it an event worth attending.

--Anthony Carrington



Historical Event of the Month(s): Battle of Zama

October 19th, 202 BC marked a resounding triumph for the Roman Republic. Rome had been contending for years with the formidable Carthaginian general Hannibal Barca and his war elephants in Italy when the brave young general Publius Cornelius Scipio decided to take the fight to the Carthaginian home land. After convincing the reluctant Senate to approve his bold plan, Scipio invaded Africa and engaged with Hannibal's troops. Because of Scipio's brilliant strategy, the Romans were victorious in this final decisive battle of the Second Punic War. The Carthaginians soon surrendered, Scipio was given the agnomen "Africanus" to commemorate his victory, and the Romans became the undisputed power of the Mediterranean.

Upcoming Events

Convention Spirit Props

Wed 11/13 A & B Block

Convention Spirit Practice

Fri 11/15 A Block

Convention Spirit Practice

Mon 11/18 B Block

Mandatory Convention Meeting

Fri 11/22 A & B Block

VJCL Convention

Sun 11/24 - Mon 11/25

Certamen Scoreboard

	I	II	III	IV+
Kickoff	2	5	2	1

Bimonthly Challenge

Find and translate all Latin phrases in this issue of *The Scribe*.

Winner will receive a \$5 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Send answers to LHSeditor@gmail.com.

Mythology of the Month(s): Ceres and Proserpina

Ceres was the goddess of agriculture, and Romans prayed and sacrificed to her to ensure that their crops produced a bountiful harvest. When Ceres' beloved daughter, Proserpina, was kidnapped by Pluto and taken to the underworld, she was bereft. Jupiter eventually ordered Pluto to return Proserpina to her distraught mother, but not before the girl had eaten four pomegranate seeds. Because she ate of the fruit of the underworld, Proserpina was forced to return there for four months of the year. When she was gone, Ceres, seized by grief, let all the plants wither, causing winter. When she returned, a joyous summer bloomed, and in fall, before she had to leave, Ceres turned the leaves Proserpina's favorite colors: orange, red, and brown.



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Students pose in the airport on the way
back from NJCL convention