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Clockwise from top left: 1. At Nationals, the California Delegation takes a photo together. The delegation traveled to Alabama to attend convention. 2. Garrett Louie, Kiana Hu, and Brendan McFeeley represent California on the Intermediate Certamen team. 3. Trying garum (Roman fish sauce) at a colloquia, Adam Warren and Ella Nelson enjoy their time at convention.

MIRAMONTE LATIN ATTENDS NJCL CONVENTION.

Article by: Kiana Hu (Latin III)

It was ALMOST a perfect trip. No flight delays, cancellations, overbookings, anything. But on the way back to the airport, our bus broke down. Thus confirming that Miramonte Latin indeed has a bus curse. Let's not dwell on the bus curse, however. The six days we spent in Troy, Alabama, were ones to remember. This year, we had 12 Mats attend Nationals out of the 39 California delegates: Adam, Amanda, Amrita, Athena, Brendan, Cecily, Ella, Garrett, Gil, Theo, Zahra, and I. The first night at state

fellowship was full of excitement: reuniting with old friends, meeting new people, and getting ready for a packed schedule of Latin. This year, five Mats participated in the highly competitive Latin Jeopardy rounds, choosing to sacrifice many hours to buzzer practice. The California intermediate team did our state proud, winning all three of their preliminary rounds and advancing to semifinals as 7th seed. Although the novice and advanced team did not make semifinals, both teams did admirably against

tough opponents. Many of our delegates participated in other events, including academic testing, colloquia sessions, creative and graphic arts contests, and Olympika sports. There's always huge variety of activities to do, and each person's story is different.

**Disclaimer: this article in no way covers all the events and amazing memories made at nats. For more funny stories, please don't hesitate to come up to me and ask me or anyone else there about it! All photos from MHS Latin or CAJCL Twitter or my phone.*

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WHAT IS CERTAMEN?

Article by: Theodore Herring (Latin IV)

Do you love Latin? Do you have the competitive spirit of a gladiator? Do you want to win honor and glory? Then you should join Miramonte Certamen! But wait, what is Certamen? Certamen, commonly referred to as “Latin Jeopardy!”, is a competitive, buzzer-style game played by Latin students across the country. In Certamen, three teams of four face off against each other in a battle of the classics. Proctors will ask questions on anything and everything Latin related: mythology, Roman history,

derivatives, vocabulary, and grammar. Every year, our Certamen teams compete at a qualifying tournament in March and again at State Convention in April. In 2017, our Latin II team placed first and our Latin III team placed third at State Convention! You may wonder, why should I join Certamen? Joining Certamen is a great way to get involved in Latin Club. You get to make new friends with other Latin students at Miramonte, and you also have the opportunity to interact with students across the state. Additionally, if your team gets first, second, or third at Convention, not only do you get pretty ribbons, but you will also get a plaque on Magister Davis’ wall with your group photo!

Miramonte Certamen practices are inclusive to all Latin students, so we highly encourage that students who are considering joining Miramonte Certamen stop by the Latin room on any Tuesday to check out our practices. If you would like more information about Certamen, you can ask Magister Davis or Latin officer Theo Herring for more information. You can also email Theo at theodore.herring18@auhsdschools.org if you have any questions.



JOKE
OF THE
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Mother:
Julius, how
was school
today?

**Julius
Caesar:**
I came,
I saw, I
colored.

ROAMIN' AROUND

Article by: Garrett Louie (Latin III)

Would you like to travel to Rome for two weeks touring the most famous classical landmarks while reading ancient texts and speaking Latin? This summer I was blessed to partake in the Paideia Institute's "Living Latin in Rome: High School" program - its sixth iteration. I love Latin, I love antiquity, and the city of Rome holds two millennia of history. Through the ages, the Latin language has also left its own legacy on the city. Rome of course is host to nearly every era of the language's history. We can plainly see that Latin was, as any other tongue, written with shorthand, cheated grammar, and a host of other "mistakes". So how did I spend those two glorious weeks? In the morning I ran. I ran around the Circus Maximus, and I ran the same path as thousands of horses in antiquity. After breakfast, I typically devoted the remainder of morning to working in a classroom. In addition to class we also prepared our own handwritten performances of Ovid's stories, myself taking the part of Thisbe in the OG Romeo

& Juliet. Perhaps six hours a day, we traversed the cobbled streets of Rome. Museums, churches, necropolis, ruins, Renaissance structures, and even a mountain of pottery, we wasted no time. I can't begin to describe the priceless experiences of standing atop the buried ruins of the Tabularium staring down at the Forum Romanum or stroking the millennia old cobblestones of the Via Appia. However, it was the people who made the program what it was. The instructors, radiating with passion, were knowledgeable, friendly, and always happy to explain etymology. I had five teachers and seventeen fellow students who hailed from the east coast, west coast, China, Australia, and Madagascar. Among them are some incredible friends who've changed my life and imparted unto me what it truly takes to become a better human. Yet most of all I will never forget the hugs and tears which separated and reunited us when our magic weeks together had finally come to a close. Or was it simply a new beginning?

published things. All of her children survived, and she is the mother of the Gracchi. And then, I love Agrippa, who is later on in the Roman empire, because he is kind of like Augustus's right hand man. Even though he dies and we don't really know a lot about him, he seems like such a solid, upright guy. And then, I would say in terms of a non-Roman figure, they are all captivating, but Hannibal is so fascinating.

What unit of the year are you most excited for?

For Latin III, when we get into Sallust and Cicero, because that is a unit I designed with Magister when I was student teaching, so I have already done it.

What was your favorite part of Latin in high school?

The vocabulary. I love learning new words and I like getting students excited about learning new words. Because the more you learn, the more you make connections between things and there are so many hidden gems in vocabulary.

What piece of advice do you have for all Latin students?

I would say see learning Latin as like learning to ride a bike. It takes practice. It takes a lot of practice and constant practice, all of the time. I would say to keep at it and figure out what you love. Maybe it is the history, maybe it is the archaeology, maybe it's reading a certain author, find something and get interested in that. Also, the people who take Latin are so interesting.



AN INTERVIEW WITH NEW LATIN TEACHER: MAGISTRA MULLOWNEY

What are you teaching this year?

This year I am teaching two sections of Latin II, 1 section of Latin III, and two sections of AP Euro.

What's your favorite part of the Latin curriculum?

What I love about teaching Latin is that the Classics field offers something for everybody. So whether you are interested in the language, the literature, the art, the architecture, the archaeology, there is something for every student.

Who is your favorite historical figure?

In a general sense, anything to do with ancient women. So, I would say my favorite of the women is Cornelia: the daughter of Scipio Africanus. She is the most amazing person. People do not realize that she had her own salons and wrote her own poetry and

Gracchi. And then, I love Agrippa, who is later on in the Roman empire, because he is kind of like Augustus's right hand man. Even though he dies and we don't really know a lot about him, he seems like such a solid, upright guy. And then, I would say in terms of a non-Roman figure, they are all captivating, but Hannibal is so fascinating.



WELCOME BACK MATS!

Article by: Zahra Hasanain (Latin IV)

Salvete Omnes!

Welcome to Miramonte Latin Club! As a member of Latin Club, you will be a part of the largest club and oldest club on campus. With more than 200 members and countless weekly activities, Latin Club constantly preserves the memory of ancient civilization while also providing a friendly, vibrant, and tight-knit community for every kind of student.

What exactly does Latin Club do? Latin Club partakes in so many activities throughout the year that it's better to come out to those activities and witness the magic of Latin

Club for yourself. As long as you remain respectful and courteous, you are all welcome to come to Latin Club activities and give your input at Officers Meetings every Wednesday.

Basics aside, an especially unique aspect of Latin Club is that everyone has a place. Whether you're into art, athletics, academics, planning, or just plain socializing, there will be opportunities throughout the year for you to showcase your passions as they relate to Latin. You don't have to be an amazing Latin student academically to find your niche in Latin Club!

And lastly, Latin Club would be nothing without the

tremendous support of our teachers, Magister Davis and Magistra Mullowney. There's an excerpt from a famous ode by the Latin poet Horace that we recite at the start of each Latin class which begins: Exegi monumentum aere perennius, or "I have built a monument more lasting than bronze." Both Magister Davis and Magistra Mullowney aid and advise Latin Club so that we can build truly great monuments that will last for years to come.

E Corde,

Zahra Hasanain
Caesar of Miramonte Latin Club, 2017-2018



Clockwise from top left: 1. Miramonte Latin Club started the year by bringing the chariot onto the Quad. 2. At the officer BBQ, the new officers bonded and prepared for the coming year. They started off by playing the human knot. 3. With the chariot, Theodore Herring and Garret Louie celebrate the start of a new year full of glory.

MEET THE CAESARS: THE LEADERS OF MIRAMONTE LATIN CLUB

Article by: Izzy Gravano and Caroline Rickson (Latin IV)



CAESAR: ZAHRA HASANAIN (LATIN IV)

Zahra Hasanain is a senior and Caesar (president) of Miramonte Latin Club. As Caesar, she runs officers meetings, and oversees all Latin Club affairs. She is most excited to start new Miramonte Latin Club traditions and activities, so talk to her if you have any ideas or suggestions! In her spare time, Zahra likes to watch old movies, write poetry, and read Wikipedia!



SECUNDUS CAESAR: GIL PELED (LATIN III)

Yo, Gil's the name Latin's the game. I'm this years Latin Club Vice President and ready to kick some 'praeda maxima' (large booty). I enjoy hugs, video games, organizing, and science. If you see me in the halls feel free to say 'salve' to me, I'll probably silently judge you though. Over the next year I look forward to recruiting y'all into the Latin cult and having some 'infirmus assinus' (sick butt) events. Also Lupercalia is my favorite Roman event, Daily life my study, and Vetrivius my boy.



TERTIUS CAESAR: ATHENA DAVIS (LATIN II)

Salve! I am so excited to be your Tertius Caesar this year. My job is to organize community service, and bring snacks to meetings. I run a Latin memes account (@classical.latin.memes), and I love the JCL!



LETTER FROM YOUR 2017-2018 EDITORS

Article by: Izzy Gravano and Caroline Ricksen (Latin IV)

Salvete Omnes!

This is Izzy Gravano and Caroline Ricksen, the 2017-2018 Latin Club Consul Editors! We are SO excited for a fabulous year.

To inaugurate the first issue, we thought we would outline some of our goals and missions for this upcoming year.

First, we want input from ALL levels of Latin students! This publication is not just for those heavily involved in Latin Club or Certamen experts. If you have something to say, we want to hear it! Whether it's an update on what's going on in each level of Latin, or an article showcasing how Latin is useful outside of the classroom, we want this space to be all inclusive. But the only way we can do that is if you, submit work, so please email us at miramonteconsul@gmail.com, or come find us another way!

Second, we want your help even if you aren't super interested in writing for us because there are other ways to get involved! We will print art, poems, jokes, riddles, advertisements for upcoming events on campus, and pretty much anything you can think of as long as it supports MHS Latin Club and is respectful and appropriate.

Lastly, we want the Consul to reach as many people as possible. As members of Latin Club, we know that what we do is awesome, but we want to spread awareness of all the great things that we do to the greater community. So feel free to pass a copy along to your friends, family, and anyone else so we can share all the glory that Latin Club brings! We hope you enjoy and we look forward to working with you all this year! Go Mats!

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