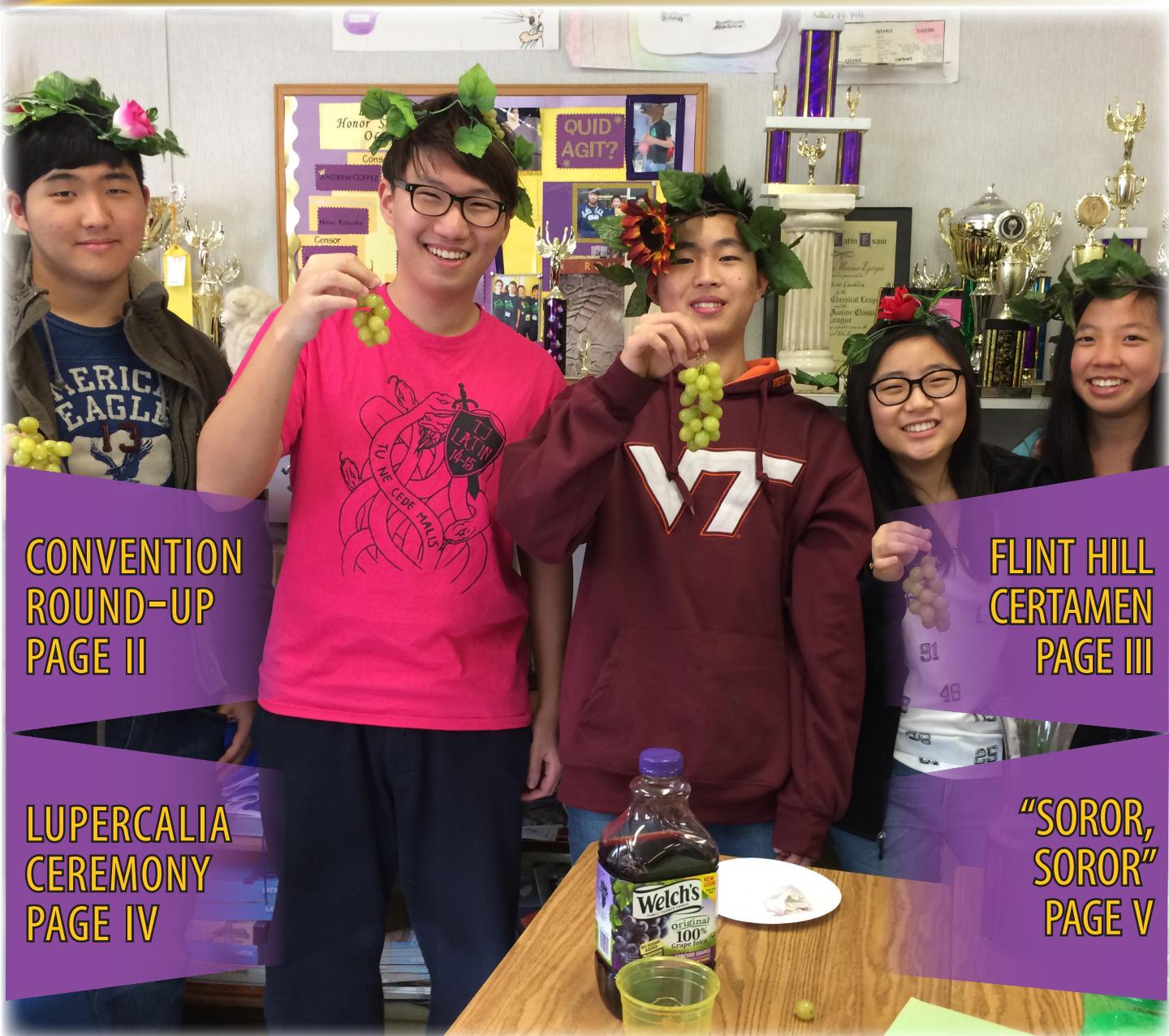


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Overcome Misfortunes With Latin

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Though we have faced a bitter winter with school cancellations and snow days, the warm spring is rapidly approaching as the cold comes to an end.

This winter season, TJ Latin has accomplished many triumphs, from winning awards at the annual Virginia Junior Classical League (VJCL) Convention to enjoying events like Saturnalia and Lupercalia.

However, many may have also struggled physically, academically, and mentally this quarter with piles of homework, endless tests, and the blistering cold. As this year's theme goes, "Yield not to misfortunates, but advance more boldly against them," tackling large tasks seem daunting, but do not forget that the TJ Latin community is here to help you overcome such misfortunates as best we can. With eighth periods featuring friendly tutors and stress-relieving activities hosted by the Latin Honor Society (LHS), hopefully you will be able to advance more boldly—and we will be there behind you.

Though Seneca the Younger once wrote, "*Non est ad astra mollis e terris via;*" which translates to "There is no easy way from the earth to the stars," remember that there are so many upcoming activities to help you: Certamen events, fun activities such as Rome's birthday, and other in-class art projects. With this in mind, let us spend the rest of the year helping each other advance more boldly. Together, we can all make the difficult passage to the stars.

—Sandy Cho, 2014-15 TJ LHS Editor

convention & cōmissātiō

TJ Latin Succeed at VJCL Convention

"Ite pugna, vince nocte, salta de, Medusam caede!" Thunderous cheers of TJ students echo in the auditorium of the annual Virginia Junior Classical League (VJCL) convention held from Nov. 24-25.

Bracing the Richmond cold in bright pink shirts and wielding colorful wooden shields, approximately 100 TJ Latin comrades traveled to take part in the VJCL con-



Junior Bradford Case performs the winning dramatic interpretation of a scene from Vergil's *Aeneid*.

vention and continue their love for the ancient culture. Students immersed themselves by taking exams, submitting art projects, and making new friends across the state.

This year's theme originated from Vergil's *Aeneid*: "Tu ne cede malis sed contra audentior ito," translating to "Yield not to misfortunes, but advance all the more boldly against them." Inspired by the theme, officers of the Latin Honor Society (LHS) planned shirts and spirit gear to mirror the thrilling mythology of hero Perseus and monster Medusa. Leading the cheers, several officers donned green hats with pipe-cleaners as Medusa.

In all, TJ students took home many awards. In particular, junior Bradford Case received Best in Show for Dramatic Interpretation for boys advanced

poetry and performed a passage from Vergil's *Aeneid* to the entire delegation.

In addition, some students scored high enough to take home one of the top ten Sweepstakes award. Senior June Ge placed second for seniors. Juniors Daniel Chae, Ryan Golant, and Michael Rodriguez received third, ninth, and 10th place, respectively. Sophomores Stephanie Do, Akshay Balaji, Katie Tam, and Rebecca Mays received sixth, eighth, ninth, and 10th place, respectively. Freshmen Jake Kim, Minyoung Hwang, and Kevin Le took home seventh, ninth, and 10th place, respectively.



Donning black hat and waving shields, TJ Latin students cheer as they enter the auditorium for the morning General Assembly on Nov. 24.

Latin 2 Students Experience Cōmissātiō

Feasting on crackers, grapes, and cheese, while enjoying cups of grape juice and Sprite, Latin 2 students celebrated a unit of learning about cōmissātiō parties by enjoying one on Feb. 5.

After dinner, Roman men would engage in rounds of drinking wine at cōmissātiō gatherings. Wearing coronas, which are garlands worn on the head, they would also play dice game with a tali.

Following the ancient traditions, students of Magistra Conklin's class brought in food and played games with dice. Students of Magistra Lister's first and fourth period classes incorporated entertainment by performing musical pieces and reciting poetry. In fact, 10 students submitted entries for the "glires" (dormice) contest, and made other Roman recipes to share.

"It is quite remarkable to know that Romans who lived 20 centuries ago had this much fun," sophomore Soonyong Park said.



Freshman Gopika Rajanikanth and Medhini Rachamallu, and sophomores Lada Semicheva, Grey Golla, and Nam Tran Nguyen pose for the camera at the Feb. 5 cōmissātiō.

Certamen Team Excels at Flint Hill

Tackling the infamous Flint Hill Certamen on Jan. 10, the TJ Certamen Team performed well at its first competition of 2015.

Freshmen Kevin Le, John Kim, Minyoung Hwang, Henna Nam, Stephan Seo, and Katherine Yang made up the Latin 1 team. They racked up 520 points in the preliminaries and reached the finals, eventually cinching first place. In fact, this is only the Latin 1 team's second Certamen.

The Latin II level sent three teams to compete. A team, consisting of sophomores Joseph Park and Milana Wolff and freshmen John Erskine and Katherine Barbano, came in with 210 points and placed fifth. B team, consisting of freshmen Anna Lulushi, Vanshika Narala, Anirban Mahanty, and Pradyuta Padmanabhan, got 130 points. Lastly, C team, consisting of freshmen Rohan Valluri, Miltitsa Sotirova, Medhini Rachamallu, Supriya Savaram, and Adithi Ramakrishnan, ended with 280 points and walked away with fourth place.

Two Latin III teams competed,

as well. A team, consisting of sophomores Arjun Guidroz, Rebecca Mays, Sanjeevani "Sanji" Bhavsar, and Adam Kim, received 445 points in the preliminary round and advanced to finals, where they took home second place. B team, consisting of sophomores Kristin Myers, Katie Tam and freshman LeeYung Chang, got 115 points and a fourth place win.

Unfortunately for Upper level, B team, consisting of juniors Bill Tang and Hector Moon, made a valiant effort to play without two members and ended up with 70 points. A team, consisting of seniors June Ge and Peter Kim and juniors Ryan Golant and Junyoung Hwang, received 520 points



C team, consisting of freshmen Adithi Ramakrishnan, Supriya Savaram, Rohan Valluri, Medhini Rachamallu, and Miltitsa Sotirova, are all smiles for their fourth place win at the Jan. 10 Flint Hill Certamen.

in the preliminaries and cinched a third place ranking in the finals.

Overall, TJ Certamen was able to show off their smarts and wicked speed at this notoriously hard competition, and we look forward to more successes to come.

--
Junior Junyoung Hwang was a contributing reporter.

Latin Club Members Decorate Cookies

Hoping to fill in the winter days with some fun, LHS officers decided to hold a fun cookie-decorating eighth

period on Jan. 21.

From mythological heroes to maps of Italy, students channeled their inner pâtissiers to decorate large sugar cookies with frosting.

Overall, the delicious activity was a success and allowed students to be creative while appeasing their stomachs at the same time.

"The officers prepared a lot of really delicious cookies, and we all had so much fun," sophomore Christine Wang said.



Sophomore Christine Wang shows off her cookie decorated as a map of Italy.



Friends Send Love with Mittendamanti

Nearing the time for the annual Lupercalia celebration, students sent mittendamanti, which are candy grams with notes, to each other.

The pink notes featured ei-

ther a large heart or a goat, which the Romans sacrificed and celebrated for its fertility during Lupercalia.

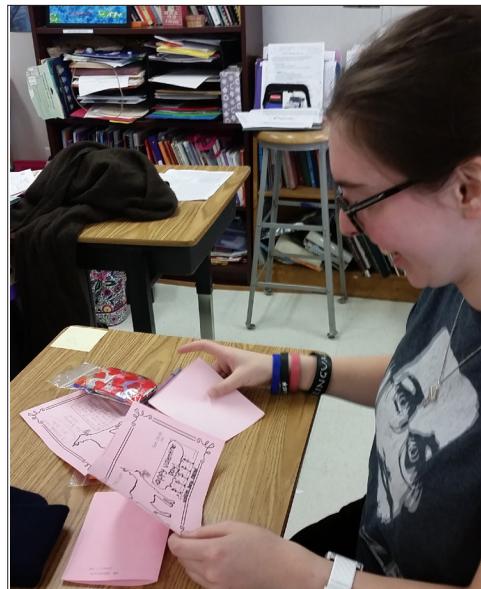
Just like last year, the proceeds from mittendamanti will go to Heifer International, an organization which provides animals such as goats and chickens to needy families so that they can raise and supplement with their income.

Overall, the Lupercalia season allows students to celebrate each other and help the world in need.

"I love celebrating Lupercalia each year because it's really such a fun holiday. It's really nice to just let your friends in Latin know how much you care about them with mittendamanti," junior Anjali Khanina said. "Plus, candy in the middle of class is a pleasant surprise."



Junior Habeen Chang shows off the candy and notes he's received from friends.



Junior Ally Scholle happily reads the mittendamanti notes her friends sent her.

Students Celebrate Lupercalia Festival

On Feb. 11, shouts of laughter filled the Latin trailers as students chased each other for the annual celebration of Lupercalia.

Before the Ides of February, the Ancient Romans honored Lupa, the she-wolf who cared for twins Romulus and Remus, with the Lupercalia festival. Men sacrificed a goat and dog, due to their fertility.

Likewise, TJ Latin students played a game similar to musical chairs in order to commemorate the holiday. They enjoyed spending time playing this game, especially as it was the last round for the departing seniors.

"Playing the Lupercalia game is always a lot of fun because there are so many roles you can end up playing," senior

Rachel Chon said. "It's been one of my favorite Latin activities throughout my years at TJ."



Freshman Robert Kim acts as the wolf, ready to break couples apart during the game.



Freshmen Faris Awan and Pradyuta Padmanabhan stand as a pair.



As Roman gods, juniors Bill Tang, Junyoung Hwang, and Min Jae Kwon watch over freshman Curtis Nichols after he had been broken up with his pair.

"Soror, Soror": Featured Latin Sisters

TJ Latin students may have been surprised to discover that there are two Christine Li's, both juniors, taking AP Latin -- however, the coincidences do not stop there. Both Fauna and Flora Li have little sisters, both freshmen,

who are taking Latin II as well.

Check out the special edition of "Featured Latin Student Profiles," featuring two sister pairs with bright smiles and love for Latin!

Lucy Li (9) and Christine Fauna Li (11)

Name: Lucy Li

What's your favorite Latin memory together? None, because the only Latin memories that we share would be mutual impatience when I ask Christine for Latin tutoring.

What makes having a sister in Latin so great? It's so great that I can receive free 24/7 Latin help.

What mythological pair would you be with your sister? Daedalus and Icarus

Describe each other in one Latin word: Jocosa



Name: Christine Fauna Li

What's your favorite Latin memory together? Helping her make a Latin storybook in middle school.

What makes having a sister in Latin so great? Wearing Latin t-shirts together!

What mythological pair would you be with your sister?

Apollo and Artemis (We're as different as night and day!)

Describe each other in one Latin word: Intemperate

Christine Flora Li (11) and Elizabeth Li (9)

Name: Christine Flora Li

Grade, Level: 11, AP Latin

What's your favorite Latin memory together? The night before Convention, we worked until 4 AM in the morning to finish our art projects. We definitely wouldn't have survived the night without each other's support.

What makes having a sister in Latin so great?

Having my sister in Latin is wonderful because I get to watch her knowledge and love for Latin grow. It brings back fond memories and let's us make new ones of our own.

What mythological pair would you be with your sister? Apollo and Diana

Describe each other in one Latin word: Cara

Name: Elizabeth Li

Grade, Level: 9, Latin II

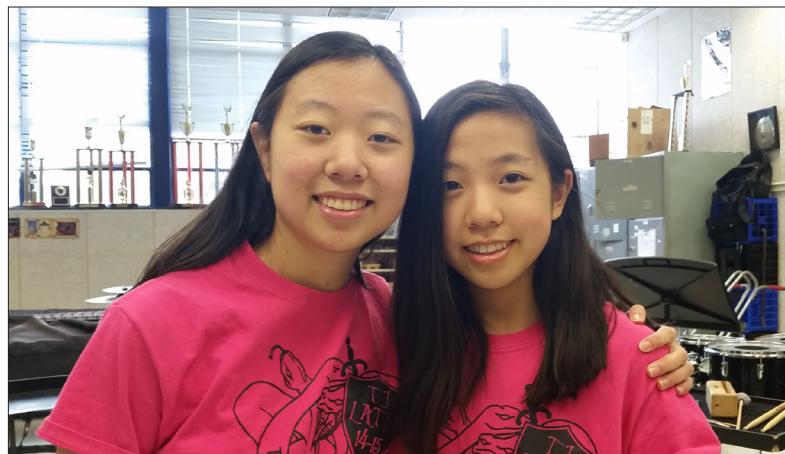
What's your favorite Latin memory together? Over the summer, my sister wrote my very first Latin test ever, and when she graded it, I ended up getting a B-. I don't think she'll ever let me live it down...

What makes having a sister in Latin so great? My sister is in AP Latin right now, so if I'm ever confused, she'll always be there to help me!

What

mythological pair would you be with your sister? Apollo and Diana

Describe each other in one Latin word: Optima



Featured Latin Student Profiles

Latin I



Name: Rithika Lanka; **Grade:** 9

Number of Conventions: I haven't been to any conventions, but I am hoping to go next year.

How you started: I started in middle school, because I wanted to learn about why J.K. Rowling chose certain names for people based off of Latin words.

Latin field of interest: My favorite field is mythology.

Involvement: I participate in Latin Club.

Favorite part of Latin: Latin Club eighth period activities

Best accomplishment: I haven't had a significant accomplishment in my Latin career at TJ, but I look forward to the next 4 years achieving many great things through the TJ Latin program!

AP Latin



Name: Bradford Case; **Grade:** 11

Conventions: 3 state, 0 national (hopefully 1 this summer!)

How you started: My school had everyone take Latin in 6th grade, and then we could choose from Latin, French, and Spanish for the next two years. My choice was easy!

Latin field of interest: Literature

Involvement: As part of TJ Latin, I have gotten minimum sleep at all 3 VJCL conventions and taken some pretty neat exams. Plus, I've never missed a T-shirt spirit day.

Best accomplishment: I had the incredible opportunity to give my dramatic interpretation of a passage from the Aeneid to thousands of Latin students at the last VJCL convention. It was both exciting and scary, but I couldn't stop smiling when I was done.

Name: Krishna Gadde; **Grade:** 11

Favorite word: Ergo

How you started: It seemed interesting and everyone said it would help with the SAT.

Latin field of interest: Grammar

Involvement in Latin: LHS, tutoring

Best accomplishment: Getting a perfect on the Latin 3 NLE.

Latin III



Name: Will Baxley; **Grade:** 10

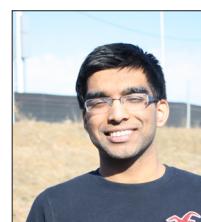
Conventions: None, though I intend for this number to change after next year.

How you started: I started Latin in 8th grade only because a number of my friends were taking it and I knew that I would have to take a language at some point. As it turned out, I had made an excellent decision, albeit for the wrong reasons.

Latin field of interest: Grammar

Involvement in Latin: I am currently a member of LHS and am in my second year of Latin Club. As far as Latin club goes, my participation is relatively limited – I try to go to the most important events, especially with ice cream as an incentive.

Best accomplishment: I was very proud to have scored in the top 3 in the Classical Association of Virginia (CAV) exam last year.



Name: Dhruv Gupta; **Grade:** 11

Favorite word: Umbo, umbonis

How you started: Latin 1 with Ms. Lister in Freshman year!

Latin field of interest: By far, Roman history! And, more specifically, Roman engineering.

Involvement in Latin: LHS, Latin Club, Tutoring

Best accomplishment: It's probably that I've never left a class in a bad mood.

Latin V



Name: Marcus Alder; **Grade:** 11

Conventions: 1 state, 0 national

How you started: I started Latin in 7th grade.

Latin field of interest: I don't really have a specific field of interest, but I'm studying lit so I can participate more in

certamen.

Involvement in Latin: I did certamen levels 1-3, and I'm trying to get back into it for this and next year. I've been in LHS since freshman year.

Best accomplishment: My greatest accomplishment in Latin overall is answering most of the questions and winning the Arlington certamen in 8th grade. My greatest accomplishment in TJ Latin is being the only junior left in Latin V.

QUID NOVI?

LATIN I

- Created tense posters and slave placards
- Learned neuter gender and dative cases
- Learning perfect tense and Roman culture



LATIN II

- Learned quam comparisons, comparatives and superlatives
- Created map projects
- Currently learning present participles

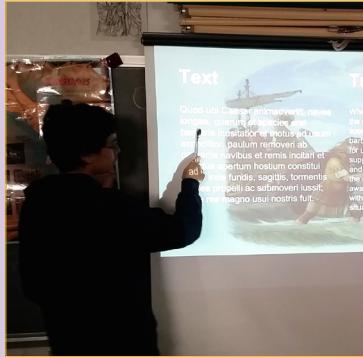


- Presented coin projects and military videos
- Currently translating Caesar and a narrative on competing centurions

LATIN III

AP LATIN

- Translating Caesar's *De Bello Gallico*
- Recently held presentations on chapters of Book IV of *DBG*



LATIN V

- Currently translating Vergil's *Orpheus and Eurydice* and *Metamorphoses*
- Finished translating Ovid's *Orpheus and Eurydice*



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