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Senior Ryan Haynie and Juniors Kristin Myers and Zara Batalvi show off their VJCL spirit

Welcome to a New Year of TJ Latin!

LHS Executive Board 2015-16

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Praetor Magnus	Wonseok Song
Censor	Ahnaf Khan
Tribune	Sanji Bhavsar
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Salvete v'omnes Whether you are a bright eyed and bushy tailed Latin I learning about Cornelia and Flavia walking in the field, or a hardened Latin 5 veteran reading Ovid's Metamorphosis, I welcome you to a new year of the glorious language of Latin. In store for us this year are a myriad of events ranging from Certamen competitions to Convention and everything in between. I hope you are as excited as I am for another splendid year of the classics.

Ubi Concordia, ibi Victoria. Where there is unity, there is victory. This Roman proverb is not only this year's Virginia Junior Classical League theme, but also something to keep in mind for our remaining time at TJ. Latin is more than a language; it is a family here at TJ and it is my dearest wish for all my fellow Colonials to remember we are all in this together. We are all part of something larger than ourselves - hoisting the glowing torch of the classics above our head to pass on to a future generation; but we can only accomplish that through community and ensuring everybody feels a sense of belonging.

After our previous Auctors, I, as your editor of the 2015-2016 The Scribe hope to follow their tradition of writing our fabulous award winning newsletter. However, this newsletter belongs to all of us, and I would love to include anything you have to say. Whether it's a funny, Latin-related pun that popped into your mind during class, a request for a specific article, or an announcement proclaiming your love for all that is Latin, please send it to me at TJLHSscribe@gmail.com.

-Stephanie Do, 2015-16 Editor

officer profiles

Meet the 2015-16 Officers

On September 25th, after the annual ice-cream social, candidates for the Executive Board introduced themselves to their fellow students. The voting commenced online over the weekend, and by Monday the results of the election were announced. May I present your new Officers.

Consuls (2)

Senior members of LHS Executive Board.
Co-plan and run all activities.



Name: Daniel Chae
Grade, Level: 12, V
Favorite author: Catullus
Favorite word: lux
Personal statement: "Nolite permittere somnia tua esse somnia"



Name: Matthew Sun
Grade, Level: 12, V
Favorite author: Catullus
Favorite word: rumpens
Personal statement: "I'm really excited to make my last year in LHS the best one, too."

Praetor Maximus

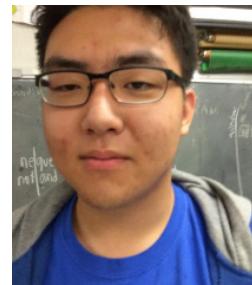
Organizes publicity and community service. Monitors NJCL Service Activities and reports them to the Executive Board.



Name: Kristin Myers
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Favorite author: Catullus
Favorite word: procax
Personal statement: "Let us extend our Roman pride outside of our learning-cottage walls and let it resound within the TJ community and beyond."

Praetor Magnus

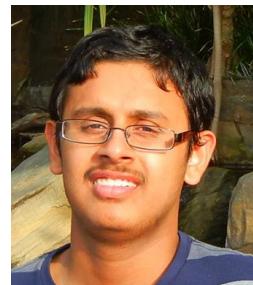
Organizes spirit. Assists with event themes. Works with Praetor Maximus on community service and publicity.



Name: Wonseok Song
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Favorite author: Vergil
Favorite word: fortasse
Personal statement: "WHOO SPIRIT lol! I look forward to working with all of you euntes ad Conventionem!"

Censor

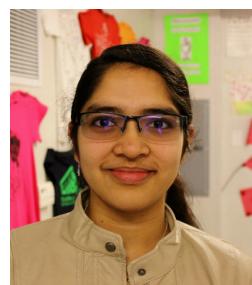
Takes notes at all Executive Board meetings. Advertises all events for the LHS.



Name: Ahnaf Khan
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Favorite author: Caesar
Favorite word: divisus
Personal statement: "Facing and overcomming challenges head on is the way to guarantee true success."

Tribune

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



Name: Sanjeevani Bhavsar
Grade, Level: 11, V
Favorite author: Caesar
Favorite word: crepusculum
Personal statement: "Etsi vita difficilior fiat, hoc anno fruamus et id quam mirificissimum faciamur."

Reges Certaminis (3)

Attend 8th period Certamen sessions.
Share lunch sessions with other reges.



Name: Ryan Golant
Grade, Level: 12, 5
Favorite author: Ovid
Favorite word: qualecumque
Personal statement: "This year's Certamen players show a lot of promise, so I look forward to helping lead our teams to victory at every Certamen tournament over the next few months!"



Name: Arjun Guidroz
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Favorite author: Vergil
Favorite word: strūthiocamēlus
Personal statement: I am so excited for the best year of latin ever!!!!



Name: Junyoung Hwang
Grade, Level: 12, 5
Favorite author: Catullus
Favorite word: ars
Personal statement: "Durate et vosmet quintae servate Latinae."

Domina Telae

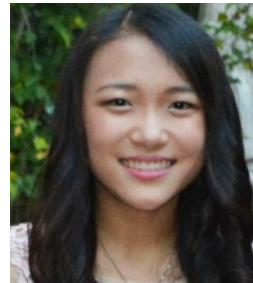
Updates website after each LHS event by adding pictures and text. Submits website to NJCL contests.



Name: Katie Tam
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Favorite author: Vergil
Favorite word: quippe
Personal statement: "I hope to imbibe the vast knowledge of our previous webmaster so I can serve well as a full Dominus next year!"

Artifices (3)

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



Name: Elizabeth Hu
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Favorite author: Vergil
Favorite word: umquam
Personal statement: "I love TJ Latin and the great family we have here. I am so honored and excited to serve as artifex this year!"



Name: Irene Song
Grade, Level: 12, 5
Favorite author: Vergil
Favorite word: pertendo
Personal statement: "I love working with my hands on crafts and filtering pictures I took of the sky"



Name: Christine Wang
Grade, Level: 11, AP
Favorite author: Catullus
Favorite word: fortasse
Personal statement: "I love the language of Latin and closeness of TJ Latin; I am honored and excited to be able to serve my fellow students as an officer this year!"

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Auctor

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



Name: Stephanie Do
Grade, Level: 11, 3
Favorite author: Ovid
Favorite word: olim
Personal statement: "Latin is love, Latin is life"



Proconsuls (2)

Assist in leading the TJ delegation. Do anything they are told to do by teachers.



Name: Minjae Kwon
Grade, Level: 12, V
Favorite author: Vergil
Favorite word: minjae
Personal statement: "The only thing I love more than anime is Latin"



Name: Bill Tang
Grade, Level: 12, 5
Favorite author: Pliny
Favorite word: Annis
Personal statement: "Latin is our lifeblood"



Salvete from Texas

Most students would groan at the prospect of doing schoolwork over the summer, but to a group of 22 dedicated Latin students, there is nothing they would rather do than study the classics. As the days on the calendar flip by and the eagerly anticipated date of the National Junior Classical League National convention, July 27, drew closer, finishing touches were put on art projects and the last words of speeches were memorized. At last, after a no-doubt-sleepless night as nervous teenagers were held awake with anticipation, it was Saturday morning and time to board an airplane.

After landing in San Antonio and enjoying an authentic Texas lunch, the students embarked on a tour of the famous Alamo battle site. Despite the heat, the Colonials were intrigued by the historical landmark and could have spent several more hours poring over the ruins. Following a dinner at a Texas steakhouse and a fun-filled day following at Six Flags, the students boarded a bus and arrived at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas for the 62nd National Junior Classical League Nation-

al Convention.

Finally the countless hours spent preparing for graphic arts, creative arts, and academic tests paid off as students competed in countless competitions; a few of them bringing home overall awards. Current senior Bradford Case received 5th in creative arts



and junior Stephanie Do won 8th in Olympika. In addition, the traditional large scrapbook created by artifices Rachel Chon, Jeong-In Seo and Bobbie Sheng won second place. Other students placing in creative arts include: Orchi Banerjee, 7th; Alessandra Scholle, 8th; and Arjun Guidroz, 14th.

However, Nationals wasn't only about the competitions, but also about meeting new friends and reconnecting with old. As almost all 50 states sent in members, one could

hardly attend an activity without meeting a new person. "Every year I look forward to meeting new people from all over the US at National Convention" says current junior Kristin Myers. This was only her second Nationals, but already "I've made so many friends through JCL, many of whom I am still in contact with now, and I cannot wait until next year when I can see them all again!"

Next year's National Convention will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana from July 25-30. A highlight of every year, it's never too early to start planning. More details coming soon.

NJCL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Category: Place, Name (Level)

ACADEMICS

Classical Art: 10, Orchi Banerjee (V+); 2, Bradford Case (IV); 4, Ryan Golant (IV); 7, Bobbie Sheng (V+); Greek Derivatives: 8, Junyoung Hwang (IV); 9, Vikramaditya Pratha (II); Hellenic History: 6, Ryan Golant (IV); Latin Grammar: 6, Arjun Guidroz (Advanced III); Latin Vocabulary: 8, Orchi Banerjee (V+); Latin Derivatives: 9, Nolan Kataoka (V+); Mottoes: 9, Bobbie Sheng (V+); Mythology: 9, Junyoung Hwang (IV); Reading Comprehension: 5, Orchi Banerjee (Poetry V+); 9, Zara Batalvi (Poetry III); 3, Bradford Case (Poetry IV); 10, Stephanie Do (Level 2 II); 8, Arjun Guidroz (Poetry III); 10, Nolan Kataoka (Poetry V+); 10, Minjae Kwon (Prose IV); 8, Bobbie Sheng (Poetry V+); 5, Bill Tang (Prose IV)

CREATIVE ARTS

Costume: 1, Arjun Guidroz (Sr. Couples); Dramatic Interp. Poetry: 1, Bradford Case (Boys); 3, Alessandra Scholle (Girls); English Oratory: 7, Anshu Sharma (Grade 10); Essay: 4, Orchi Banerjee (12th Grade Girls); 4, Bradford Case (11th Grade Boys); 10, Stephanie Do (10th Grade Girls); 7, Kaushik Venkatesh (11th Grade Boys); Latin Oratory: 3, Orchi Banerjee (IV+); Sight Latin Poetry: 3, Orchi Banerjee (Girls); 2, Alessandra Scholle (Girls); 3, Bradford Case (Boys); 5, Ryan Haynie (Boys);

GRAPHIC ARTS

Black Pencil: 9, Junyoung Hwang (11); Computer Photo: 1, Stephanie Do (10); Illustrated Quotes: 7, Joseph Park (10); Maps Constructed: 3, Ryan Haynie (11); Maps Drawn: Ryan Haynie (11-12); Traditional Scrapbook Large: 2, Bobbie Sheng;



Boo! Myth Pumpkins for Halloween

Glitter flies through the air while shouts of "pass me the pipe cleaner" and "where are the rest of the blue sparkles?" ring through the room. A casual spectator would be bewildered by the sights of students hunched over their desk frantical-



honored tradition in Latin club and on October 28th , 2015, a fresh batch of enthusiastic students were ready to unleash their artistic abilities on the world.

Pumpkin peacocks, pumpkin Narcissus, pumpkin Baucis and Philemon... the creativity of the students knew no end as a whole plethora of pumpkins was produced. A variety of awards were given out, including most creative, most classically themed, and most unique. Artifex Elizabeth Hu remarks "I was thoroughly impressed by the creativity demonstrated in all of the myth pumpkins. So many pumpkins were nicely thought through and diligently made; choosing awards was definitely hard. With all the glitter, feathers, and paint, Myth Pumpkins was really a success."

This annual activity not only gives students an outlet for their artistic talents, but also helps some of the new freshmen meet and become acquainted with other Latin students. "I ended up meeting a lot of new people and actually made a

couple of friends" says freshman Ashen Shen. She smiles, and then continues, "It was a great experience and the most fun I've had so far at TJ".

As the famous saying goes, *ars gratia artis*, art for the sake of art, and our myth pumpkins were masterpieces.



ly painting, gluing, feathering, and stickering pumpkins, but to the students in T37 and T38, it was just another typical day in the life of Latin. Decorating pumpkins to resemble mythological figures has been a time

Certamen Kicks off a New Season

By Rebecca Mays

What better way to spend a Saturday than at Latin Certamen?

On Saturday, October 24, TJ Latin participated in the VJCL Kick-off Certamen, the first competition of the year. A total of nine TJ teams attended, with every team placing in the top 10 of their category.

The two Level I teams did quite well for having just been indoctrinated into the cult community of Latin, with the A team coming in 8th place and the B team coming in 6th.

Of the two Level II teams, the A team made it through the first three rounds to finish in 3rd place during finals, and the B team placed 6th.

Level III brought a total of three teams. The A team finished in 6th place, the B team finished in 5th, and the C team achieved 7th.

The Upper A team earned an exciting 2nd place finish when a last minute answer brought the team five points above the third place finisher, and the Upper B team achieved 5th place.

This was a very promising start to the Certamen season, and we're looking forward to doing well in the many Certamina to come!



Quid mox venturum est?

November 22 VJCL Convention

Arts, oratory, tests, oh my. Get ready for two days of sleepless nights, endless coughing, and more.

December 2 Etymology Exam A or B block

Want to get an 800 on the reading section of the SAT? Don't even bother answering that. Calefaction. Anepigraphic. Ennoblement. *Email lhsscribe@gmail.com with correct definitions and the Latin or Greek roots of the words for a 5 dollar gift card to somewhere cool.

December 9
Medusa Review
B block
Love Marvel? Too bad that won't help you now. Start studying for Hercules- The First Avenger.

December 12 Riverbend Certamen

There's no such thing as being too prepared, so start reviewing now! The theme is "R.O.M.A."

December 16 Medusa Exam A or B block

Hopefully all that studying paid off. Time for the mythology buffs (you know who you are) to shine.

