

The Convention Ear

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OOPS! All Times New Roman!

SCLers Needed: Convention Saved!

Following the fighting words, “we don’t need the SCL,” the SCL decided that enough was enough: we chose to take the afternoon off following GA 2. Borrowing a university shuttle, the NSCL took a field trip to Nashville to visit the Parthenon, leaving the NJCL to run without their omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and indispensable NSCL. Yet, what do we find when we return? Chaos. Pure and utter chaos! Tests were flying through the air like tumbleweeds, Rocky Top Dining Hall was overflowing with uneaten food, and armies of Julius Cheezer replicas were registered for graphic arts! All of the NJCL was in disarray without means to run and scream to their delight outside of spirit. You say you don’t need the NSCL? Think again.

Ear Office Expands, Adds Tortured Poets Department

To keep up with the ever increasing ongoings, shenanigans, and events of NJCL, the Ear office has hereby expanded to add a Tortured Poets Department. Following in the footsteps of poetic stalwarts Catullus, Ovid, and Taylor Swift, the SCL TPD members vow to work indefatigably to create a supplemental Manuscript full of verbose quippings, metaphorical lucidity, subtle jabs at their exes, and Billboard top ten hits. Over the next Fortnight, the SCL TPD will release 4 separate variant albums, each to feature a unique additional track not to be found anywhere else. The never-ending TE Ear-as tour will also now feature a Tortured Poets Department segment.

That’s Entertainment! **Audition Results:**

Andrew Lee, GA

Charlie Duggan, IL

Chelsea Xie, CA

Eithan Ackerman, NC

Demi Zheng, CA

Hana Conte, OH

Henri Pelletier, FL

Ilina Joshi and Ishani
Joshi, WI

Jia Do, TN

Sarah Price, NC



CANDIDATES FOR NJCL OFFICE

President

Lilia AitSahlia, FL

Latin Level: IV

What are you bringing to the table? Previous experience as a NJCL Officer and a local JCL President.

Favorite Latin memory: Weird candy mukbangs at Spring and Fall Planning with the NJCL Officers!

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Probably a centaur because I'd be able to communicate with them! I also love horse riding, so that would be an added bonus!



Jameson Sheehy, SC

Latin Level: IV

What are you bringing to the table? I have served as the South Carolina JCL Historian, Second Vice President, and President, giving me plenty of experience working with others to accomplish goals. My campaign is the "5 Cs": Convocatio, Communication, Contests, Convention Packet, and the Cives Committee. By emphasizing these points, I hope to bring transparency and unity to NJCL in a time of need. Please vote Jameson Hope Sheehy, your hope for a better NJCL.

Favorite Latin memory: My first in-person NJCL Convention at Lafayette.

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Sphinx.



First Vice President

Julianna Lee, MA

Latin Level: IV

What are you bringing to the table? I bring 6 years of Massachusetts JCL experience — serving as state President, 1st VP, and Technical Coordinator — that allows me to understand the specialized roles of each office. Beyond experience, I bring a deep love for the Classics, certamen, outreach, event planning, and of course, bananas.

Favorite Latin memory: Being the first person from my school to be elected on the state level, my freshman-year campaign for Massachusetts Technical Coordinator gave me the opportunity to meet students from across the state and shape an organization that has so greatly shaped me over the years.

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Cerberus! He has the most potential to be a loyal pet (and he has three heads, which is pretty awesome).



Yukiko Mitchell, WI

Latin Level: V

What are you bringing to the table? I aim to help break down the barriers to Classics and make learning about the Ancient World accessible for everyone! Seeking new promotion strategies, I started a grant-funded volunteer Classics program in Milwaukee Public Schools, a district without Latin. I hope to bring this endeavor to the NJCL! I propose a new initiative, Promotionalia, starting in August, bringing momentum from Nationals to the school year, and ending with Classicalia!

Favorite Latin memory: KAZOOS.

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Harpies!!!



Second Vice President

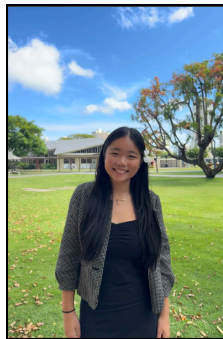
Audrey Lin, HI

Latin Level: VI

What are you bringing to the table? Aloha and salve Ear readers! My name is Audrey Lin, and I believe I bring experience, passion, and (perhaps most importantly) ALOHA to the Second Vice President position. With experience from serving as Hawai'i JCL president, I will first ENHANCE by crafting creative and coherent themes for both spirit and service, as we continue to revitalize after COVID. I will maintain the "fun" of spirit but ensure equity (ie. proless day and fair spirit judging categories). I also seek to film next year's spirit competitions to preserve lasting memories and to aid future first-time delegates. Second, ENGAGE: Utilizing feedback forms and an open-door meeting policy with other 2nd VPs, I seek yearlong engagement and collaboration.

Favorite Latin memory: During virtual Nats, I fondly remember creating mythology-themed coloring books for hospitalized children at 3am over Discord :)

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Siren so I can bring her back to Hawai'i and play mermaids.



Adrian Proca, PA

Latin Level: VI

What are you bringing to the table? Allowing voting and suggestions for dances and spirit themes, adding category acknowledgements to club of the month, bringing professors from penn and potentially Madeline Miller (author of Circe and the song of Achilles).

Favorite Latin memory: Winning a rock paper scissors competition to become Arbiter Bibendi in 9th Grade

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Cerberus! Two extra heads to pet!



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Communications Coordinator

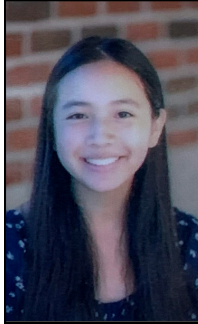
Reesey Lai, VA

Latin Level: IV

What are you bringing to the table? I will bring the extra care that all of you stay informed with the NJCL community and all the amazing things it has to offer! I will be doing this through creating an NJCL Google Space, creating monthly posts and bimonthly flyers, guides, and reorganizing the NJCL website.

Favorite Latin memory: One of my favorite memories was performing my Latin Oratory at NJCL Convention last year.

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? I would choose the sphinx. Not only would I get to cat with them but their wings could help me get around campus better!



Thomas Noone, NV

Latin Level: III

What are you bringing to the table? I intend to focus on the community by expanding the ways they can access information, getting input on what topics to cover, and helping increase awareness among the community of events and opportunities.

Favorite Latin memory: Learning 4th declension neuter and saying "u" until it didn't seem like a letter anymore

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Chimera- it would be like multiple pets in one.



Keirastyn Joseph, LA

Latin Level: II

What are you bringing to the table? I am bringing Representation for title one school students, I am bringing my coding skills, my numerous positions of leaderships; state secretary, secretary of film club and president of film club

Favorite Latin memory: Hurting myself at state convention then getting back up and going back to making friends

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Lernaean Hydra



Parliamentarian

Isabella Ochoa, TN

Latin Level: III

What are you bringing to the table? My platform can be summarized by GROW! G is for guide. I intend to create customizable example chapter constitutions that align with the competition guidelines so it's easier for more chapters to have their own. R is for respond. I hope to make a Constitution FAQ resource for the smaller questions. O is for optimize. In order to make the most of the changes I would send them straight to state parliamentarians so they can also distribute them. W is for welcome.

Favorite Latin memory: Practicing and playing certamen at Nats with my friends!

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? The chimera



Write your notes here!

CANDIDATES FOR NJCL OFFICE

Historian

Philip Towbin, OH

Latin Level: V

What are you bringing to the table? I am bringing communication, content, and collaboration to the JCL. More specifically, I will create quarterly photo zines that will provide exposure to all local and state historians. In addition, these zines will provide inspiration for anyone looking for it!

Favorite Latin memory: My favorite Latin memory has to be my first state convention. Being a freshman, I was blown away by Ohio's spirit and opportunities at convention.

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? A Griffin!



For more candidate information, visit the NJCL website!

Editor

Felix Chen, CA

Latin Level: V

What are you bringing to the table? I bring extensive editorial experience from a variety of publications and roles as well as a clear vision for the Torch next year — covering community publication growth, engagement with the broader classics community, interaction on national, state, and local levels, and more!

Favorite Latin memory: My first NJCL convention, in Fargo, 2019: meeting such a welcoming community of students from across the nation and getting to know them over the course of the week was quite possibly the best introduction to the National JCL.

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? A pegasus — even though we can't ride them on campus!



William Zhao, GA

Latin Level: IV

What are you bringing to the table? A nice casserole. Just kidding. I'd bring my four years experience at NJCL convention, my two years as local and state editor (winning the NJCL Local Publications Contest), my skills from the New York Times' journalism academy, my passion for the Classics, certamen, and more, and my love of writing.

Favorite Latin memory: Hearing Georgia chant my name at General Assembly at NatCon in 2022—the support and the love.

Which mythological monster would you choose to be your pet? Harpies—but I'd train them to bring me food so it's DoorDash but better.



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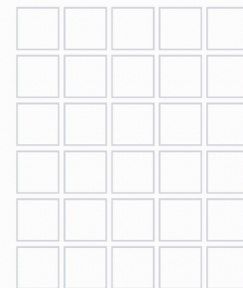
We now include plans screens so you can watch General Assemblies while you travel, JCL bags with one pack of Peanut M&Ms, and loads of Connections puzzles from the NSCL Convention Ear.

Due to SCL's omnipresence, the SCL may be at convention at all times and places, thereby not requiring the service of Jctravel.

All flight cancellations may be paid for by method of calling our speedy SCL Crisis Line. After all, you would like to get to convention, no matter how long it takes. However, one must always behave and make sure to never kick the chair in front of you, or therefore risk being sent home at your parents' expense.



JCL Wordle



Check out the answer key in tomorrow's issue!

Updated Competitive Certamen Scores

Varsity Novice Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2
California	55	50	105
Florida	135	235	370
Georgia	255	70	325
Illinois	120	0	120
Indiana	60	70	130
Massachusetts	195	100	295
New Hampshire	85	210	295
North Carolina	135	35	170
Ohio	70	45	115
Tennessee	75	185	260
Texas	230	155	385
Virginia	70	110	180
Wildcard Alpha	0	15	15
Wildcard Beta	30	90	120
Wisconsin	205	235	440

Varsity Intermediate Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2
California Gold	65	55	120
California Purple	65	40	105
Florida	300	235	535
Georgia	105	135	240
Hawaii	15	10	25
Illinois	55	10	65
Maine	40	0	40
Massachusetts Gold	90	190	280
Massachusetts Purple	275	110	385
New Hampshire	165	125	290
New York	20	60	80
North Carolina	0	40	40
Ohio	30	0	30
Tennessee	235	200	435
Texas Gold	90	110	200
Texas Purple	105	115	220
Virginia	105	115	220
Wisconsin	150	185	335

Varsity Advanced Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2
Alpha	120	20	140
Beta	95	95	190
California	0	150	150
Colorado	0	25	25
District of Columbia	160	170	330
Florida	120	210	330
Georgia	305	275	580
Hawaii	0	15	15
Illinois	120	75	195
Indiana	30	85	115
Maine	20	25	45
Maryland Gold	85	10	95
Maryland Purple	20	25	45
Massachusetts Gold	230	95	325
Massachusetts Purple	165	120	285
New Hampshire	40	85	125
New York	0	0	0
North Carolina Gold	45	100	145
North Carolina Purple	45	70	115
Ohio	85	0	85
Pennsylvania	175	210	385
South Carolina	0	10	10
Tennessee Gold	30	130	160
Tennessee Purple	85	75	160
Texas	205	130	335
Virginia	175	215	390
Wisconsin	180	60	240



Nothing to see here...

Running Up That Hill...

“His curse somehow spread across the entire campus, everywhere I turn, I’m walking up hills or up stairs.” - a mildly inconvenienced JCLer

Sisyphus, attempting to acquire food, was found rolling his boulder up the two flights of stairs to the Rocky Top dining hall, only to be rejected and sent “rolling back down” by an UT employee for not having a wristband nor a nametag.

People are now questioning all the rocks on campus, wondering if they are the curse left by Sisyphus. Some rocks have attempted to camouflage with the Convention, saying “Will you promote Classics?” and even signing and dating with “NJCL MMXXIV”, in an attempt to avoid the Sisyphian curse.

There Is No Swaying in Emory Bleachers

Those sat on the bleachers in the Woodruff PE Center for General Assembly yesterday afternoon may have experienced a feeling of the bleachers swaying. Unfortunately, we *must inform you that this was simply a hallucination. There was, in fact, no swaying, and saying otherwise is inadvisable. We encourage you to forget that incident promptly. If this feeling re-occurs at GA tomorrow, simply recite the NJCL Creed and sing the NJCL Song with increased vigor as a distraction. Hopefully it will dispel any present or future hallucinations.*

SCLonnections!



Yesterday's SCLonnections:

Overheard at GA 1:

- Snazzy
- Herculaneum
- Craze
- Cheese

American Airlines

- United
- Delta
- Spirit
- Southwest

SCL Latin Verb Roots

- Praesum
- Possum
- Scio
- Pendo

Followed by "Wood"

- Dolly
- Holly
- Dog
- Sandal

The Personal(s):

At NJCL, we have to walk 20,000 steps, UPHILL, BOTH ways, with one foot while the other foot was competing in Certamen.

-Izzy

To Mama Hornick- I've known you my whole life and I'm so thankful for that. You have always been my biggest inspiration. Love you!!!

Amor Viri

Dear Certamen moderators and staff, thanks for all your hard work this week!!! I appreciate you so much!

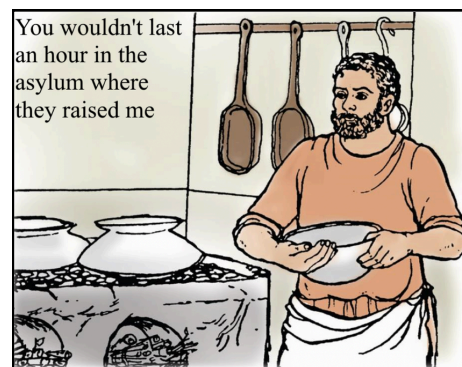
- JL

Mr. Henson, quack quack quack. We (your fave students ever) hope to see you at NJCL Convention soon. And to the kid that chased us around beatboxing with a kazoo, I hope you are happy. I hope you got what you want. I hope you know we will find you. He will find you. Quack.

Ella and Giselle <3

Congratulations to the MD Gold & Purple teams for their first round of Advanced Competitive Certamen! Cavete Testudines!

Cate, Ellie, Ethan, Giulia, Henry, Holly, Laila, Lucy, Martina, Maya, McAlpine, Miller, Owen, Paul, Quinn, Seba, Skye, Sunday, Valentina, Xander - *Vos estis optimi!* Thanks for being such a wonderful group of people to travel with. We are glad to have so many of you here, and we hope you are enjoying the convention. *Vos amamus!* - Mr. Fulton, Magistra Longa, Parva, Emma, and Trace





NJCL Scrapbook!

More Kids, Even More Rats?

As we are aware, the Alaskan delegation, previously thought to be a manifestation in the minds of SCLers worldwide, has made their mark on the 2024 Convention with their whopping 400% increase in membership. "We are not a myth. We are not a meme. We EXIST!" the mighty Alaskans boasted in yesterday's Roll Call. But few actually know that their coming has long been foretold as a warning in the folklore of the JCL -- this is only the beginning.

Rats, that's right, Rats are retuning to the JCL as well. And not just any Rats. Thought to have been killed for his tyrannical ways, the infamous Julius Cheeser has returned to campus with many delegates seeing him all over UT's campus. "I couldn't believe it!" cried out misty-eyed Minnesota delegate Caitlin Johnston. "I hadn't laid eyes on Julius Cheeser since 2017, but it's funny, I keep thinking I'm seeing him outside of Graphic Arts viewing. Why, I thought I saw him leading a colloquium earlier today." And she isn't the only one.

The Ear staff have been investigating several sightings of the Roman-clad rat all over campus. In the dining hall, at nominations committee, and even playing on a World Series of Certamen team just last night. Could there be more? What is their plan? Is this a Ratatouille situation? And what about the robots? Who is driving them after all?

Stay tuned as *The Convention Ear* continues our search to get to the bottom of this sudden increase in rats at convention.

Sappho	Chappell Roan
	
Died 6th century BC	Born 1998
Welcome back Sappho	



Today's Weather	Tomorrow's Weather
RAIN	RAIN

Uphill. Both Ways.

