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A CONVENTION FOR THE AGES

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The fantastic 2015 Miramonte Convention Crew

This year's 60th Annual CJCL State Convention was a resounding success. Two days, 1500 students, and countless memories marked one of the largest State Conventions in our history.

To get convention started, delegates were treated with the Exegi Rap 2.0, starring none other

than the wonderful students of Miramonte JCL—if you feel the urge to watch it again (as I have, many times), go ahead and type this link into your browser: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7ApkFe_kyM. After such a rousing opening to Convention, everyone was pumped to take their academic tests (or at least some people were). Friday evening was punctuated (Contd. Pg. 4)

Latin Does Exist Outside of the Classroom

From BBC News

Cambridgeshire, England—Cyclists riding their bikes in the general vicinity of Cambridge University noticed a sign some time ago that warns bicyclists not to chain their bikes to the fence in a rather different way:



What are you doing this Summer?

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Summer. 3 months of no homework, no classes, no school. On the surface, it seems wonderful. But, right around that 2nd week of July, you start showing symptoms of withdrawal. You've just grown so dependent on Latin that it makes it impossible for you and the *Lingua Latina* to be apart, especially for three long months. Don't fret! There are a ton of cool programs you can get involved in to make sure that summer never gets in the way of you and Latin again! Let's take a look at a few highlights:

i. *Academia Vivarium Novum*

A school based in Rome, the *Academia Vivarium Novum* is dedicated solely to the Classics. Over the summer, they offer an 8-week intensive course on their campus, a former monastery in Rome. Choose from two different levels of Latin rigor, and even attend afternoon sessions like Ancient Greek. For more information, see their summer school website at <http://vivariumnovum.net/en/summer-school>.

ii. The Paideia Institute

The Paideia Institute is also offering a summer course in Rome this year, lasting just under 3 weeks. The course will provide students an intensive immersion in Latin, including interactive visits to important historical and literary landmarks in Rome. Though the application deadline has passed, the Institute is still accepting applications. Find out more at <http://www.paideiainstitute.org/programs/>.

iii. University of Arizona

For something a little closer to home, look no further than the University of Arizona's Summer Intensive Courses. There are two sessions, each approximately one month long. Both include intensive work in Ancient Greek and Latin. The sessions are held on the University of Arizona campus in Tuscon. For more information, visit <http://classics.arizona.edu/node/351>.

iv. UC Berkeley Pre-Collegiate Programs

If you're looking for a flexible summer program even closer to home than Arizona, then Cal might be the place for you! In their extensive pre-collegiate summer program, students can take a wide variety of actual UC Berkeley courses—including courses in the Classics! There are two sessions: one is 8 weeks, the other 6. To find out more, visit <http://summer.berkeley.edu/special-programs/pre-collegiate>.

This list is nowhere near exhaustive—a Google search will turn up many more results than these four! *Bona fortuna* in finding a fun way to keep that Latin fresh all summer long!

A Convention of Pictures



#CJCL ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

CJCL is all over social media! Come and check us out on all your favorite social media sites:



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<https://www.facebook.com/CAJCL>

Convention Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CAJCLConvention>



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A Convention for the Ages

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by the battle cries of *fugepilam* and the sweet melodies of the instrumental competition. It was game faces and quick trigger fingers in the State Certamen semi-final round, while Roman speed dating was raging on just down the hall. If one was careful, he or she might have faintly heard the beautiful recitation of Latin Oratory coming from Room 240. After an exciting first day, it was time for rest (and, in some cases, midnight pizza).

Saturday morning's General Assembly II was all about elections. Parliamentarian James Gui expertly guided the delegates through candidate speeches, foreshadowing his later success running the Open Forum and Amendments

Committee. However, Saturday morning played host also to the storied chariot races and Certamen finals, two very competitive events. All throughout the day, the name of the game was "selfie;" delegates were challenged to take a selfie with a person from each and every school in attendance. Lunch was



complemented by a viewing of the Graphic Arts materials, as the finalists for That's Entertainment went head-to-head in the theater. Saturday afternoon was no less interesting than the morning; with no less than five sports to play and some extremely intriguing workshops, delegates had but one problem: choosing what to do first! After a brief voting fellowship and General Assembly, the Banquet began with a plethora of food trucks serving all kinds of delicious fare, and the victors of That's Entertainment put on an astounding show. Parliamentarian James Gui announced the 2015-2016 CJCL Executive Board, and swore in the new Board. With official business completed, 2nd Vice-President Elisabeth Siegel banged her gavel and closed the 60th Annual CJCL State Convention, but festivities continued well into the night. *Plurimas gratias* to Madeleine Becker, Mr. Briggs, and the entirety of Miramonte JCL: an excellent convention for the ages!

Gearing Up for Nationals

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With summer looming on the horizon, you know what that means...NJCL Convention 2015! Pack your shorts and sunscreen this year; Convention is in Texas! Trinity University in San Antonio will be the venue for six days of Latin madness! Academic tests are offered in many subjects, ranging from your standards like Grammar or Mottoes, Quotes, and Abbreviations, to some more “exotic” fare, like Academic Heptathlon or Hellenic History. Our fearless leader in the Spirit Competitions, CJCL 2nd Vice-President Sarah Yang, is hard at work devising cunning tactics to put California in 1st Place at the spirit competitions, and Mr. Hawley is pulling together a CA Certamen squad to be reckoned with. Outside of such official business, however, NJCL Convention will include a variety of Olympika, like Track or Swimming, and some Ludi as well, like Volleyball or Ultimate Frisbee. As far as the creative arts go, NJCL Convention will have all your favorites, like Dramatic Interpretation or Latin Sight Reading. NJCL Convention is always a blast, and this year will be no exception!

If you want to go to NJCL Convention, but look at the price tag and wince, apply for a scholarship! CJCL is offering 10 \$500 scholarships to NJCL Convention. See the website for more details.

Valete, Amici!

CJCL Executive Board 2014-2015

With our term on the California Junior Classical League Executive Board coming to a close, we wanted to thank the CJCL and all its members for their support of us (through our election) and of the CJCL (through Convention). From our perspective, it has been a great year for the CJCL, and we hope you agree with us! It has been a pleasure serving the CJCL and all its members.

Ex imis pectoribus,

CJCL Executive Board 2014-2015



You know what's really pretty? Trinity University's campus. Guess where NJCL Convention 2015 is being held. Trinity University's campus!

5 Tips for AP Success

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If you're the average high-achieving Latin student, you are probably stressing out about your impending AP Exams. They are but a week away. However, here are a few tips to help you get through those two weeks of tests relatively unscathed:

1. If you haven't already started reviewing, start now.

This may seem a little obvious, but sometimes it's good to say it out loud. Set a schedule for yourself; review a certain chapter (or number of chapters) each night, and before you know it, you will have reviewed all the material. If you have an even more limited amount of time, figure out which parts of the material you know least, and work on those.

2. Check and double-check what time your exams are.

Make sure you've figured out exactly when/where you will be taking your exams. Especially if you are taking multiple, it is really important for you to keep it all straight. It would be embarrassing if you were to walk in to the wrong test; it would be a shame if you forfeited your exam because you didn't show up.

3. Show up early.

"If you're on time, you're late." Take that to heart during AP week. Plan to be at the testing location 15 minutes before your report time—you never know what could happen. Being early will reduce some of the strain on you and make sure that you arrive with ample time to get settled before the test begins.

4. Bring a snack.

These are really long tests, but you already knew that. Bring some food. Food makes everything better, even an AP exam you are totally underprepared for.

5. Do your best to relieve the stress.

Stress will not help you at all during any of this. Be sure to breathe (you'd be surprised how often people forget to do that), and do your best to expel any tension from your body. A relaxed individual will have a clear mind with which to think during the exam, which is much better than the jumbled mess that stress brings.

Don't worry. You will do great! After all, you are a Latin student, and everyone knows that Latin students are smart people, easily capable of high achievement on an AP exam.

Whose Line Is It, Anyway?

How well do you know your favorite (or un-favorite) characters in the *Aeneid*? Well, it's time to find out! See if you can guess who said each of these quotes—they have all been drawn straight from the AP Latin curriculum.

1. Aeole, namque tibi divom pater atque hominum rex...

2. Tantane vos generis tenuit fiducia vestri?

3. Scilicet haec Spartam incolumis patriasque Mycenae...

4. Iuppiter omnipotens, cui nunc Maurusia pictis...

5. Sic, sic iuvat ire sub umbras...

6. Hoc illud, germana, fuit?

7. Nullae hic insidiae tales...

1. Juno 2. Neptune 3. Aeneas 4. Iarbas 5. Juno 6. Anna 7. Cumaeae Sybil

Answers:

Multas Gratias!

To all who have made this edition of the *Nuntius Californiensis* possible, I send my sincerest thanks. To those reading this publication, thank you for your patronage of this periodical and of the California JCL.

Gratias et valet omnes!

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