

CONVENTION EAR

The 71st Annual CAJCL Convention @ St. Francis

Welcome, one and all, to this year's State Convention! The *Convention Ear* is your (partially) factual guide to all the fun of States!

The Ear's Tips for a Snazzy State Convention!

- Try out whatever events interest you! You never know if you'll find a hidden talent.
- Talk to people from other schools! This might be during Certamen rounds, waiting outside an event, or sitting with new people at dinner. Ultimately, States is about a lot more than competition!
- Don't feed the gophers.
- Don't lose your nametag!

Meet your CAJCL officers!

Meg Briggs, Convention President
Favorite mythological character? Janus
Favorite Roman author? Horace
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention

Shiven Patel, Historian
Favorite Roman author? The guys from Cambridge
Favorite JCL Event? Probably State Convention

Cassie Salvucci, Convention President
Unique talent? I can spin a pen through my fingers (like Top Gun, but faster)
Favorite JCL Event? Certainly State Convention

Chloe Fua, Webmaster
Favorite Latin word? Astra, because of a song called "Ad Astra" (performed by the NJCL Choir in 2024)
Favorite JCL Event? Definitely State Convention

Ava Maita, Convention President
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention! State Convention! Did I mention State Convention?

Shreyas Karnam, *Nuntius* Editor
Favorite Roman author? Vergil
Favorite Latin word? Remugio – to moo in response
Favorite JCL Event? Indubitably State Convention

Julia Ball, 1st VP
Favorite Latin quote? flectere si nequeo superos, Acheronta movebo.
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention, *ita vero*

Liran Jin, Southern Representative
Taylor Swift or Ovid? Ovid
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention, indeed

Sky Taketa, 2nd VP
Favorite Latin word? Nonnullus, I just think it's funny to say
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention, for sure

Lilliana Aili, Southern Representative
Favorite Roman author? Hephaestus
Favorite artist? Maya Hawke
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention – there's no doubt about it

Sean Gupta, Parliamentarian
Favorite mythological character? Janus
Favorite Roman author? Horace
Favorite JCL Event? Undeniably State Convention

Avi Buxbaum, Northern Representative
Favorite Roman author? Pliny the Younger
Chappell Roan or Cicero? Cicero
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention, duh

Koji Edmunds, Secretary
Chappell Roan or Cicero? Cicero
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention, as sure as eggs is eggs

Christopher Hintz, Northern Representative
Favorite classical work? *The Iliad*
Favorite Latin word? Pax
Favorite JCL Event? State Convention, manifestly

Questions? Want to contribute? Reach out to Shreyas Karnam at nuntius@cajcl.org.

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Certamen Standings

If you're curious, find all scores and seeds from CaRCeR at <https://bit.ly/carcer2026>

Election Information!

If you're curious, find all candidates and proposed amendments from at bit.ly/cajclelections2026

Check out the *Nuntius*!

Check out your fellow JCLers' awesome work in the CAJCL's *Nuntius*, our publication, at cajcl.org/nuntius (Winter 2026 issue).

Breaking News: The *Ear* Heard It First!

Did You Lose a Chariot?



Is this your chariot? It is about three feet high and unusually heavy in weight, and it has two perfectly-sized cup holders. It was found by the *Ear* team at an undisclosed location storage shed near the St. Francis campus.

"My chariot mysteriously disappeared recently, so I couldn't drive it to school this morning," JCLer Pascal Qin said. "I think nefarious action is at play." A sketch artist's rendering of the chariot is reprinted here.

"Why, there is simply no need for concern – this happens every year," CAJCL Certamen Chair Brian Briggs said. "For the safety and security of the students at Convention, I have moved the chariot to a secure location for the time being."

According to 2nd VP Sky Taketa, the chariot is currently sitting in her hotel room. "This chariot is the roommate I never wanted," a frazzled Sky told the *Ear*, "but it's one I've come to love." If you are the rightful owner of the chariot, please contact the *Ear* or any JCL officer *quam celerrime*. In a separate incident, four horses have been found roaming the halls of St. Francis High School.

Rumors Swirl about Junior Carthaginian League (JCL)

In a shocking report, the *Ear* has uncovered evidence that the JCL acronym belongs to another organization, too – the Junior Carthaginian League.

"I just can't believe this turn of events," said NJCL Communications Coordinator and CAJCLer Ameera Ramzan, who wished to remain anonymous. "I am shocked."

The *Ear* has dispatched a joint task force – CAJCL Treasurer Lisa Masoni and Co-Co-Chair Jennifer Jordt – to pose as J"C"L members and infiltrate the organization. Meanwhile, our CASCLawyers are hard at work to copyright the acronym JCL. At a recent press conference, a spokesperson for the Junior Carthaginian League expressed ongoing saltiness over the Romans' (supposed) sprinkling of salt over their fields, stating, "Even 2000 years of marination can't rub out the salt from our wounds." In response, a Roman spokesperson quipped, "Just because our armies were more well-seasoned doesn't mean you can keep peppering us with complaints." This is a developing situation.

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