

Letter from the Editor

Salvete, amici!

I'm Kayla Davis, your 2021-2022 Nuntius Editor!

I am delighted to welcome you all back to another incredible year of learning, excitement, and connection!

This *Nuntius* features articles about Ludi, SCRAM, National Convention, as well as updates from the SCL and some fun games.

If you have something you'd like to see in this publication, please do not hesitate to send it in! I'm excited to see what kind of content you all are producing.

Enjoy the *Nuntius,* Kayla nuntius@cajcl.org

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Meet the Officers



Louise Morr, Co-Convention President St. Francis, 11th Grade, Latin 3 Favorite JCL Activity: Convention!

Fun Fact: I am left-handed!

Sofia Perez-Lanza
Co-Convention President
St. Francis, 11th Grade, Latin 3
Favorite JCL Activity: Convention
Fun Fact: I'm a native Spanish speaker.





Elisabeth Casey, 1st Vice-President Sage Hill, 12th Grade, Accelerated Latin 4 Favorite JCL Activity: Open Certamen!

Fun Fact: I have a twin sister.

Meet the Officers II

Avery Konwiser, 2nd Vice President Harvard-Westlake, 12th Grade, Post AP Latin

Favorite JCL Activity: Spirit (of course!) and looking at the graphic arts showcase
Fun Fact: One time my school's motto
possunt quia posse videntur was a certamen question, and my team got it wrong.





Claire Lenden, Parliamentarian
Menlo School, 12th Grade, Latin 4
Favorite JCL Activity: National Conventions
or Outreach Parties with our Local Shelter.
Fun Fact: I have done almost 20 musical
theater shows in my life.

Sadie Almgren, Northern Representative Menlo Atherton, 12th Grade, Post AP Latin

Favorite JCL Activity: Impromptu Art! **Fun Fact:** I am really good at making friendship bracelets!

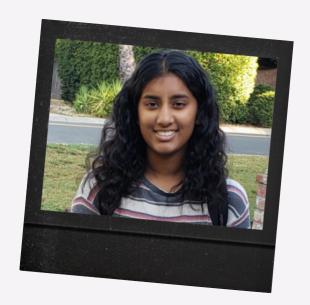


Meet the Officers III



Brian Lazarus, Southern
Representative
The Willows School, 8th Grade, MS2
Favorite JCL Activity: Certamen
Fun Fact: I have virtually adopted a
baby rhino named Apollo.

Alexis Kim, Secretary
Sage Hill, 12th Grade, Latin 4H
Favorite JCL Activity: Certamen
Fun Fact: My favorite animal is a
manta ray.



Mallika Dandamudi, Historian
Miramonte, 12th Grade, Latin 5
Favorite JCL Activity: Impromptu Art!

Fun Fact: I love hiking!

Meet the Officers IV



Ashley Yoshii, Webmaster
St. Ignatius, 12th Grade, AP Latin
Favorite JCL Activity: Certamen or
Harry Potter Kahoot!

Fun Fact: I have a twin sister! Unfortunately, she doesn't take Latin.

Kayla Davis, *Nuntius* Editor Menlo School, 12th Grade, Post AP Latin Honors

Favorite JCL Activity: Harry Potter Kahoot

Fun Fact: Once, when I was bored, I finger-knit a 30-foot chain.







On National Convention:

Claire Lenden, Parliamentarian

I had the amazing opportunity to attend my third National convention this summer, and, while not as fantastic as it would have been in person, the National Board and Committee (including our very own Ms. Jordt) did a great job translating the JCLove to an online environment.

Let's start with some of the colloquia sessions offered at convention. If you attended nationals and watched one of the pre-recorded sessions, there is a good chance that you would recognize a few faces since Nationals highlighted 16 colloquia from California State Convention 2021 run by Menlo School. My personal favorite was live from Bettina Joy de Guzman, a CAJCL sponsor and scholar of ancient music. She introduced viewers to a number of the different ancient instruments she owns and demonstrated their sounds during her performance. It was enthralling.

Next, a JCL convention is not a JCL convention without Spirit and a good General Assembly. Avery Konwiser, our CAJCL 2nd VP, did a fantastic job leading California to a Second Place in spirit for extra large states (an incredible feat because we overtook Florida) through videos submitted and edited cheers often along the Convention's theme: sibi quisque ruri metit, (Plautus, Mostellaria, III.2): "Each harvests one's own farm". The GA's themselves were always succinct and informative which was perfect for a virtual environment.

On National Convention:

There were also many opportunities for JCLers to connect with each other, even in a virtual environment. With multiple mixers such as new-to-nationals, diversity, officers at all levels, and the general mixer open to everyone. With Zoom meetings to work on spirit activities and great games such as escape rooms, geoguesser, and minecraft, there was always something fun to do. One of my favorites was the chat of support for all the performers during That's Entertainment and getting to talk to everyone attending from California at our nightly Fellowship meetings.

While there were definitely things missing in our virtual convention, Zoom is a pretty good substitute for the broader NJCL community to connect with each other and spread the JCLove. Hopefully (Covid permitting) we will all be able to join in person next summer at The University of Louisiana at Lafayette; all singing on our way to the university. I hope to see many of you there.

Do YOU have pictures from National Convention? Submit them to the Instagram Photo Contests or to the Nuntius!

Nats Awards

Creative Arts:

Trisha Iyer -- Latin Oratory, Advanced -- Summa Cum Laude Michelle Jin -- Latin Oratory, Advanced -- Summa Cum Laude Audrey Lin -- Modern Myth Grades 6-9 -- Summa Cum Laude Hunter Ryerson -- Modern Myth Grades 6-9 -- Summa Cum Laude Trisha Iyer -- Modern Myth Grades 6-9 -- Summa Cum Laude

Audrey Lin -- Slogan -- 7th Place

Graphic Arts

Evan Yang -- Cartoon/Greeting Card -- Cum Laude

Audrey Lin -- Charts/Illustrated Quotes/Maps -- Cum Laude

Jonah Chan -- Charts/Illustrated Quotes/Maps -- Magna Cum Laude

Jonah Chan -- Digital Art/Poster -- Magna Cum Laude Evan Yang -- Drawing/Painting -- Magna Cum Laude

Jonah Chan -- Drawing/Painting -- Cum Laude

Audrey Lin -- Photography -- Cum Laude

Jonah Chan -- Local Scrapbook -- Cum Laude

Annika Porteous -- Local Scrapbook -- Magna Cum Laude

Rupert Chen -- State Scrapbook -- Summa Cum Laude

Academics

Henry Berg -- Academic Decathlon -- 1st

Nicholas Wei -- Academic Decat<mark>hl</mark>on -- 4th

Lily Peng -- Classical Art 1/2 -- 2nd

Ameera Ramzan -- Classical Art 1/2 -- 3rd

Jason Shim -- Classical Art 2 -- 3rd

Audrey Lin -- Classical Art 2 -- 5th

Michelle Jin -- Classical Art 4 -- 1st

Isabelle Ly -- Derivatives 3 -- 3rd

Nicholas Wei -- Derivatives 4 -- 1st

Henry Berg -- Derivatives 5+ -- 1st

Ingrid Luo -- Geography 2 -- 4th

Henry Berg -- Geography 5+ -- 1st

Ameera Ramzan -- Grammar 1/2 -- 5th

Nicholas Wei -- Grammar 4 -- 4th

Jason Shim -- Greek Derivatives 2 -- 2nd

Nicholas Wei -- Greek Derivatives 4 -- 1st

Henry Berg -- Greek Derivatives 5+ -- 1st

Ameera Ramzan -- Greek Language 1/2 -- 1st

Jamie Kim-Worthington -- Greek Language 2 -- 1st

Andrew Bota -- Greek Language 3 -- 2nd

Rupert Chen -- Greek Language 4 -- 5th

Lily Peng -- Greek Life/Lit 1/2 -- 3rd

Ameera Ramzan -- Greek Life/Lit 1/2 -- 3rd

Ingrid Luo -- Greek Life/Lit 2 -- 1st

Jason Shim -- Greek Life/Lit 2 -- 3rd

Tiffany Chang -- Greek Life/Lit 4 -- 2nd

Henry Berg -- Greek Life/Lit 5+ -- 1st

Rahul Sundaresun -- Hellenic History 1 -- 1st

Ingrid Luo -- Hellenic History 2 -- 3rd

Tiffany Chang -- Hellenic History 4 -- 1st

Henry Berg -- Hellenic History 5+ -- 1st

Nicholas Wei -- Heptathlon 4 -- 4th

Lily Peng -- Latin Literature 1/2 -- 5th

Jason Shim -- Latin Literature 2 -- 5th

Deven Gupta -- Latin Literature 3 -- 2nd

Lily Peng -- Mottoes 1/2 -- 5th

Isabelle Ly -- Mottoes 3 -- 2nd

Tiffany Chang -- Mottoes 4 -- 2nd

Michelle Jin -- Mottoes 4 -- 3rd

Henry Berg -- Mottoes 5+ -- 1st

Academics (Cont.)

Rahul Sundaresan -- Mythology 1 -- 2nd

Isabelle Ly -- Mythology 3 -- 1st

Henry Berg -- Mythology 5+ -- 2nd

Ameera Ramzan -- Reading Comp 1/2 -- 5th

Nicholas Wei -- Reading Comp Poetry 4 -- 1st

Michelle Jin -- Reading Comp Poetry 4 -- 5th

Nicholas Wei -- Reading Comp Prose 4 -- 1st

Tiffany Chang - Roman History 4 -- 4th

Henry Berg -- Roman History 5+ -- 1st

Ameera Ramzan -- Roman Life 1/2 -- 5th

Ingrid Luo -- Roman Life 2 -- 4th

Henry Berg -- Roman Life 5+ -- 1st

Isabelle Ly -- Vocabulary 3 -- 3rd

Nicholas Wei -- Vocabulary 4 -- 1st

Tiffany Chang -- Vocabulary 4 -- 3rd

Henry Berg -- Vocabulary 5+ -- 1st

Open Certamen

Hannah Levanon -- Intermediate -- 1st

Sofia Perez-Lanza -- Intermediate -- 1st

Felix Chen -- Intermediate -- 2nd

Elizabeth Casey -- Advanced -- 1st

Competitive Certamen

Novice -- Lily Peng, Ameera Ramzan, Rahul S<mark>undaresan -- 8th</mark>

Other Awards

Audrey Tam -- Creative Writing Contest 11th-12th -- 4th

Sylvia Chen -- Creative Writing Contest 4th-6th -- 6th

Lily Peng -- Creative Writing Contest 4th-6th -- 7th

Tarush Gupta -- Creative Writing Contest 4th-6th -- 10th

Kairui Sun -- Creative Writing Contest 7-8 Intro -- 3rd

Marisa Masoni -- Creative Writing Contest 7-8 Intro -- 7th

Ella Guo -- Creative Writing Contest 7-8 Intro -- 8th

Jason Shim -- Creative Writing Contest 8 non-Intro -- 1st

Ainslie Chen -- Creative Writing Contest 8 non-Intro -- 3rd

Hima Thota -- Creative Writing Contest 8 non-Intro -- 3rd

Tanisha Goel -- Creative Writing Contest 8 non-Intro -- 4th

Jeremy Peng -- Creative Writing Contest 8 non-Intro -- 6th

PUBLICITY, SCHOOL AFFILIATED SOCIAL MEDIA -- MIRAMONTE -- IST

PUBLICITY, POSTERS -- MIRAMONTE -- 1ST

PUBLICITY, CLUB SWAG -- MENLO SCHOOL -- IST

PUBLICITY, PORTFOLIO --MIRAMONTE -- 3RD

WEBSITE CHAPTER -- SADI<mark>E ALMGREN, MENLO-ATHERT</mark>ON, 6TH

LOCAL PUBLICATIONS -- KAYLA DAVIS, MENLO SCHOOL -- !ST

LOCAL PUBLICATIONS -- MIRAMONTE -- 2ND

SPIRIT, EXTRA-LARGE STATES -- 2ND STATE PUBLICATIONS, KALEIGH RUEGG -- 1ST STATE WEBSITE, KABIR RAMZAN -- 1ST

HUGE CONGRATS TO CALIFORNIA AND THANK YOU FOR CONTR<mark>IBUTING</mark> TO OUR MA<mark>SS</mark>IVE **SUCCESS! WE ROCK!**

Running For Office

Salvete Omnes,

With convention less than 3 months away, it is time to start thinking about running for a position on the State Board. There are five elected positions (2nd Vice President, First Vice President, Parliamentarian, Secretary, and Historian), two appointed positions (Historian, and Nuntius Editor), and three positions for the student leaders of the 2022-2023 (Ludi, Scram, and State Convention). As a board member, you would carry out the duties of your office and attend 3 state board meetings plus your local Ludi or Scram and, of course, State Convention. If this is an activity which sounds interesting to you and you would like to learn more about running for office at the State Convention, please do not hesitate to contact me! More information will be posted on the website and sent in the state registration packets. I'm looking forward to seeing all of those

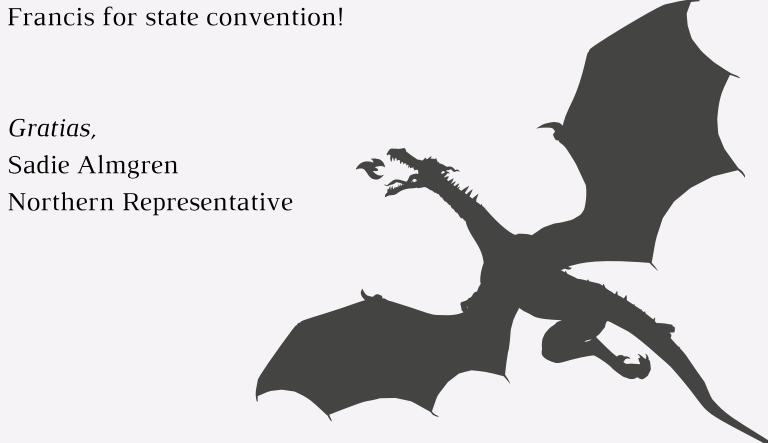
Claire Lenden 2021-2022 CAJCL Parliamentarian





Ludi

At Ludi, you were able to test your knowledge of the classics through academic tests as well as show off your love of Harry Potter and Percy Jackson while playing Kahoot! Open Certamen featured a fast-paced, exciting game with mixed teams from all the schools! We also hope you took advantage of the fascinating Colloquia presentations and played many a game of Latin Pictionary, *Apud Nos* (Among Us), and/or Classics-themed Dungeons & Dragons! We thank you so much for hanging out with Menlo-Atherton in an awesome day of celebration and learning at our first-ever Ludi. We hope to see you soon at St.



Scram

The Willows Community School was incredibly excited to host virtual SCRAM on Saturday October 30th, 2021 for the first time ever. I'm Brian Lazarus, Southern California Representative, and I would like to personally thank everyone for a fun-filled day of the Classics. Our theme was Post Tenebras Lux (After the darkness, there is light.) - very applicable right now. We had two amazing speakers! New York Times bestselling author, Madeline Miller, who wrote "Songs of Achilles" and "Circe," talked about her books and answered lots of questions. Caroline Lawrence, author of the Roman Mystery series, spoke about, "Myths, Mysteries and Storytelling". This year we held activities like TikTok Toga, Roman cooking, Impromptu sidewalk chalk art, in addition to entertaining kahoots and quizzes, Minecraft Olympicstyle challenges and cool oratory competitions. Thank you so much for joining us!

Best, Brian Lazarus



September Board Meeting

Alexis Kim, Secretary

The CAJCL state board had its meeting on September 18, 2021! This was the first board meeting with only the new board members for 2021-2022. It was virtually held via Zoom and organized by our new second vice president, Avery Konwiser.

The meeting began with a call to order and a reading of the minutes from the last meeting. After going through a few reimbursement requests, each officer updated the board on what they'd been working on since the last board meeting. Avery Konwiser discussed what happened at National Convention as well as the research he has been doing on potential service projects for CAJCL members to participate in. Sadie Almgren and Brian Lazarus, the Northern and Southern Representatives, gave us details about Ludi and SCRAM held at the end of October and the beginning of November respectively. The convention presidents, Sofia Perez-Lanza and Louise Morr, updated us on their plans for State Convention, which will be held at the beginning of April. Elizabeth Casey, the first vice president, agreed to host a Candidate's Open Forum at SCRAM and Claire Lenden, our parliamentarian, did the same at Ludi. Claire also proposed some amendments to the CAJCL Constitution which we will vote on at the January meeting. Alexis Kim, the secretary, and Ashley Yoshii, the webmaster, announced that they are working together to create a questions and comments box for the CAJCL website, which they hope to reveal to everyone soon. The historian, Mallika Dandamudi, has resumed the photo contests for CAJCL and has been working on submissions to the NJCL photo and video competitions. She also discussed her new board sweatshirt design, for which orders have been placed. Kayla Davis, the Nuntius editor, updated everyone on the status of the newest edition of the Nuntius.

After a quick treasurer's report, each officer gave a report on their chapter. There was also the state chair's report, the 2021 State Convention financial report, the SCL report, the CAJCL scholarship report, and the certamen report. The next meeting date was set for January 8, 2022, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm. For more details, you can look at the minutes for this board meeting, as well as past board meetings, on the CAJCL <u>website!</u>

The Antonine Plague

Kayla Davis, Nuntius Editor

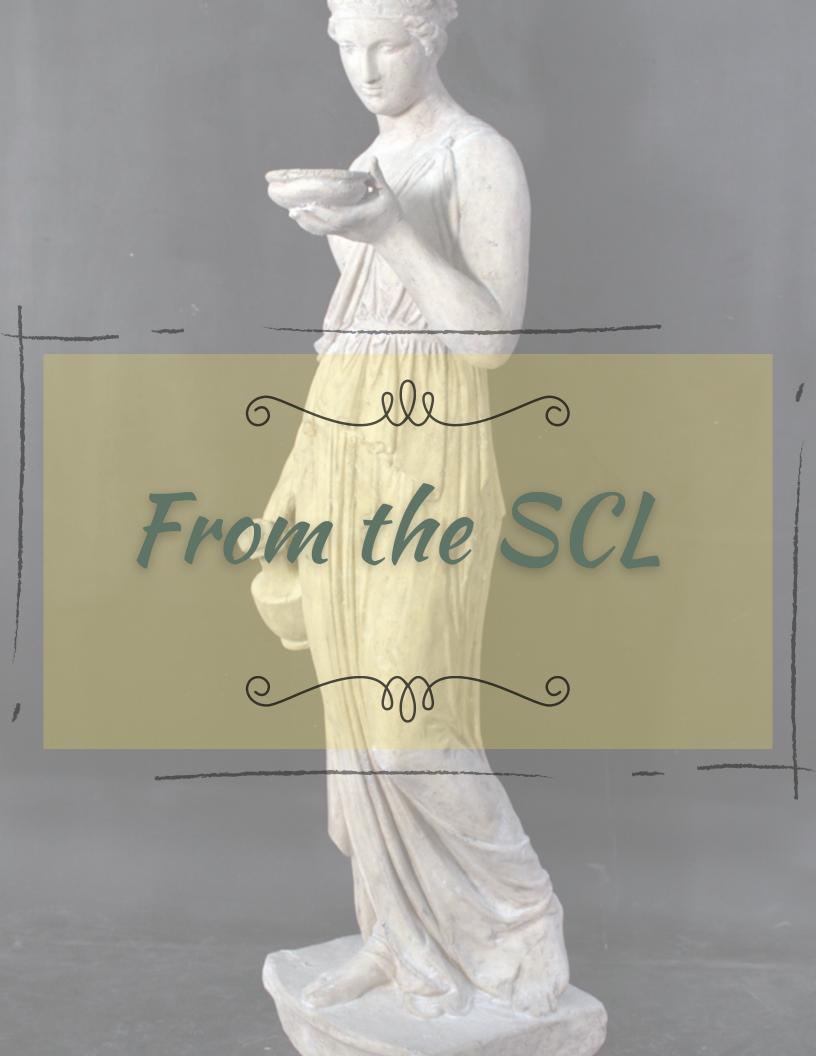
As the pandemic continues to wreak havoc in our everyday lives, it can be hard not to feel a bit down in the dumps. Since everyone enjoys the occasional schadenfreude, I would be remiss not to mention the Antonine Plague of 165 CE, which ravaged the Roman Empire at the height of its power.

The Antonine Plague, also known as the Plague of Galen, most likely first appeared in China and spread to Rome through its soldiers, who had raided a city close to the Tigris River. Some Romans believed that it was the opening of a sacred tomb that let loose the disease, while others blamed Christians for making the gods angry. Either way, the plague was devastating.

Symptoms included (but were not limited to) fever, vomiting, chills, a full-body rash, and -- graphic image warning -- "loose excrement" which turned from red to black, signifying gastrointestinal bleeding. Symptoms usually appeared roughly two weeks after contracting the disease and lasted for the same amount of time, if not a little longer. Researchers now believe that the Antonine Plague was smallpox, a disease that we have since eradicated. There were two outbreaks: the first lasting until 180 CE and the other from 251 to 266 CE. During the first outbreak, approximately 2,000 people died per day, versus the second outbreak's 5,000, resulting in a quarter to a third of the population perishing. Emperors Lucius Verus and Marcus Aurelius both died from the devastating smallpox outbreak, adding two more deaths to the 60 to 70 million others. So much for the scene in Gladiator where Commodus suffocates papa Aurelius!

The effects of the Antonine Plague were not limited to lowering the morale of the empire (although I'm sure that took quite a blow). With all of those taxpayers dying, the Roman economy plummeted. The deaths of farmers also drastically drove up prices for food. In addition, Roman legions fell quickly and cataclysmically -- so much so that before his death in 180 CE, Emperor Marcus Aurelius supplemented his dying legions by "enlisting" the help of criminals, gladiators, and freed slaves. Unfortunately, it didn't exactly work, and the ensuing German attacks may have lent a hand to the eventual collapse of the Roman Empire.

Interestingly, some historians say that the Romans may have looked back upon the hardships of the Antonine Plague as a positive reminder of their strong government and communities. I don't really know why they would; the plague killed and disfigured millions of people. However, it does give us a bit of comfort in these trying times, because we have access to much better medical technology, the option to social distance, and a higher standard of living that will ultimately be our saving grace during the pandemic. absit omen, at least we're not the Romans.



Salvete!

Salvete amici!

I'm Sofia Abolfathi, and I'm the CASCL President!

We're a group of college students (and beyond) who help organize and run events including SCRAM, LUDI, and State Convention. Some of you may remember what in-person convention was like, but many of y'all have only experienced the CAJCL through Zoom. We haven't been able to see each other face-to-face in a long time, but the SCL's adapted to the online format to best serve our CAJCL community.

Last year, we ran the virtual Olympika sports competitions at our regional and state conventions. We also put together our very first virtual That's Entertainment! We also hold game nights, meetups, and other special events for SCL members throughout the year.

Many of us were involved in CAJCL and couldn't bear to leave behind such a wonderful organization. We're a close-knit community of students bound by our love for the classics and giving back to the CAJCL.

Much love,
Sofia Abolfathi
Ringleader of the Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Indispensable
CASCL

Meet the SCL



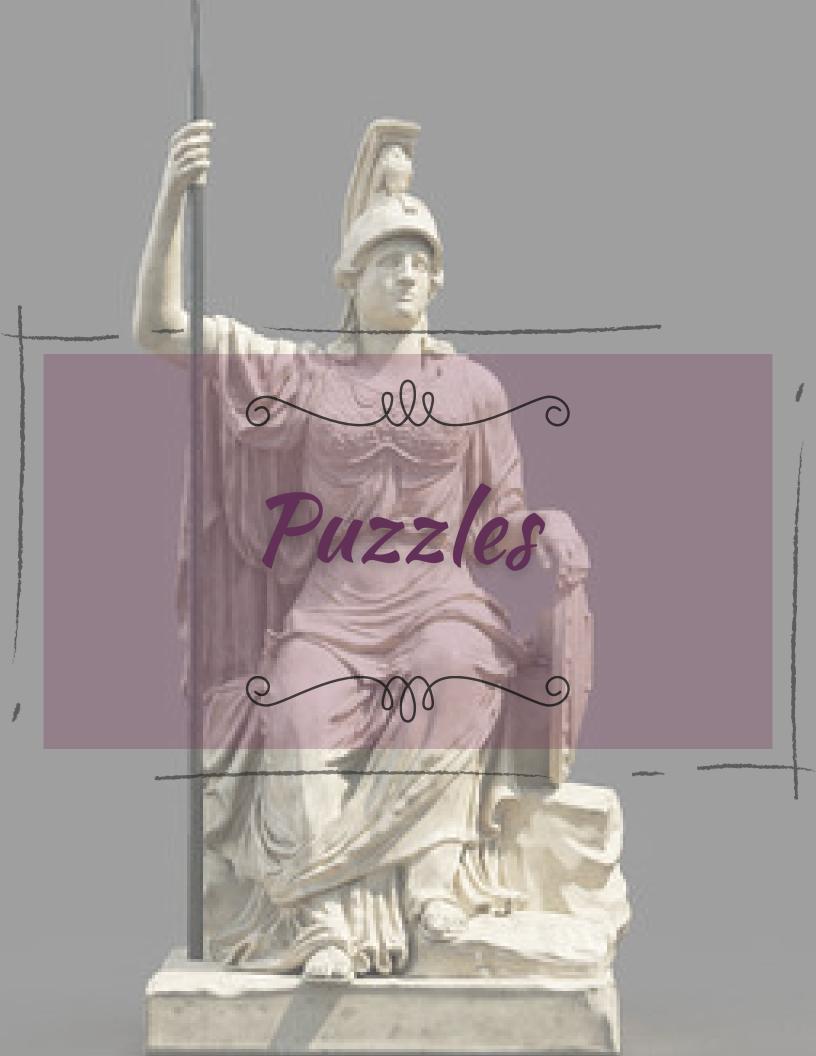
Sofia Abolfathi, President UC Berkeley, Senior, Classics and Anthropology Major Favorite Latin Word: tesserae

John Gumz, CASCL Advisor
St. Mary's College of California,
Class of 2016
Favorite Latin Word: credo,
credere, credidi, creditus

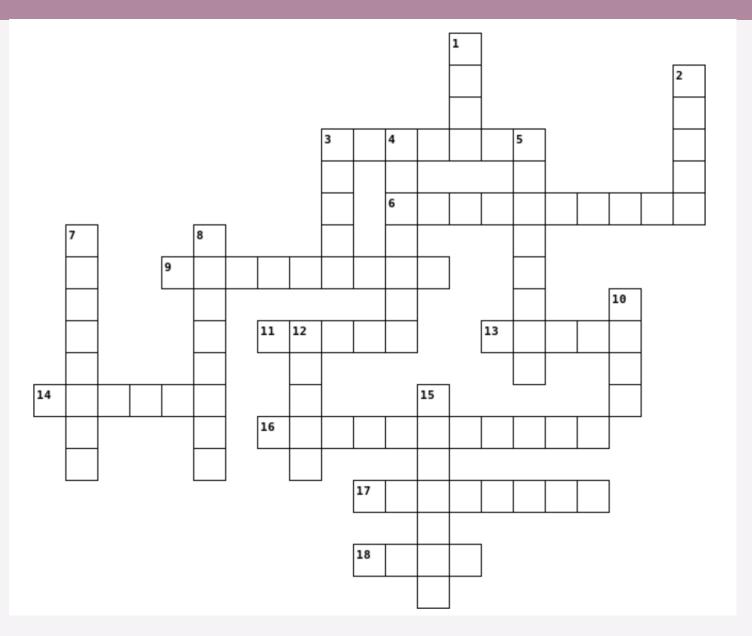




Lauren Cho, JCL Liason
UCLA, Freshman, Human
Biology Major
Favorite Latin Phrase: flocci non
facio!



Roman Trivia Crossword



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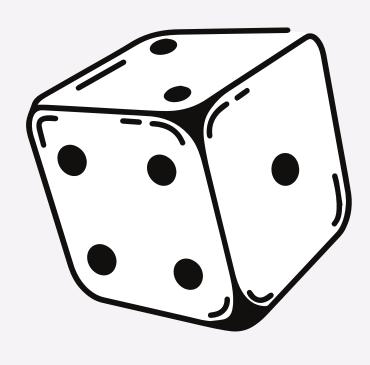
- **1.** Who was Emperor during the Great Fire of Rome, supposedly fiddling while it burned?
- 2. She was known as "the face that launched a thousand ships."
- 3. Who fired the arrow that killed Achilles?
- **4.** Which god lost the sponsorship of Athens when he created horses and a saltwater spring?
- **5.** The first Emperor of Rome -- though he preferred the term "princeps".
- 7. On what hill of Rome was the original city founded?
- 8. Who built the Labyrinth that housed the Minotaur?
- 10. According to mythology, who was the father of Romulus and Remus?
- **12.** Who is the presumed author of both the Iliad and the Odyssey?
- **15.** According to legend, which famously wealthy Roman and member of the First Triumvirate had gold poured down his throat?

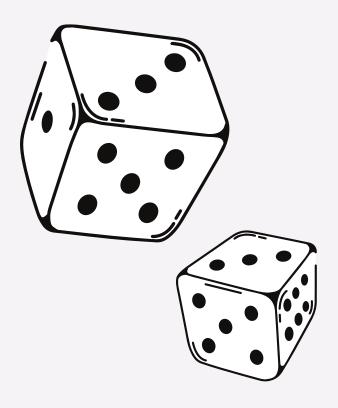
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- 3. This woman gave into her curiosity, opening up a box that released sin into the world.
- **6.** What river of the Underworld was full of fire? (Watch the spelling!)
- **9.** What mythological figure transformed into a beautiful white flower after drowning as a result of his self-infatuation?
- 11. What was the color of the togas that Romans wore when they ran for office?
- 13. The first Roman Civil War was fought between Marius and...
- **14.** This famous poet died before the Aeneid was released, but not before begging Augustus not to publish his work.
- 16. Which hero (with the help of Minerva) tamed Pegasus?
- 17. The eruption from this mountain destroyed the city of Pompeii in 79 CE.
- 18. The four colored 'factions' for Roman chariot racing were green, red, white, and...

Sudoku!

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SUBMIT TO THE NUNTIUS!

Do YOU have an article you want published? Want to try out some potential stand-up material? Have a particularly challenging riddle? If so, send any and all things to nuntius@cajcl.org! The deadline for submission is February. 7th.