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,
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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.
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.
From National Convention!
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
- 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 Decathlon -- 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 4+ -- 1st
- Ingrid Luo -- Grammar 1/2 -- 5th
- Henry Berg -- Grammar 4+ -- 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 Sundaresan -- Hellenic History 1 -- 1st
- Ingrid Luo -- Hellenic History 2 -- 3rd
- Tiffany Chang -- Hellenic History 4 -- 1st
- Henry Berg -- Hellenic History 5+ -- 1st
- Nicholas Wei -- Hepthathlon 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 Sundaresan -- 8th

**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 -- 3rd
- Tarush Gupta -- Creative Writing Contest 4th-6th -- 7th
- 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**
- PUBLICITY, POSTERS -- MIRAMONTE -- 1ST
- PUBLICITY, CLUB SWAG -- MENLO SCHOOL -- 1ST
- PUBLICITY, PORTFOLIO -- MIRAMONTE -- 3RD
- WEBSITE CHAPTER -- SADIE ALMGREN, MENLO-ATHERTON, 6TH
- LOCAL PUBLICATIONS -- KAYLA DAVIS, MENLO SCHOOL -- 1ST
- 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 CONTRIBUTING TO OUR MASSIVE SUCCESS! WE ROCK!**
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 applications!

Claire Lenden
2021-2022 CAJCL Parliamentarian
Regional Conventions...
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. Francis for state convention!

*Gratias,*
Sadie Almgren
Northern Representative
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 Olympic-style challenges and cool oratory competitions. Thank you so much for joining us!

Best,
Brian Lazarus
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 website!
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.
From the SCL
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!
Puzzles
Roman Trivia Crossword

Down
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?

Across
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…
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.