NUNTIUS

CALIFORNIENSIS:

A SEASON FOR

NEW BEGINNINGS

"Sibi quisque ruri metit."
-Plautus, Mostellaria 799
"Each one harvests one's own farm."
Salvēte Omnēs! Since the publication of the last *Nuntius*, CAJCL-ers have been busy attending a variety of virtual events. Virtual Nationals was a success, and everyone had the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones in Zoom breakout rooms, activities, and during California fellowship. CAJCL-ers also participated in online Certamen events, and local chapters have been finding creative ways to stay in touch. Thank you to everyone for hanging in there and don't worry because there will be more activities to come.

Fall is more than a season of falling leaves, windy days, and changing colors, it is the start of a new school year and the start of new adventures. As a nation, we are still navigating a new normal, and I'm sure most people can agree that the year 2020 has not turned out the way anyone expected. In the spirit of new beginnings, the October *Nuntius* is here to focus on current accomplishments and highlight future ventures. You can learn more about your CAJCL and SCL officers and their future plans, recap Virtual Nationals, or play some fun Latin puzzles. If you would like to contribute to the next edition of the *Nuntius*, feel free to email nuntius@cajcl.org. Happy reading!

Grātiās!

Kaleigh Ruegg
CAJCL *Nuntius* Editor 2020-21

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Did you miss Virtual National Convention and some of your favorite activities like... spirit days or That’s Entertainment? Well don’t worry, because for the first time you can view your favorite Nationals activities on the NJCL Youtube page! All you have to do is click this link!

Have you heard about JCLive? If you haven’t, JCLive is a new livestream that’s hosted every Monday from 5–6 pm PST on the NJCL youtube page! It will feature Classics content and NJCL updates.

Do you want to view CAJCL photos from last year and this year, or watch videos like Second Vice President, Rupert Chen’s Roll Call from Nationals, then check out the CAJCL Flickr page!

Keep your fingers crossed and wear your mask so that California can host the next National Convention in person at San Diego State University. Click this link to view the Nationals promo video created by Athena Davis, Natalia Tobon, and Laila and Sofia Abolfathi.

As part of the spirit days at Nationals, all CAJCL attendees were asked to film the CA Nationals cheers and answer the question - Why do you love CAJCL? - If you want to watch the CA State Pride Video click this link!

Do you have a JCL memory to share that you would like to be remembered forever? If you do, then make sure to submit your story to the JCL Book Project! To learn more go to www.bit.ly/JCLbookproject. They will be accepting submissions until the end of 2020.

The Willows JCL recently elected its club officers. Brian (7th grade) will serve as consul, Luca (7th) will serve as our praetor, and Nate (6th) will serve as our tribune. We are working hard on our t-shirt design for this year, and are interested in hosting a small event via Zoom this year. Our team is also looking forward to attending the virtual convention held by the MassJCL in October, and another great SCRAM hosted by Uni this November!
Meet the Officers

Sonia Agarwal
Convention President
Menlo School ~ 12th Grade, Latin IV
Favorite JCL Activity?
Spirit or the Service Project
Favorite Book?
Just Mercy

Ahna Kim
Convention President
Menlo School ~ 12th Grade, Latin IV
Favorite JCL Activity?
Running Convention!
Favorite Quote?
astra inclinant, sed non obligant

Ava Tynan
First Vice President
St. Ignatius College Prep. ~ 12th Grade, Latin IV
Favorite JCL Activity?
Playing and watching Certamen
Favorite Quote?
per aspera ad astra
Meet the Officers

Rupert Chen
Second Vice President
The Harker School ~ 10th Grade, Latin III
Favorite JCL Activity?
Certamen
Favorite Quote?
mens sana in corpore sano

Elizabeth Casey
Parliamentarian
Sage Hill School ~ 11th Grade, Latin IV
Favorite JCL Activity?
Open Certamen
Favorite Book?
If Not, Winter

Chaerim Kim-Worthington
Secretary
Harvard-Westlake School ~ 11th Grade, Latin IV
Favorite JCL Activity?
Testing or GA
Favorite Quote?
si vis amari, ama
Meet the Officers

Sadie Almgren
Historian
Menlo-Atherton School ~ 11th Grade, Latin V/Post-AP
Favorite JCL Activity?
Quidditch
Favorite Book?
The Overstory

Cara Holden
Northern Representative
Miramonte High School ~ 12th Grade, Latin IV
Favorite JCL Activity?
Playing volleyball at Nats
Favorite Quote?
quid pro quo

Meghana Krishnan
Southern Representative
University High School ~ 12th Grade, Latin IV
Favorite JCL Activity?
Impromptu Art
Favorite Book?
The Da Vinci Code
Meet the Officers

Kaleigh Ruegg
Nuntius Editor
St. Ignatius College Prep. ~ 12th Grade, Latin IV
Favorite JCL Activity?
Scavenger Hunt
Favorite Book?
A Tale of Two Cities

Kabir Ramzan
Webmaster
The Harker School ~ 9th Grade, Latin III
Favorite JCL Activity?
Certamen
Favorite Quote?
non desistas, non exieris

"Ubi concordia, ibi victoria."
"Where there is unity, there is victory."
-Publius Syrus
2020 VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
From July 24th to the 29th, JCLers from around the country once again met at the National Convention. This year, however, we weren’t in Richmond, Virginia, but rather in our own homes. Still, the JCL spirit abounded. Due to the hard work of many people on the National Board and Committee (including Athena Davis, the 2019-2020 national Second Vice President), convention was a blast.

Of course, a lot changed – rather than supporting our teammates in person, we felt the thrill of certamen streamed on YouTube Live. Rather than filing into the testing center, we loaded up Google Forms. There were no reminders to keep our tests – and answer keys – down. But we still watched the prerecorded colloquia, we video called in to GA, and we shouted spirit cheers in our rooms. The members of the JCL didn’t let a global pandemic stop them – while we had hoped to be in Richmond, being at home was certainly just as crazy and fun.

Indeed, these circumstances didn’t stop CAJCLers. In addition to the many individual academic testing awards, both the novice and intermediate certamen teams advanced to semifinals; Mrs. Masoni received a Summa Cum Laude Sponsor award for her long standing dedication to the JCL – including 14 years as CAJCL treasurer and work on the national certamen competition; several schools placed in multiple competitions, showcasing their creativity and hard work in (among others) the scrapbook, publication, website, social media, and publicity competitions; the CAJCL website placed first in the website competition; and we came second in spirit (in the large category too!). Thanks to everyone who helped contribute to that result – whether by recording cheers, writing to your representative, or submitting drawings. Your energy and enthusiasm were felt across the country.

At convention, we may not have been physically united, but we were certainly together in spirit. In the months since convention, my PCD has settled – but my excitement for future CAJCL and National conventions has only increased. See you next year in San Diego, JCL!
Matching NJCL Socks!

JCL / SCL spirit be like

So I guess I “have” to have cake for breakfast.

The sacrifices I make for the SCL, I mean really.

Beverages in JCL/SCL merch only this week

They spelled NSCL wrong

The Iconic SCL Snapchat!
WHAT DOES VIRTUAL NATIONALS LOOK LIKE?

The California JCL Delegation

CAJCL 2nd VP, Rupert Chen during Roll Call

Former NJCL 2nd VP, Athena Davis with the Convention Zoom background

Nationals Virtual Certamen Tournament
What activities did CAJCL participate in?

What was your favorite NJCL Spirit Day?

What was your favorite Academic Test?

Are you excited for Nationals 2021 in California?
What was your favorite Colloquia?

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What was your favorite Activity or Moment from Nationals?

“I was really happy to bond with my new Certamen team! We talked a lot on Discord and made various future plans!” - Andrew Bota

“I enjoyed all the different breakout rooms I was put into during the mixers” - Kaleigh Ruegg

“Being a scorekeeper for Open and Competitive Certamen” - Jordan John Lee

“Certamen practices” - Jeffrey Fung

“CAJCL fellowships were really fun!” - Sadie Almgren

“I really enjoyed the NJCL board’s question and answer zoom because I got to hear a more in-depth explanation of each officer’s job and get some inspiration for my office.” - Ava Tynan

“I liked that there was still a strong sense of community and JCLove, even in the virtual setting!” - Cara Holden

“The night that the service project was due, we had a voice call where Andrew helped us reach out to our representatives. The energy in that call was really amazing, and everybody came together to submit and help Cali come second.” - Rupert Chen
2020 NJCL AWARDS RECAP

Graphic Arts
Impromptu 11: Cum Laude - Cara Holden
Impromptu 11: Cum Laude - Sadie Almgren
Local Scrapbook: Cum Laude - Scarlett Mosher
Impromptu 10: Magna Cum Laude - Lucas Allard
Local Scrapbook: Summa Cum Laude - Sonia Agarwal
Digital Art 7-9: Summa Cum Laude - Audrey Lin
Portfolio 6-8: Cum Laude - Audrey Lin
Impromptu 10: Summa Cum Laude - Ann Ryan
State Scrapbook: Magna Cum Laude - Kaleigh Ruegg

Creative Arts
English Oratory Upper: Magna Cum Laude - Isabel Arroyo
Modern Myth Lower: Magna Cum Laude - Audrey Lin
Modern Myth Middle: Cum Laude - Claire Lenden
Slogan: 8th Place - Claire Lenden

E-lympika
Push Ups Girls Upper: 2nd Place - Laila Abolfathi
Push Ups Boys Upper: 1st Place - Austin Lee

Competitive Certamen: 8th Place
Andrew Bota, Claire Lenden, Trisha Iyer, Kabir Ramzan
Competitive Certamen: 9th Place
Anton Andricioaei, August Briggs, Audrey Lin, Sofia Perez-Lanza
Open Certamen Novice: 2nd Place - Rahul Sundaresan

Miramonte High School
Social Media: 3rd Place
Activities Contest: 1st Place
Local Publications: 4th Place
Publicity - Best Club Swag: 1st Place
Publicity - Best Portfolio: 3rd Place
Publicity - Best Recruitment: 1st Place

Menlo School
Social Media: 9th Place
Activities Contest: 2nd Place
Local Publications: 5th Place

1st Place in State Website
2nd Place in State Publications
Magna Cum Laude in State Scrapbook
2020 NJCL AWARDS RECAP

Isabel Arroyo - Latin Derivatives 5: 3rd Place, Greek Life & Literature 5+: 3rd Place, Classical Art 5+: 4th Place, Greek Derivatives 5+: 4th Place, Mottoes, Abbreviations, & Quotations: 4th Place, Roman Life 5+: 5th Place, Vocabulary 5+: 5th Place
Andrew Bota - Grammar 2: 2nd Place
Tiffany Chang - Mottoes, Abbreviations, & Quotations: 1st Place, Vocabulary 3: 5th Place
Felix Chen - Latin Derivatives 1: 1st Place, Reading Comp 1: 5th Place, Roman Life 1: 5th Place
Rupert Chen - Reading Comp Prose 3: 4th Place
Graydon Schulze-Kalt - Heptathlon 5+: 4th Place, Grammar 5+: 5th Place
Jeffrey Fung - Greek Life & Literature 5+: 2nd Place, Reading Comp Poetry 5+: 3rd Place, Vocabulary 5+: 3rd Place, Hellenic History 5+: 4th Place, Roman Life 5+: 3rd Place, Mottoes, Abbreviations, & Quotations: 5th Place, Latin Literature 5+: 5th Place
Cara Holden - Reading Comp Prose 3: 5th Place
Trisha Iyer - Reading Comp 2: 5th Place
Ahna Kim - Mythology 3: 2nd Place, Vocabulary 3: 2nd Place, Mottoes, Abbreviations, & Quotations: 4th Place, Roman History 3: 4th Place, Latin Literature 3: 5th Place
Chaerim Kim-Worthington - Greek Language 1: 1st Place, Greek Life & Literature 4: 3rd Place, Greek Derivatives 4: 4th Place, Hellenic History 4: 4th Place
Austin Lee - Greek Derivatives 5+: 1st Place, Latin Derivatives 5: 1st Place, Vocabulary 5+: 1st Place, Greek Language 3: 3rd Place, Mottoes, Abbreviations, & Quotations: 3rd Place
Audrey Lin - Reading Comp 1: 5th Place
Lauren Liu - Mottoes, Abbreviations, & Quotations: 1st Place, Reading Comp Poetry 3: 2nd Place, Latin Literature 3: 3rd Place, Classical Art 3: 2nd Place, Vocabulary 3: 3rd Place, Latin Derivatives 3: 5th Place, Reading Comp Prose 3: 5th Place
Scarlett Mosher - Roman History 3: 5th Place
Kabir Ramzan - Vocabulary 2: 3rd Place
Rahul Sundaresan - Latin Derivatives 1/2: 1st Place, Geography 1/2: 1st Place, Mythology 1/2: 1st Place, Roman Life 1/2: 1st Place, Hellenic History 1/2: 1st Place, Heptathlon 1/2: 1st Place, Mottoes, Abbreviations, & Quotations: 1st Place, Classical Art 1/2: 2nd Place, Roman History 1/2: 3rd Place
Michelle Wei - Reading Comp 2: 5th Place
Nicholas Wei - Reading Comp Poetry 3: 1st Place, Grammar 3: 2nd Place, Reading Comp Prose 3: 2nd Place, Vocabulary 3: 2nd Place

1st Place in Spirit - Most Service Points

2nd Place in Spirit - Large States
Last year, I attended my first CAJCL convention, where I proceeded to gorge myself on the complimentary honey sticks and academic contests offered. This year, I took the leap and signed up for the National Convention in what I thought would be Richmond, Virginia. Instead, I spent a warm July week attending my first NJCL Convention in my room, surrounded by messy stacks of books.

Was I sad about the shift online? In all honesty, no—I don’t think I would gel well with any place with spiders, whether featured underfoot or overhead on the University of Richmond’s banner. I had to wonder, though, what I was missing. I had very few expectations going in because I simply didn’t know what expectations to form. The convention’s intent would still be preserved—there were academic contests galore, which Georgia swept in awards (apparently there’s something in the peaches), and spirit contests, in which Florida was obnoxiously and lovably vocal (no explanation here—I’m told they have always been this way), and the organizers took great pains to ensure people could still connect and geek about the classics together by planning virtual mixers.

But robbed of the seemingly-endless downtime in between activities, I figured the week would be spent as JCL and something. Despite the Discord rules for “no life outside of Certamen”, I sadly acknowledged that JCL couldn’t be my entire life for the duration of convention—I’d have to do other stuff, like doing my laundry, talking to my parents, and such. I resigned myself to a daily schedule of two hours of Google Forms tests, another hour in the General Assembly, and then tasks pertaining to the rest of my life. And yes, the “offseason” was mostly filled with reading with my dog on my lap, rather than talking with newfound friends squished next to me.

My paradigm shift started when I logged into my first day of convention. I met my fellow members of the California Competitive Certamen team (Intermediate) and realized that I knew them! Kabir used to sit in front of me in Latin class last semester. And Andrew . . . um, his reputation precedes him. Fond memories of being steamrolled by him at a previous Certamen tournament came flooding back. My exploits as a serial friend-maker continued throughout the day as I wandered into some very quirky and very unique NJCL Discord servers and began to connect with my fellow Californian convention attendees in fellowship.
The NJCL officers made things very clear at a (not-at-all rigged) Kaboot game, saying that convention is, and I quote, all about the memes. So, really, any expectations at all have been shattered. Hey, I thought to myself while pressing the red button for the 40th question in a row, this isn’t as lonely as I thought.

Are you rolling your eyes? In my defense, it was my first convention, and I had underestimated the ability of NJCL to translate its infectious personality over computer screens. Yes, the pandemic had robbed us of the privilege of meeting each other face to face and of filling out Scantron sheets with the answers to color-coded tests. But I’m confident it didn’t rob me of the chance to meet, and be absorbed into, the NJCL community. I’m sure that our fond recollections of the time Sherwin Little accidentally ended GA and [message deleted] about the cake conspiracy (cakespiracy?) exposed at That’s Entertainment will be as pervasive next convention as the Fargodome (hailing from North Dakota, the site of last year’s convention) was this year.

Despite these strange times, the JCL community has transcended circumstance, and I’m glad I got to see it. It’s been beautiful to watch people from everywhere from the (Certamen powerhouse) Texas’ to (nonexistent) Alaska’s delegations come out in full force. When I closed Zoom for the final time on Wednesday, I was full of new memories and had a phoneful of new friends. This all sounds very corny and sappy. What’s more corny is every single bad joke cracked before Certamen rounds. And what isn’t corny at all, but downright sweet, is the staggering number of supporting messages pouring in to support the performers at That’s Entertainment—even the guy who rickrolled us while playing the piano. The memory that I cherish the most is successfully coaxing my mom into letting me stay up late (well, later than usual). Because we CAJCLers, being the overachievers and procrastinators that we are, decided to hold an activism party the night before service project submissions were due. While huddled together in the voice channel, exclaiming over a neat “Carpe Panem” coloring page, and asking inane questions about how to address Ro Khanna in my letter about the gender wage gap, I couldn’t help but feel the JCLove.

And the JCLove, perhaps the most pervasive meme at Nationals, is addictive, let me tell you. It has made the NJCL 2020 Convention as memorable and incredible as we didn’t dare hope it would be. The JCLove is why I’m definitely coming back next year, whether I’m attending from my room or (hopefully) on campus at San Diego State University. Either way, I hope I see you all there.
LET'S SEE WHAT'S NEXT...

GET READY FOR LUDI
IT'S TIME FOR SCRAM
CALLING ALL CHAPTERS
RUNNING FOR STATE OFFICE
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HISTORIAN

CARA HOLDEN
MEGHANA KRISHNAN
AVA TYNAN
ELIZABETH CASEY
SADIE ALMGREN
Hey NorCal JCLers, have you been missing the thrill of buzzing in just before your certamen opponents or making memories with your CAJCL buddies? Then sign up for the first ever virtual Ludi, happening Saturday, November 14th on Zoom! This year’s event will let you experience everything you love about Ludi from the comfort of your own bed, dining table, or backyard. That’s right, all the usual general assemblies, certamen, academic testing, colloquia, community service project, and more will be happening online!

At Ludi, you’ll be able to test your knowledge of the classics by choosing between eleven different types of tests, ranging from mythology to derivatives, to take via Google forms. If you want to challenge yourself further with some friendly competition, you can sign up for certamen with other JCLers from your school. You’ll even get to increase your appreciation for the classics by attending one of the many colloquia sessions with outstanding artists and experts.

As for activities, we’ll still have many Ludi favorites! Want to watch your friends drop some sick verses? Well you’re in luck, since Roman Rap Battle will still be going strong. Wish you could solve some fun Latin puzzles? Start thinking like Oedipus solving the Sphinx’s riddle and sign up for a virtual escape room. Feel like getting your creative juices flowing? Create a classically-themed art piece with materials from around your home during the impromptu art contest!

Along with those traditional events, Ludi will be offering a variety of new virtual activities, including pictionary and scattergories, freeze dance, and mixers, which will give new and old CAJCLers many chances to connect. There will also be a social media raffle, in which attendees who post about Ludi on social media will be entered to win a super snazzy prize!

The Miramonte Ludi committee has been meeting weekly and we are so excited for this historic event, so don’t miss out! Register for Ludi by November 7 to claim your spot :)

GET READY FOR LUDI
Cara Holden ~ CAJCL Northern Rep
Salvēte Omnēs,

This year, University High School is proud to present the first ever online SCRAM on November 21st! It’s the Latin activities, academics, and fun you know and love, but right from the comfort of your own house.

Join us for exciting online activities like Roman Jeopardy, Speedrun Artistry, and Dungeons and Dragons. Test your knowledge with the expanded variety of academic tests we’re offering this year, including subjects like Mythology, Vocabulary, Daily Life and many more. If you’re an artist at heart, display your talents by sending in submissions for Edible Mosaic or Project Runway. And of course, we’ll have some really interesting workshops, so make sure to attend one of those.

This year, due to the online format, we will be offering an entirely new category of event: Esports and online gaming tournaments!

Check out the separate schedule to see which games are happening and when. Some of the tournaments will be streamed live, so you can tune in to support your friends or school!

We here at University High have been working hard to plan this event, and are all very excited for this special day. I hope to “see” you all there!
Salvēte Omnēs! My name is Ava Tynan, and I am your California Junior Classical League First Vice President. I want to give you all some more insight into my plans for this academic year, but first, I have a quick reminder: If you are a current chapter wanting to renew your membership, please go to the membership tab on the CAJCL website to find the steps to take. The dues for this school year are the same as previous years ($5 per chapter in addition to $3 per member).

Now onto the fun activities! This year, I am focused on making sure that our current members are staying engaged during this virtual time and continuing to promote CAJCL to their broader communities. As you may have seen through the CAJCL Instagram @CAJCL, I have started my monthly theme ideas to encourage chapters to get creative in finding new ways to stay connected. September’s goal was for each chapter to host a virtual community-building event. October’s theme will be Mundus Patet, the Halloween of Ancient Rome. Romans celebrated this holiday three times a year in September, October, and November, and they considered each of these to be days in which the boundaries between the living and the dead were lifted. For this month, I want to encourage all JCL chapters to have some sort of costume related activity! For example, JCL chapters could wear their Roman outfits during a chapter Zoom meeting or host a costume contest in which members dress as their favorite mythological figure. If your chapter completes the themes for either September or October, please send me a picture or screenshot of the event to firstvp@cajcl.org. I will combine these pictures into collages on the CAJCL Instagram page.

Finally, I want to give you all a preview of a new project I am working towards for Ludi/SCRAM. I know that it can be hard for new chapters to meet other chapters, especially this year through Zoom; as a result, I want to create a buddy system! The plan is to send out a Google Form in about a month asking different questions such as your favorite classics component or your favorite genre of JCL activities, and through email, I will pair you with a new friend from a different chapter based on similar interests. Through this project, new members will hopefully have familiar faces on the Zoom activities at Ludi and SCRAM! I hope this glimpse into my plans gets you excited for the rest of the academic year as JCL members and eases some concerns about making connections virtually. As always, I strongly value your input and feedback. Please email me at any time with questions or suggestions at firstvp@cajcl.org. I believe we can lean into the differences that this virtual school year brings and use creativity to make this JCL academic year just as great as always!

Valete omnes!
Once I found out I had been elected, I was apprehensive about my duties. Even though they are listed in the constitution, I kept waiting for massive amounts of work to fall into my lap. My predecessor, Ethan, was extremely helpful in outlining what I would actually be required to do, although he was a bit overenthusiastic in his role, and I have definitely scaled back. The main thing my position has had to do so far is attend the board meeting in May to be sworn in, and provide End of Month reports detailing what exactly I did that month to contribute to my position. For example, last month I reached out to the NJCL Parliamentarian and got added to a group chat, and this month I drafted amendments I hope will be passed at Convention.

Getting to be a part of the board has been a great opportunity thus far, but I can’t help but notice that most of us come from a handful of schools, as have most of the board members since I joined JCL in sixth grade. It would be great to have a more diverse board, both age and school-wise. If you are worried you do not have enough experience in JCL or are too young, do not hesitate to apply. As long as you are passionate about the JCL community and whichever position you apply for, you will excel in your duties on the board.

JCL has been a part of my life for six years, and I have loved the opportunity to serve on the board and see how it is run from the inside. If you are interested in being on the board next year, or just have questions about JCL in general, feel free to reach out to me, my fellow board members, or your chapter sponsor.
I have thoroughly enjoyed everyone’s Photo of the Month contest and Monthly locus contest submissions so far, keep them coming! You can find the links to submit your photos/memes in CAJCL’s Instagram bio (@cajcl) or on the website under “Online Contests”. The submission deadlines for the coming months are as follows (the deadline is the same for both the Monthly locus and Photo of the month):
October- October 29
November- November 28
December- December 29
January- January 29

Additionally, check out CAJCL’s flickr at https://www.flickr.com/people/cajcl/ to see our photos from past conventions, such as Nats and last year’s SCRAM and Ludi! As always, if you have any photos or videos of CAJCL related things, email them to me at historian@cajcl.org. I am so excited to see all of y’all at SCRAM and Ludi!
Stay safe, amicī meae!

Valē,

SADIE ALMGREN
CAJCL HISTORIAN 2020-2021
PHOTO OF THE MONTH
**July**

"Got dressed. Put on my toga. Took a quick pic. Hopped on Zoom. And attended the fifth day of virtual Nationals!" - Audrey, CHD Academy

**August**

Miramonte’s 2020 Latin Club Officers showing-off their succulent plants during a scavenger hunt over Zoom!

- Aaron, Miramonte High School

**September**

"This photo is of a handful of Miramonte Latin Club officers at a meeting on zoom holding signs that spell out Miramonte Latin club!" - Melissa, Miramonte High School
MONTHLY IOCUS CONTEST
**July**

Avery, Harvard-Westlake
Caption: “A dazzling dactylichexameter meme to brighten your quarantined day.”

**August**

Cate, Menlo-Atherton High School
Caption: This meme was originally created by @classicsmemes fordepressedteens on Instagram.

**September**

Jasraj, Miramonte High School
Caption: This meme was created by Edrick Wang.
The CAJCL state board meeting took place September 26! Using Zoom, we video-called from across the state. Thanks to Rupert Chen’s planning and organization of Zoom, we were able to see each other’s bright faces from the comfort of our own homes.

The meeting began with a call to order and a reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Each officer gave us an update of what they’d been working on over the summer. After all of his hard work at Nationals, Rupert Chen has been working on a website contest and the service project. The Northern and Southern Representatives, Cara Holden and Meghana Krishnan, have been working hard and planning Ludi and SCRAM. The convention presidents, Sonia Agarwal and Ahna Kim, have been hard at work planning State Convention. Our parliamentarian, Elizabeth Casey, updated some election procedures and started an election Q&A for students interested in running in the spring. Sadie Almgren, our historian, presented us with her board sweatshirt design, which all the officers were wearing. She also updated us on the Photo of the Month competition and her new locus contest. Finally, Kaleigh Ruegg, the Nuntius Editor, updated us on her upcoming publications. After officer updates, we had financial, SCL, and Certamen reports, and ended the meeting right on time at 12:00! You can look at the minutes from the board meeting on the CAJCL website.
During the summer, from June 29 to July 9, California hosted its first ever Online Certamen Tournament on Discord. Completely student run, Lena Bagley, Avery Konwiser, Graydon Schulze-Kalt, and Melody Tang, organized 12 teams from 5 schools with 39 total participates. The tournament consisted of three preliminary rounds, followed by a semifinals and final round. If you enjoyed the tournament or if you didn’t get the chance to participate, there will be another Certamen tournament during Winter Break!

Winning Teams

1st Place: Marlborough (120) ~ Isabel Arroyo
2nd Place: Harker A (80) ~ Rupert C, Jeremy K, Lauren L, Nicholas W
3rd Place: Harker C (70) ~ Jeffrey F, Kyle L

Other Teams

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Crossroads B ~ Emilio A, Michael J, Kyle L, Celeste M
Harker B ~ Margaret C, Ronald C, Trisha I, Kabir R
Harvard-Westlake ~ Owen C, Eva S, Liana W
UHS B ~ Laila A, Andrew B, Evan C, Michael M
UHS C ~ Joshua C, Jack G
UHS D ~ Anton A, Benlin G, Andre Q, Elijah T
St. Ignatius ~ Josh G, Jeffrey L, Kaleigh R, Amanda T
CASCL CORNER
My name is Jordan Lee, and I am a current junior at Stanford. I am so excited to lead the CASCL for the 2020-2021 school year as its President. As all of us can attest, this has not been a traditional year, to say the least. Even though we still face uncertainties in our life, we as the CASCL board are committed to not only help assist the CAJCL and all of its activities, whether virtual or in-person, but also inspire the next generation of Classics enthusiasts from across the country to become a part of an organization that has truly changed our lives. Whether it is face-to-face or through a computer screen, the CASCL is excited to bring new members into our community, and we cannot wait for what is in store!

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JORDAN LEE
CASCL PRESIDENT
INTRODUCING THE SCL BOARD

Jordan Lee
President
Stanford University
Studying Biology and Classics
Favorite Greco-Roman Writer: Plautus
Years in JCL: 4

"The CASCL has been a second home for me during my time in college. Having the opportunity to lead the CASCL during this unusual and unexpected time gives me great hope and responsibility to move the CASCL forward virtually and in-person. I am most looking forward to interacting with many high schools and colleges across California and the United States to inspire them to join one of the best organizations in California!"

Sofia Abolfathi
Vice President
UC Berkeley
Studying Classics
Favorite Greco-Roman Writer: Catullus
Years in JCL: 4

"This organization blessed me with friendships all over the country. In the time of COVID, we can feel very alone. But the people I’ve grown to love are only a zoom call away, and I’m grateful for their companionship. This year, I want the distance to bring us closer than ever before. As we try to figure out how to navigate virtual events, I’m looking forward to revisiting what we value most as an organization."

Kiana Hu
Secretary
Stanford
Studying Classics
Favorite Greco-Roman Writer: Ovid
Years in JCL: 4

"I love that I can stay connected with other classics lovers and with the amazing JCL community! I’m looking forward to planning other digital events to keep in touch with everyone :)"
Isabel Arroyo
Parliamentarian
Yale University (gap year)
Plans to study Classics and Ethics, Politics, & Economics
Favorite Greco-Roman Writer: Tacitus & Catullus
Years in JCL: 6

"I've only been in SCL a few months, but so far what I love most is the people I've met! I'm looking forward to working with the rest of the CA board this year, and I am excited for the challenge of adapting the SCL-run parts of conventions to the circumstances imposed by the pandemic in as fun and effective a way as possible. In terms of the upcoming school year, I've postponed my matriculation, so I won't be attending until 2021. In the interim, I will be studying Attic Greek, writing, and (hopefully) traveling."

Michaela Phan
JCL Liaison
Stanford University
Studying Classics
Favorite Greco-Roman Writer: Horace
Years in JCL: 7

"I'm most looking forward to building a stronger connection between the CASCL and the CAJCL! As someone who loved the JCL so much, I hope to foster that same love for the SCL in others. I plan to work my hardest to promote a fun, supportive community for SCLers and JCLers!"

Robin Kim
Webmaster
Merced College
Studying Computer Science, Physics, and Mathematics
Favorite Greco-Roman Writer: Catullus
Years in JCL: 6

"I love the connection between people I interacted with in JCL, people I consider my close friends. I'm excited to kickstart off a great year despite a very strange time in all of our lives! And I want to do a lot of social media outreach and interactive games related to the Classics!"
ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY: THEN AND NOW

Kaleigh Ruegg ~ CAJCL Nuntius Editor

When you think of technology, you probably think of your phone, computer, or tablet, but what did Ancient Romans consider technology? During the Roman empire, technology advancements were not based on new app updates, but instead on engineering and medical marvels. Roads, water sources, and buildings may be common in today’s society, but then, they intensified the supremacy of the Roman Empire.

In 300 B.C., Rome started increasing its sewer and sanitation systems by building aqueducts. The Romans may not have invented these structures, but their engineering capabilities spread these pipelines made of stone and concrete for up to sixty miles. Out of ancient Rome’s eleven aqueducts, one, the Aqua Virgo, is still in use today. With a little help from modern technology, it was restored during the Italian Renaissance and is now known as the Acqua Vergine.

Another accomplishment of Roman technology was their improved roads. Similar to today, the Romans placed distance markers on their roads, which were made of granite and hardened volcanic ash. They were also curved to the side to allow for water drainage. As the Romans quickly built roads across the empire (the majority of southern Europe), it improved communication over long distances, increased the rate at which soldiers could travel, and became essential in maintaining a vast empire.
A classic symbol of the Roman era is its distinct architecture. The Colosseum, Pantheon, Circus Maximus, Arch of Constantine, the Temple of Bacchus, and so on, all have something in common: the arches. The Romans were the first civilization to effectively construct buildings with arches that could sustain for years, due to the even distribution of weight, another engineering milestone. The Romans used a segmental arch design, which resists thrust, and has thus kept many of these ancient buildings from crumbling for thousands of years.

While the Romans advanced architectural technology, they also contributed to medicine. Since the Romans were often in battle, they began to improve the medical aid provided to soldiers during Augustus’ era. With surgical medics at work during battles, Roman soldiers began to live longer than the average person, likely due to hemostatic tourniquets and arterial surgical clamps, which decreased blood loss. The medics also disinfected their tools in hot water, a sterilization component that reduced the soldier’s risk of infection. While this concept is practiced in today’s world, it was revolutionary for the 2nd and 3rd centuries but was not officially adopted until the 19th century.

Times have certainly changed, and so has technology, but many advancements from Roman technology influence our lives today. During these times, as we rely on technology more than ever, think about how in another thousand years, cell phones will be an ancient concept, much like our perception of Roman aqueducts.
Respondete Latine: Add the number of fates to the number of Titans. Subtract the number of 2020-2021 CAJCL officers. Add the number of muses. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 

Odysseus, king of the island of Ithaca, battled which sea monsters -- and made it out alive? _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ & _ _ _ _ _ _ 

Quis sum? We are the mythological monsters with the form of a bird and a female human face. We are agents of punishment, employed by the gods to bring guilty mortals to Pluto. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 

Who were the Roman goddesses of vengeance? _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 

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Which Titan is responsible for giving fire to man? _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 

What do we call the most powerful group of Roman gods? _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 

What creature did Bellerophon defeat with the head of a lion, the body of a goat, and the tail of a serpent? _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 

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WORD SEARCH: ROMAN EMPERORS

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O T H O N S N C L A U D I U S A O N
K C A L I G U L A V U U O R F C L T

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

AUGUSTUS  DOMITIAN  OTHO
AURELIAN  GALBA  PERTINAX
BALBINUS  GALLIENUS  TACITUS
CALIGULA  HADRIAN  THEODOSIUSI
CLAUDIUS  JOVIAN  TIBERIUS
COMMODUS  NERO  TRAJAN
DIOCLETIAN  NERVA
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THEODOSIUSI
TIBERIUS
TRAJAN
A GUIDE TO MASK USE

Before putting on a mask, clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.

Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks.

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