

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's the start of a new decade and so much has happened since the last *Nuntius* was published! We formed new friendships at Nationals in North Dakota, cheered during *Ludi* at Menlo School, and shared laughter during S.C.R.A.M at Sage Hill School. From the profit of both of our regional events, over \$2,000 was donated to the CAJCL Scholarship Fund.

Now, as we head into the new year, we can look forward to Carcer on March 21 and State Convention at University High School from April 17-18 in Irvine! These events are really where the CAJCL spirit comes to life and are great opportunities to learn more about the Classics, meet new people, and become a part of one big CAJCL family. I highly encourage you to attend each event if you are able.

Sadly, I regret to inform you that our previous *Nuntius* Editor, Alexis Yoo, has respectfully resigned. She is truly a dedicated member of CAJCL and both her contagious enthusiasm and passion for the Classics will be sincerely missed.

Since my duties as Northern Representative are virtually over, I volunteered to take over the Editor duties and CAJCL State Chair Mrs. Altieri duly appointed me. I am delighted to take over those duties and I hope you enjoy reading our first *Nuntius*!

Within this newsletter contains excerpts from CAJCL, SCL, and NJCL officers as well as local JCL members. In an effort to publish a *Nuntius* as quickly as possible. I was not able to include as many different voices as I would have liked. All of your contributions are what make CAJCL so special so please send your submissions to [nuntius@cajcl.org](mailto:nuntius@cajcl.org) by May 1st so that they can be included in the next edition.

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Victoria Wat  
CAJCL Northern Representative  
CAJCL Nuntius Editor 2019-20

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CAJCL Board 2019-20

# Meet the officers!

## **KASRA LEKAN**

Convention President

University High School

12th Grade, Latin IV

**Favorite thing about Latin?**  
Reading a passage for 10  
lines to find the verb.



## **SOPHIE REYNOLDS**

1st Vice President

Menlo School

12th Grade

Latin V/Post AP

**Favorite quote?**  
Hard work beats talent when  
talent doesn't work hard.



## **LAILA ABOLFATHI**

2nd Vice President

University High School

11th Grade, Latin III

**Favorite quote?**  
"non nobis solum nati sumus"  
- Cicero



# Meet the officers!



**ETHAN YAN**

Parliamentarian

Menlo School

12th Grade

Latin V/Post AP

**Favorite Book?**  
**Irrational Exuberance**  
**by Robert J. Shiller**

**ISABELLE KROCHMAL**

Secretary

Miramonte High School

12th Grade, Latin IV

**Favorite movie?**  
**"The Good Dinosaur"**



**KALEIGH RUEGG**

Historian

St. Ignatius College Prep.

11th Grade

Latin III

**Favorite Quote?**  
**"The moment you doubt whether**  
**you can fly, you cease forever to**  
**be able to do it" - Peter Pan**

# Meet the officers!

## VICTORIA WAT

Northern Representative, Nuntius Editor  
Menlo School, 12th Grade  
Latin V/Post AP

**Favorite book?**  
"Factfulness"  
by Hans Rosling



## SAM COHEN

Southern Representative  
Sage Hill School  
12th Grade  
Latin IV

**Favorite quote?**  
"No act of kindness, no matter  
how small, is ever wasted"  
- Aesop

## RUPERT CHEN

Webmaster  
Harker School  
9th Grade  
Latin III

**Favorite thing about JCL?**  
"Definitely the community. I love  
getting together with all my  
JCFriends and trying to beat them  
in the blood sport of Certamen"





# Looking Forward to State Convention 2020

University High School, Irvine, CA  
April 17-18, 2020

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ON THE ROAD TO  
STATE CONVENTION  
SERVICE PROJECT  
PUBLICITY CONTEST  
RUNNING FOR STATE  
OFFICE

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NATALIA TOBON &  
SOPHIE BURKHARDT  
LAILA ABOLFATHI  
SOPHIE REYNOLDS  
ETHAN YAN

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# On the Road to State Convention

Natalia Tobon &  
Sophie Burkhardt  
Directors of Promotion

Over the past 6 months, University High School's Convention Board has been working diligently to prepare for the California State Convention, taking place on April 17th and 18th of this year. Members of the board have managed finances and paperwork, coordinated with different companies for new and exciting activities, attended dozens of food tastings, and finalized projects that will be revealed as the event day approaches.

Every Tuesday, the board meets to update each other on their respective assignments, as well as coming up with strategies to efficiently manage other tasks. The schedule is filled with classic events such as Roman Speed Dating, Certamen, Escape rooms, as well as some new activities such as colossal chess, virtual reality experience, roller skating, and archery tag.

Rest assured, *amici*, that this upcoming Convention will be unlike anything you have yet to experience! Convention has something for everyone, and we hope that it is an impactful experience for all of you! On behalf of University High School's Junior Classical League, we highly anticipate your best at Convention this year, whether it is through beautiful artwork, brilliant academic knowledge, the intense spirit of competition, or the warm sense of friendship, *maximās grātiās vōbīs agimus!*



University High School's JCL Board

# Service Project

Laila Abolfathi  
CAJCL 2nd VP



*Salvēte Amicī!*

My name is Laila Abolfathi and I am your 2019-2020 CAJCL 2nd Vice President! One of my duties is to hold a service project at the State Convention in April.

Service Projects are exciting as they allow us to bond with one another while making a positive impact on our local communities. We will be making beanies for NEGUP for our state service project.

NEGUP is an Orange County based nonprofit, and their purpose is to create care packages for children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Jessie Rees, a friend of mine from the Mission Viejo Nadadores swim team, created this organization in 2011, when she was diagnosed with two inoperable brain tumors at the age of twelve. Named NEGUP, which stands for Never Ever Give Up, her organization lives on in her name, and still creates her JoyJar packages in their Irvine headquarters. Through this service project we will celebrate her mission to spread hope and joy as a state.

# Publicity Contest

Sophie Reynolds  
CAJCL 1st VP

Do you want to showcase what your JCL chapter has done? Entering in the Publicity Competition for State Convention is the perfect chance to do it!

At my school, we had never entered the publicity contest before I was the local First VP, so I know how daunting it can be. You might feel like you don't know where to start and the rules might seem confusing. In this article, I'm going to give a brief overview of the contest and provide some tips so that you can get started on your publicity portfolios.

I would love to have as many schools as possible enter the publicity contest. By myself, I can only reach so many schools and potential new chapters. However, with help from California schools' publicity efforts, we can reach so many more schools and continue to promote JCL.

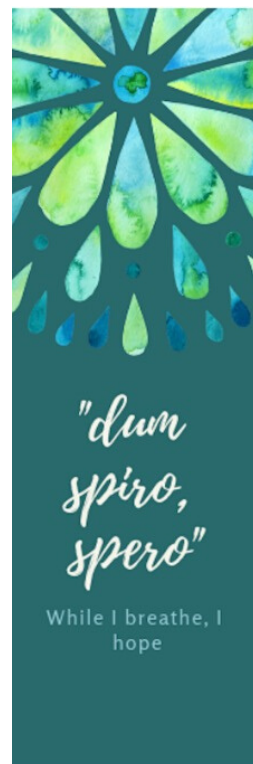
As a whole, the goal of publicity is to promote the Classics and JCL to those who are not aware of its value. There are seven categories in the contest: Media Outside of School, School Affiliated Media, Posters/Displays at School, Miscellaneous, Best Club Swag, and Best Recruitment Presentation. You can't have more than one entry per category, and these entries make up your portfolio. However, you definitely do not have to enter all of the categories -- even entering one is great!

## Tips

Overall, I have three main tips for any school looking to participate in Publicity:

1. Be creative! Try different ideas, and try to come up with things that no one has done before.
2. Look around you! See what attracts your attention, and try to mimic it. Think about what would make you interested in JCL.
3. Take your time! Work hard on each publicity project you do to make sure it is as good as possible. Remember, quality is more important than quantity.

I look forward to seeing your entries when the portfolios are due on **April 6**, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about publicity.



Here are some examples of publicity submissions from Menlo School and Crossroads School.



*Salvēte omnēs,*

Election time has arrived—not just across the country but also for the CAJCL! Applications are now open for individuals interested in serving on the Executive Board. Election materials can be found online at <https://www.cajcl.org/elections.html>, and applications are due on **Monday, March 9th**.

There are five different elected positions (First Vice President, Second Vice President, Parliamentarian, Secretary, and Historian) and two appointed positions (Nuntius Editor and Webmaster) that CAJCL members can run for. A summary of each position can be found [here](#), while a detailed description of each position is contained in Article VI, Section 8 of the [CAJCL Constitution](#). Please note that candidates for elected positions cannot succeed a member from their own chapter.

So why should you consider running? First and foremost, it's an incredibly fun opportunity to develop friendships with fellow Latin students from across the state. We meet three times a year and work together to promote the classics and organize JCL events such as Ludi, SCRAM, and State Convention. In doing so, we have the opportunity to impact future generations of JCLers and create the warm, inclusive, and caring community that drives over one thousand people to State Convention every year.

I hope that anyone who is passionate about the JCL and has ideas about how to make a positive difference on the CAJCL will consider running for office. Nobody should be deterred from running because they feel like they have not attended enough events or come from a smaller or less-active chapter. Diversity in background and perspective is essential to the Executive Board's success, and we want to hear your voice!

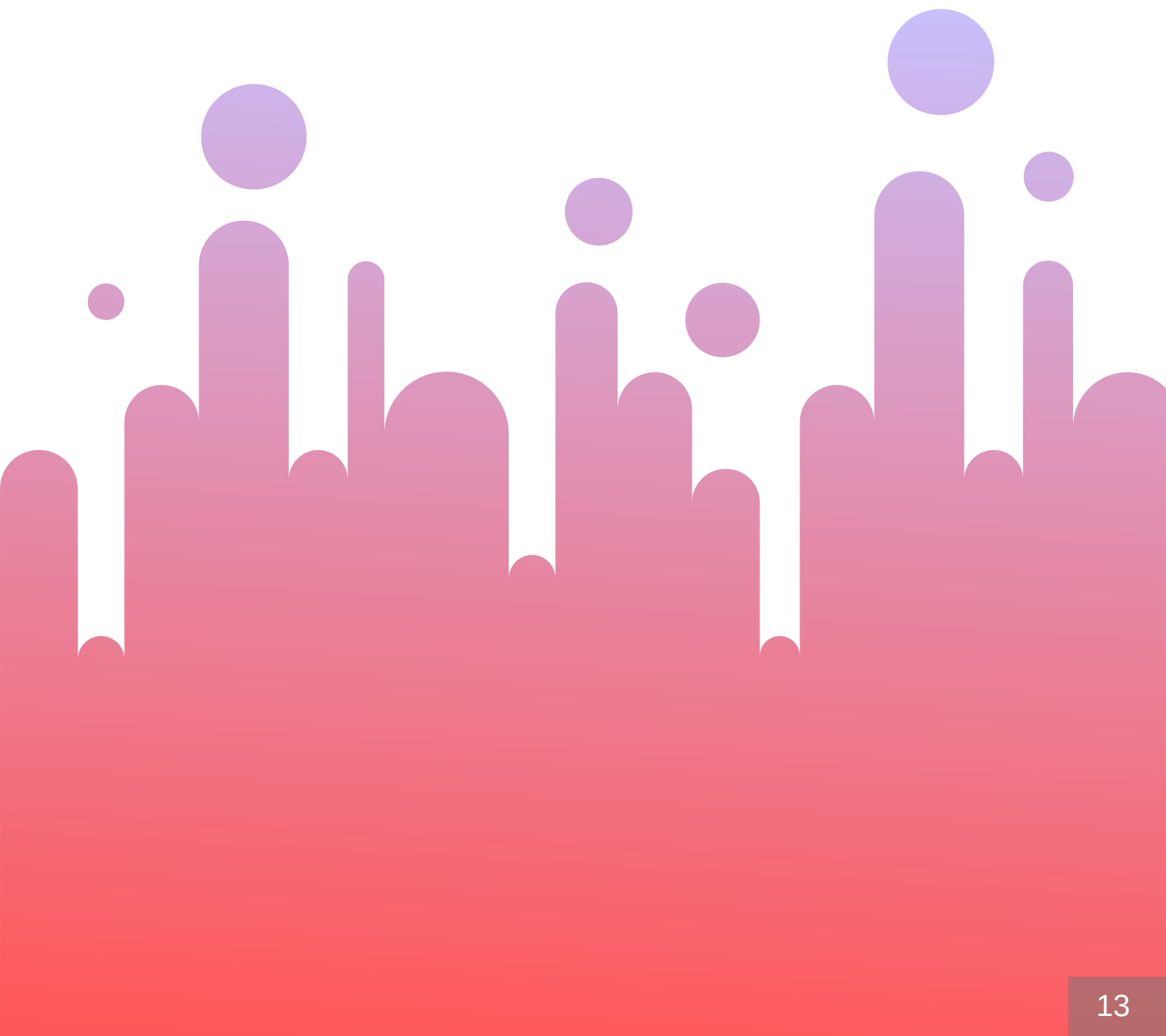
Please feel free to email me at [parliamentarian@cajcl.org](mailto:parliamentarian@cajcl.org) if you have any questions about what it's like to serve on the Executive Board and/or the application process. I'm here to help.



The 2019-2020 CAJCL Board!

# Regional Conventions

Ludi & S.C.R.A.M



Wow! I can't believe Ludi is over already. *Tempus fugit* when you're having fun. This year, Ludi was hosted at Menlo School on October 26th and over 600 students (the most it has ever been in the North) came to participate. For some, like the students from Lowell High School in San Francisco, this was their first JCL event they ever attended! The JCL family is growing bigger every year.



Miramonte School cheering at General Assembly!

As the buses rolled in, students were greeted by Menlo students and given a tour around the school, followed by donuts and orange juice for breakfast. Then we all funneled into the gym for General Assembly where our Upper School Director, John Schafer, welcomed everybody to Menlo's campus. JCL officers Sophie Reynolds, Laila Abolfathi, Ethan Yan, Isabelle Krochmal, Kaleigh Ruegg, Rupert Chen and I spoke as well as SCL president Mia Borlongan.

After testing, students had a blast jumping on the bouncy houses, playing Open Certamen, Quidditch, and many of our Hades themed games. And for the first time, we offered Geocaching, a scavenger hunt activity where students use GPS coordinates to locate clues hidden around campus. Lots of students reported back that they loved it and the prizes too! We send special thanks to Sarah Coty (who manages geocaching activities for Google all over the world) for managing the event and providing the prizes.

After indulging in burritos and ice-cream, students attended two of the many Colloquia sessions offered, all based on outreach programs the local classicists are involved in including National Geographic's Dr. Patrick Hunt who talked about tracing Hannibal's route across the Alps, Dr. Denali St. Amand who shared her experience teaching Latin to inmates in two southern California prisons, Muse Lee of Stanford who offered excerpts from the musical she wrote based on Madeline Miller's "Song of Achilles," and Rhodessa Jones, founder of the Medea Project which works on reaching HIV positive female inmates through myth.

Overall, Ludi was a day filled with learning, laughter, and, of course, JCLove. It was such an honor to have the opportunity to organize such a wonderful event. I hope to see you all at State Convention in Irvine!







Students participating in the S.T.E.M workshop!

SCRAM this year saw almost 700 students participate in athletic, academic, and artistic events at Sage Hill School in Newport Coast on November 9th. As students from all over Southern California and Las Vegas came to the opening ceremony, they were greeted by a replica of Mount Vesuvius that erupted periodically throughout the day.

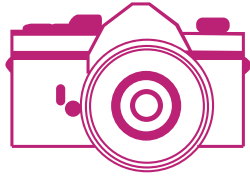
The opening assembly included state officers Kasra Lekan, Laila Abolfathi, and me. Sage Hill's Head of School Ms. Patricia Merz welcomed students to our campus to start off the festivities of the day. After the opening ceremony we tried something new, sign ups for events before testing. Events throughout the day went very smoothly, and we even had new events such as Toga Yoga and Battleship, where students stood on a gridded tarp in lines as "ships" while water balloons were vaulted over a net hitting the opposing team. We also offered a new twist on Roman Speed Dating. It became more of a game show similar to a television show called "The Dating Show" where a contestant blindly heard answers to various questions by three potential matches. This was highly attended and was followed up by a classic Roman Rap Battle. After our In-N-Out lunch, we had "Active Workshops" run by Sage Hill students; workshop topics included Roman graffiti, curse tablets, dining, and Greek culture.

I hope everyone in attendance had as much fun as I did planning it. I loved every second of the process working with some of my closest friends solving problems as they arose and planning the entire event. I learned so much in this process and could not have done it without everyone who helped me from my board at Sage Hill, SCL with *Iudi* events, and the state board. Good luck to next year's SCRAM!





# Photo of the Month Contest Winners!



## September

St. Ignatius JCL starts off the year with their annual Mt. Vesuvius Cake Party! JCLers assembled a cake resembling the eruption of AD 79 while answering Pompeii certamen questions.

-Olivia Lamb



## October

JCLers embraced spooky season as they gathered to paint pumpkins at Woodbridge JCL's annual Pumpkinfest.

-Katrina Watson and Ellie Tachibana



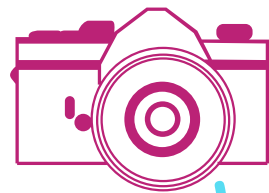
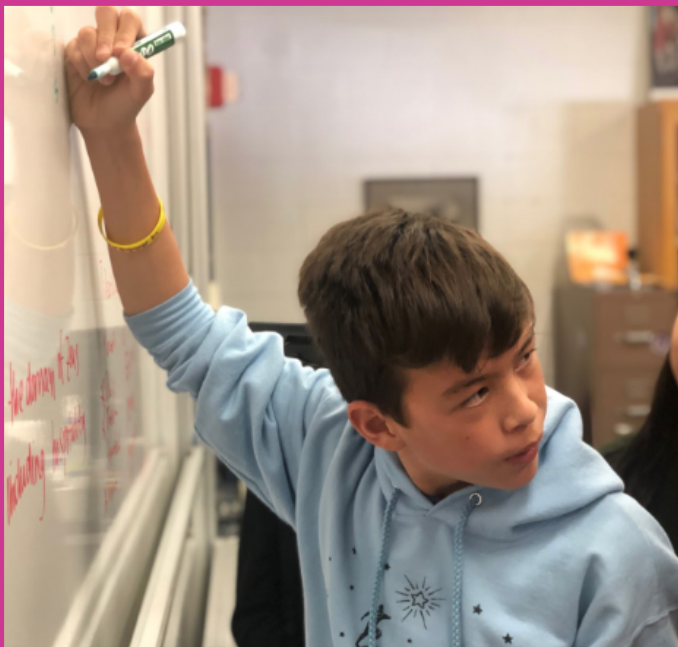
# More Contest Winners!



## November

Woodbridge JCLers enjoyed SCRAM in Southern California this month with our chapter jumping for joy!

-Katrina Watson and Ellie Tachibana



## December

CAJCL webmaster and JCL member Rupert Chen ('23) leads his team in solving a Latin word puzzle at Harker JCL's escape room themed Initiation Ceremony!

-Jasmine Wiese





## January

Aequora tutor Victoria helps sixth graders from the Peninsula Bridge Program make their first Latin vocabulary cards at Menlo School.

-Ethan Yan



# A Note From Your Historian

Kaleigh Ruegg  
CAJCL Historian

Salvēte, omnēs! If you would like your convention photos to appear in this year's scrapbook please email them to me at [historian@cajcl.org](mailto:historian@cajcl.org). Make sure to check out the CAJCL flickr account to find your photos and plenty of others from this year at <https://www.flickr.com/people/cajcl/>.

Stay updated on current CAJCL news by following us on Instagram and Facebook @cajcl, and Twitter @CaliforniaJCL. Also, don't forget to submit to the Photo of the Month Contest!

The deadline for Convention photo submissions is **April 30, 2020**. Photo of the Month: Earn spirit points and promote your JCL chapter by submitting your favorite photo from each month! The winner will be submitted to the Nationals Photo of the Month Contest and will be posted on the CAJCL Instagram. The winners will also appear in the scrapbook and Nuntius articles. Submit your photo through the link on the website or in our Instagram bio. The deadline to submit is two days before the end of each month. Grātiās, omnēs, and don't forget to smile for the camera!

## Deadlines for Photo of the Month

February: March 2	May: June 1
March: April 6	June: July 6
April: May 4	July: July 20

# CAJCL Winter Board Meeting

Isabelle Krochmal  
CAJCL Secretary



Northern officers Rupert, Ethan, Sophie, Isabelle, Kaleigh, and Victoria gathered together at St. Ignatius!

On Saturday, January 25, 2020, the members of the California Junior Classical League Executive Board convened for our first meeting of the new year! Geography divided us, but thankfully technology bridged the gap: video conferencing made it possible for officers from across the state to connect. Officers who live in Northern California came to St. Ignatius College Preparatory, while officers who live in Southern California came to the Willows School. Our marvelous Second Vice President, Laila Abolfathi, set the stage for a successful meeting with an authoritative call to order.

The meeting began with the basics: approval of the previous minutes and financial reimbursements. Then, the fun began, as student officers presented on the work they have been doing for CAJCL. We marvelled at everything from Historian Kaleigh Ruegg's progress archiving photos online and Parliamentarian Ethan Yan's eagerness to improve the Constitution to First Vice President Sophie Reynolds's success recruiting new schools and Webmaster Rupert Chen's diligent updating of our site. We reflected on Ludi and SCRAM: thanks to the hard work of Northern Representative Victoria Wat and Southern Representative Sam Cohen and the contagious spirit of the hundreds of student delegates, both events were smashingly successful days of good friends, food, and fun, coupled with academic enrichment!

We looked forward to the 2020 Convention, which is being planned by Convention President Kasra Lekan. Convention will include old favorites like the talent show That's Entertainment and new innovations like an interactive app. After a report from our State Chair and remarks on finances, scholarships, academics, Certamen, CASCL, and social media, our meeting was adjourned. The new year is off to a great start for CAJCL, and we can't wait to continue working to make it the best one yet!

# Announcing ... The 2020 CAJCL Senior Scholarships!

## CAJCL offers the annual LURA A. WALLACE and PAUL E. SHICKLE Scholarships

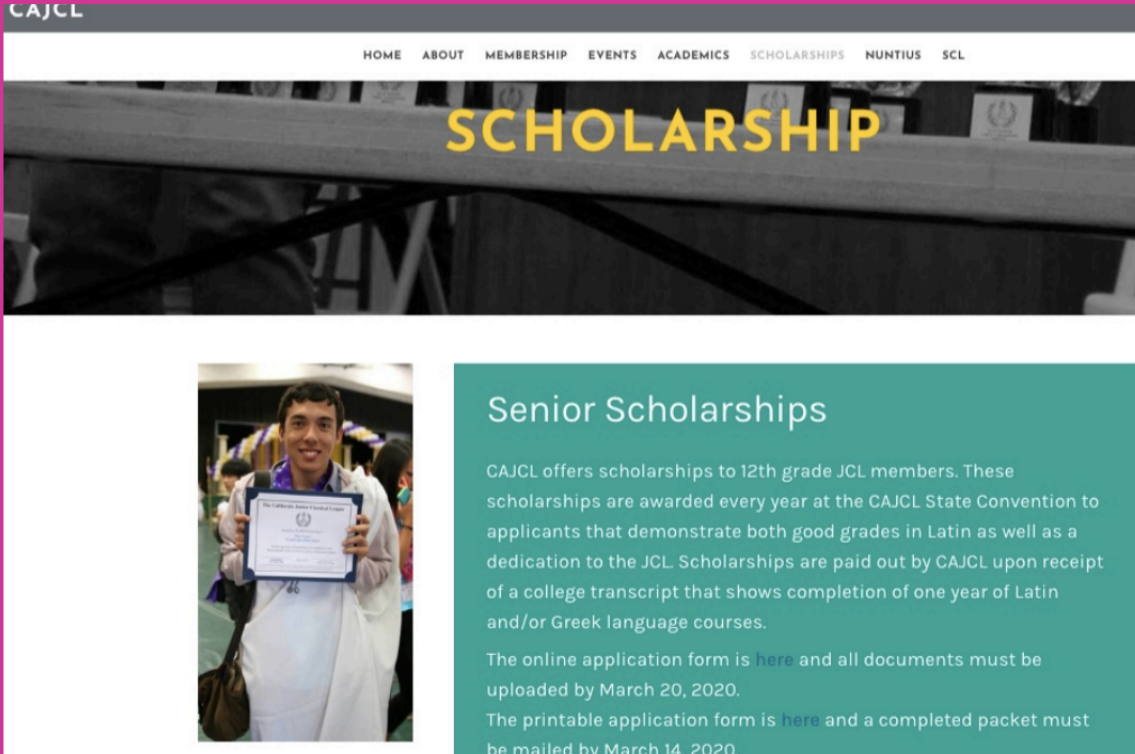
Each Spring, in honor of two dedicated Southern California Latin teachers, CAJCL takes applications for \$2000 college scholarships from its members who are currently high school seniors. If you wish to apply for the upcoming awards, please visit the [cajcl.org](http://cajcl.org) website and click "Scholarships" on the top menu bar and access the forms.

These scholarships are awarded to several students each year. Qualifications include solid performance in Latin and/or Greek courses in high school, a dedication to the JCL chapter at your school, as well as additional participation on the state and even national level. Other forms of service to your school and community and involvement and leadership in other types of groups and activities can also bolster your application. Two letters of recommendation from teachers are also needed and a verification of current membership in CAJCL-NJCL.

The deadline for submitting applications via mail is on **March 14, 2020**.  
For seniors submitting online applications, the deadline is **March 20, 2020**.

In order to receive the award payment, you must complete at least one full year of college courses in Latin or Greek Language (a minimum of 2 semester courses or 3 quarter courses). Please note that courses in ancient culture, history, philosophy, etc., do not satisfy the requirement; only courses involving learning the language or reading original texts in Latin and Greek.

If you have questions, contact Katie Robinson at [scholarships@cajcl.org](mailto:scholarships@cajcl.org).



The screenshot shows the CAJCL website. The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT, MEMBERSHIP, EVENTS, ACADEMICS, SCHOLARSHIPS, NUNTIVS, and SCL. A large banner with the word 'SCHOLARSHIP' in yellow is visible. Below the banner, there is a photo of a student holding a scholarship certificate. To the right of the photo, a teal box contains the following text:


**Senior Scholarships**

CAJCL offers scholarships to 12th grade JCL members. These scholarships are awarded every year at the CAJCL State Convention to applicants that demonstrate both good grades in Latin as well as a dedication to the JCL. Scholarships are paid out by CAJCL upon receipt of a college transcript that shows completion of one year of Latin and/or Greek language courses.

The online application form is [here](#) and all documents must be uploaded by March 20, 2020.

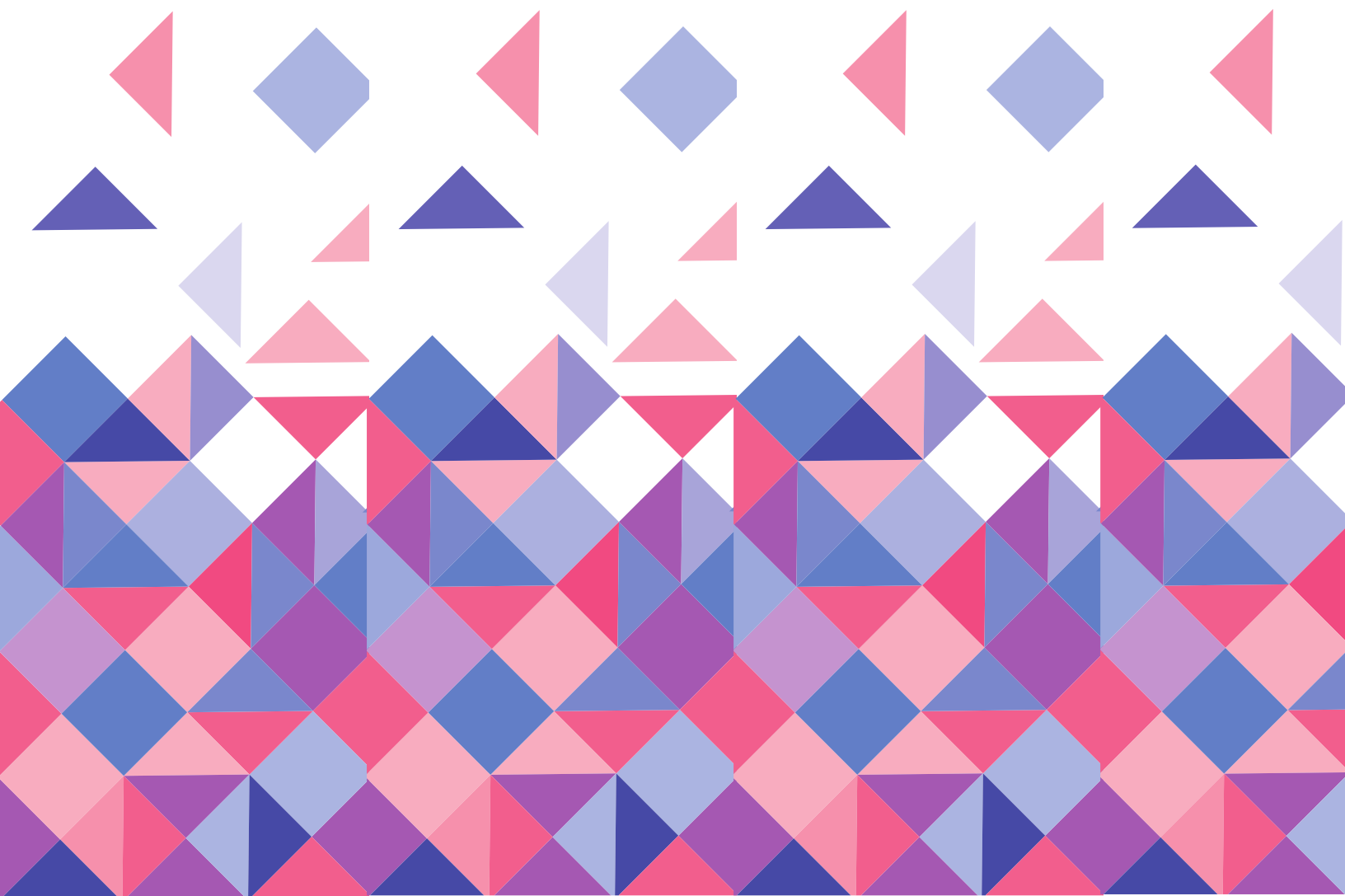
The printable application form is [here](#) and a completed packet must be mailed by March 14, 2020.

Online  
Application  
Link:



NB: To  
complete the  
form, you  
will need to  
sign in with  
a Google  
account.

# SCL CORNER







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UC Berkeley**



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Stanford**



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Sociology**

**Studying  
Media Arts**

**Studied  
Integral  
Liberal Arts**



# SCL FAQ

## WHAT DOES THE CASCL DO?

The California Senior Classical League plays a pivotal role in the running, planning, and executing regional and state conventions. Our main responsibilities include the publication of the The Letter of the League, hosting That's Entertainment, directing Ludi and Olympika events, and serving as adult gurus for the JCLers attending conventions.

## WHAT EVENTS DOES THE SCL PARTICIPATE IN?

Sat, Oct 26 2019 - LUDI OCTOBRES @ Menlo School

Sat, Nov 9 2019 - S.C.R.A.M @ Sage Hill School

CASCL Hangouts - December, Berkeley and Irvine

April 17-18, 2020 - State Convention @ University High School

July 24-29, 2020 - NJCL Convention @ University of Richmond

## WHO CAN JOIN THE SCL?

Anyone who is no longer in high school! You do not have to be going to college to join and even if you didn't do JCL in high school, you are welcome in SCL.

## **HOW CAN I BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE SCL?**

Email [scl@cajcl.org](mailto:scl@cajcl.org) with the following information, and we will add you to the mailing list which will give you access to our regional/state events as well as local meet ups:

- Full Name
- State you currently reside in
- College High School and Year Graduated
- Cell Phone Number
- If you would like to Join our Facebook - Yes/No

## **HOW MUCH IS THE REGISTRATION FEE?**

In order to be an official member you must pay the \$6 registration fee which can be paid at one of the above listed events.

## **CAN I JOIN IF I'M NOT GOING TO COLLEGE/LIVING IN CALIFORNIA ANYMORE?**

Yes, you can! In fact, our webmaster Nikhil is currently attending school in Massachusetts.

## **I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT CASCL, WHERE SHOULD I GO?**

We're glad that you're interested! Just email [scl@cajcl.org](mailto:scl@cajcl.org) with any questions you have and we'll try to get back to you as soon as possible.



# Roman Holidays in *Februārius*

Victoria Wat  
CAJCL Northern Rep.



# *Lupercālia*

February 15  
(A.D. XV KAL. MART.)



Perhaps the ancient root of Valentine's Day, *Lupercālia* celebrates the purification of Rome and the *lupa* or she-wolf who nurtured Rome's founders Romulus and Remus. The procession included a mad dash around the Palatine Hill, as performed by the *Lupercī* priests, who wanted to scare away evil spirits by swinging goat skins at women (supposedly to achieve fertility), and oftentimes boys and girls would participate in large raffles to be paired up for the next *Lupercālia* festival, encouraging many to pursue potential love interests outside of the games. Some believe that Valentine's Day was placed on February 14 to compete with the *Lupercālia*.

February 17  
(A.D. XIII KAL. MART.)

# *Quirīnālia*

Perhaps named after Quirinus, the war-god of the Palatine Hill, or the deified Romulus, *Quirīnālia* honors Quirinus through various ceremonies performed by the *flāmen Quirīnālis* or high priest of Quirinus. Unlike most *flāminēs*, the *flāmen Quirīnālis* sacrificed to gods other than his own such as Robigus on April 25, Consus on August 23, and to Acca Larentia on December 23. The origin of the name Quirinus stills remains unclear. Some say that it could derive either from *covirium*, "assembly of men", *curis*, "spear", the Sabine town Cures, or from Quirium, a settlement on the Quirinal Hill.



# *Ferālia*

February 21  
(A.D. IX KAL. MART.)



*Ferālia* is the last of three Roman festivals honoring the Manes or souls of the dead. *Epulae* or dinners were carried to tombs, a few grains of salt were scattered, and altars were to be free of incense and fire so that the ghostly spirits could wander around. *Feralia* is commonly derived from the words *inferī*, "the dead" and/or *ferre*, "to carry." It is also believed that this Roman holiday combined with the Celtic influence of having a feast for the dead together may have provided the foundation for the holiday that is now known today as Hallows' Eve or Halloween.

February 23  
(A.D. VII KAL. MART.)

# *Terminālia*

Terminālia celebrates Terminus, the god of both spatial and temporal boundaries. Terminus was represented by a stone in the great Capitoline temple in which there was a hole in the roof over the stone because Terminus had to be in the open air. Some believe that this stone was a boundary stone of an early city. In the country, neighbors met at their dividing boundary lines on this day to sacrifice a lamb and pig to Terminus.



# *Rēgifugium*

February 24  
(A.D. VI KAL. MART.)

Rēgifugium, translated as "flight of the King," is a holiday celebrating the expulsion of Tarquinius Superbus from Rome. This was a day where a king was required to go to the comitium to offer certain sacrifices, and immediately flee after he performed his duties. Some scholars draw parallels between this symbolic flight and the violent expulsions of a king where he gets slain by his successor.



February 27  
(A.D. III KAL. MART.)

# *Equirria*

February 27 is the day of the first Equirria, the first of two chariot-racing festivals held in honor of the god Mars in the Roman calendar. The second Equirria was held on March 14. Originally, the first ended the old year and the second celebrated the new year in the Roman calendar. The sacred horse races that took place in the Campus Martius were believed to propitiate the gods of the underworld and some even say that Mars could be seen in the shape of a horse, the animal of the dead.



# *Creative Corner*





# Dining Like a Roman



By: Laila Abolfathi



# recipe

## LET'S MAKE SOME EGGS!

As a Latin 1 student at University High School, my red Cambridge Latin Course textbook practically lived in my backpack. In Stage 1, there was a passage about the *canis*, Cerberus, jumping onto the table and barking, waking up the lazily sleeping *coquus*, Grumio.

As we translated the passage in class, we all roared with laughter as the two characters skirmished. We read about how Grumio prepared an extravagant dish of peacock with vegetables.

Similar to other students, I wondered how the food tasted. Food is such an essential part of culture, I reckoned that if people today were to taste Ancient Roman food, we would be transported into the *triclinium* of Caecilius and gain a peek of his perspective.

Inspired, I did some research and discovered some historically accurate recipes online. This is a recipe for eggs, a popular Roman appetizer.

## INGREDIENTS

- 4 eggs
- 200g pine nuts
- 2 teaspoons ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 4 tablespoons garum or anchovy paste

## DIRECTIONS

1. Soak the pine nuts overnight in water.
2. Using a blender, drain and grind them finely or pound them in a large mortar. Add the pepper, honey and garum (or anchovy paste).
3. Heat the sauce in a bain-marie (or double boiler).
4. Meanwhile put the eggs into a pan of cold water and bring to the boil. Let them cook for 3½ minutes, then take them off the heat, plunge them into cold water and peel them carefully. The outer edge of the egg white must be firm, but also soft inside.
5. Put the eggs (unsliced) into a deep serving bowl and pour the sauce over. Eat and enjoy!

# National Convention in North Dakota



# Making the WISE Choice to Run For National Office



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I've been raised with Latin my whole life, but it wasn't until my first JCL experience that I truly understood the unifying power of classical learning. Now, as an NJCL 2nd VP, I can truly say that running for office has been one of the best ways to add depth to my classics and JCL experience! I ran for office because after serving as my chapters 2nd VP, and California's 2nd VP, I fell in love with the position. I never could put my finger on why I loved being a 2nd VP so much, but after I was elected, my NJCL mentor Ms. Doerfler told me that the 2nd VP is tasked with "Bringing the Joy" - and she couldn't be more correct! I truly don't know where I would be without JCL in my life, and by serving as a 2nd VP, I am gifted with the opportunity to give back to the community that has given me so much.

Campaigning was exhausting - advocating for yourself 24/7 can be daunting! On the campaign trail, I pioneered the idea of a prop-free spirit competition to level the playing field for everyone, reached out to students from small states about their unique recruitment challenges, and chatted with friends from previous conventions to decompress between Candidates Open Forum and the service project. But with the help of my CAJCL community, caffeine, and sheer force of will, it was all worth it.

Being a part of the national board has been so eye-opening. My fellow officers are from all across the map, including Wisconsin, Virginia, Georgia, and more! Realizing how much we all have in common has been so much fun - and learning about the culture of their hometowns has been a blast. Like the CAJCL officers, the NJCL officers collaborate frequently, whether it be creating the National Classics Week Packet or deciding on the spirit day themes. Through working closely with my fellow officers, I've gotten to know each and every one of them in the process.

I hope anyone who wants to give back to the JCL and make a positive difference in the organization considers running for national office. All the tips and tricks from the current board will be available in the NJCL Campaign Corner that should be published in a few weeks - and don't hesitate to shoot me an email at [vp2@njcl.org](mailto:vp2@njcl.org)!

# Reflection From Nationals



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It's been a few months since the end of Nationals. With my summer camp, which I had to leave halfway through to attend it and the inevitable Post-Convention Depression, I now am ready to reflect upon that week in Fargo, North Dakota. Perhaps, this is a way for me to tie up loose ends, one of the personals I forgot to put into the Convention Ear and a way to look back, fondly and longingly on last summer's convention.

For one glorious summer week, Fargo and North Dakota State University would become the most important place on earth for many Latin students and classics scholars, including me. From July 26th to the 31st, its buildings and residence halls abounded with memories to be made, awards to be won, glory to be seized, new (and out-of-state) friends to be befriended. For us this one university became a land of opportunity.

I wanted to compete in Certamen. I competed in it, alongside two Texans and a Floridian. I wanted to take academic tests alongside hundreds of my peers. I took them. I wanted to use my voice at the behest of the state of California at Spirit Competitions. I used it--to the point that I eventually lost it. I wanted to compete in relays and two-mile races. I ran them. I wanted to see a friend for the first time in person, whom I had known for ten months online. I hugged her. I wanted to spend time with my fellow Latin students from states such as Georgia, Florida, and Virginia. I did it. I wanted to make memories that I would cherish for the rest of my life. I made them.

The motto for this past year was "apēs nōn sunt solitāriā natūrā" (Bees are not of a solitary nature). This year, at my first National Latin Convention, I truly began to understand that motto's meaning as I was enveloped in the thing we call JCLove. I felt it at the nightly fellowships where our entire state delegation would discuss our days and prepare for the next; at the Agora, where people from various states sold pins, shirts, and kazoos; at the testing sessions, testing alongside rows of students as far as the eye could see; at the dining hall where we ate with freinds new and old; at the daily General Assemblies, where we all felt the power of so many crazed Latin nerds from around the country. And I felt the loss of JCLove afterwards, when, as in all things,, Nationals came to an end.

In the predawn hours of July 31st, the exodus began. It was the end of our Convention, and we were packed into a bus, heading for the airport. We were all exhausted from the week. Many of us had stayed up the entire night, relishing every minute of the last few hours just as we had done every other day and night. Through our sleep-deprived and tear-filled eyes, we said our goodbyes to friends old and new, as we all went our separate ways. I fell asleep on the terminal floor. When I awoke, it was a new, bright but impersonal and cold, day; my friends had headed to their own parts of the country, and convention was over. There was nothing to be done but go home too.

For my fellow CAJCLers, I'll see you at state convention.

For those far away, it'll have to be next year when we meet in Richmond.

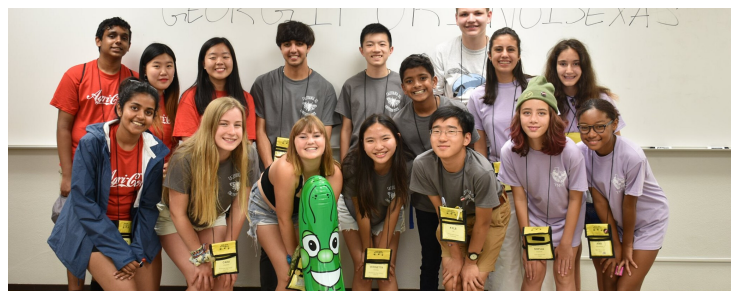


# Let's Go to Richmond, VA!

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*Tempus fugit*, and another National Convention has come and gone. In North Dakota, California JCL had multiple successes - notably, former CAJCL second vice-president Athena Davis joined the national board (also as second vice-president) and second vice-president Laila Abolfathi guided the CAJCL delegation to a first place spirit win (!!!). We placed third in roll call, state website (missing first by only three points), and boys relay.

But that's not all: a comprehensive list of awards won is on the [CAJCL website](#). If you would like to attend the 2020 convention in Richmond, Virginia (and naturally, you would), consider applying for a scholarship! The information is on the [CAJCL website](#).



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