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STATE CONVENTION Recap
SPIRIT AWARDS

Spirit, Middle School:
1st Place - Harker MS
2nd - Harbor Day School
3rd - Crossroads MS

Spirit, High School:
1st Place - Woodbridge
2nd - Miramonte
3rd - Sage Hill School
CAJCL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lura A. Wallace and Paul E. Shickle Scholarships are awarded annually at the California Latin Convention in honor of two distinguished and beloved Latin teachers who dedicated themselves to their students, the state organization, and to promoting the value of the Latin and Greek Studies in our world.

Each year the CAJCL awards several $2000 scholarships to applicants who have been highly involved in serving JCL at local, state and even national levels, who have dedicated themselves to the study of Latin and Greek in school and community settings, as well as having shown an interest in continuing their study of Latin or Greek language in college and beyond. Awardees may claim and receive their scholarship funds after they take a college language course in either Latin or Greek language for the equivalent of one full year.

All students who are high school seniors are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Through the scholarship application process, students verify their status as CAJCL and NJCL members, write about their future plans and career goals, as well as compose an essay about how studying Latin has influenced their life and enriched their school experience. They must also submit grade transcripts, describe their activities, and offer two letters of recommendation.
This year, recipients will receive their certificates by mail to their home address.

As usual, this year’s recipients have distinguished themselves in many ways and have shown unique qualities and distinct capabilities throughout their high school careers and in their service to CAJCL and their communities.

Congrats to our recipients:

Timothy Abbott
Mallika Dandamudi
Tomás Fuchs-Lynch
Jamie Kim-Worthington
DO YOU HAVE PICTURES FROM CONVENTION? SEND THEM TO HISTORIAN@CAJCL.ORG!

Which of the following is the god/goddess of love?

- Mars
- Apollo
- Cupid
- Eros

**Correct Answer:** Eros
St. Francis hosted a wonderful State Convention complete with a truly fantastic keynote speaker. Natalie Haynes, a writer, broadcaster, classicist, and comedian, left me completely enthralled. She joined us while on her book tour to promote *Pandora’s Jar: Women in the Greek Myths*, discussing her thoughts on the titular Jar and the Amazons before moving on to answer some audience questions. Her perspective as a modern woman looking back at myths to see how the women in them have been characterized, perhaps unfairly, by the male storytellers and translators is very interesting to explore. For example, what are the implications of whether Pandora was given a box, made out of wood with a latch and a lid, or a jar, which is made of an easily breakable ceramic.

I would highly recommend Haynes’ talk to anyone, but especially if you are interested in the classics, enjoy a well-crafted story, and can appreciate a good, hearty laugh. Following her talk, *Pandora’s Jar* and some of Haynes other works (*A Thousand Ships* and *The Children of Jocasta* to be specific) have jumped to the top of my ever-growing reading list. You can find her speech by searching “Natalie Haynes: Pandora’s Box” on Youtube or by going to the link below. I hope you have fun and learn a thing or two. I know I did!

Claire Lenden

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORvaWcLcTss
OFFICER FAREWELLS
Salvete, CAJCL amici! I'm Avery Konwiser, and it's been such an honor to serve as 2nd Vice President this year. As I get ready to go off to college in the fall, I've been reflecting on my time in JCL and how much it has meant to me.

I started back in 7th grade— the first year Latin was available to me — and even though I didn't really know anyone, I was still so excited to go to convention all the way in San Francisco at St. Ignatius for the first time. I remember playing certamen, doing the costume contest, and desperately smuggling pizza into our fellowship room, and that's when I knew that this would be my thing.

Through JCL I've made some of my closest friends and created some of my fondest memories by putting myself out there and doing things that I wouldn't normally have thought to do. The JCL is the greatest community I could've wished for, and I hope that it provides all of you with the same mutual love and appreciation that it has provided me.
Salvete, omnes!

It has been an honor to serve as your Convention co-President this year. The CAJCL is such a welcoming and supportive community and I've had a wonderful experience on the board.

I am extremely grateful to the CAJCL board members for all of their help with this process. I also want to thank everyone who attended Convention this year either virtually or with us on campus at Saint Francis. We were all looking forward to having Convention in person, but unfortunately, that will have to wait until next year. I hope everyone enjoyed Convention even though we had to move it to a hybrid format. I also hope you all were able to meet students from other schools, make new friends, learn something new, and have fun!

I look forward to all of the exciting CAJCL activities we will have next year; I can't wait to attend Ludi at St. Ignatius and State Convention at Miramonte! I will continue to advocate for greater diversity and accessibility to the Classics through my work locally and on the National Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

I can’t wait for another amazing year in the JCL!
Sofia Perez-Lanza
Salvete, omnes! Thank you so much for an outstanding year. I have had a truly incredible time on the CAJCL Board. I went into it knowing that it would be a lot of work but am proud of myself for how everything turned out. Sharing the JCLove with a new group of people who led CAJCL was an incredibly gratifying experience. I would like to thank Mr. Smith-Laird and Mr. Davis for answering my copious questions and Ms. Jordt and Magis for supporting me both as Parliamentarian and throughout my time in high school.

It has been the greatest honor and pleasure to serve as your CAJCL Secretary this year. In spite of another year online, your enthusiasm and passion for Latin have helped us through all of these difficult times, and I believe that we have grown closer and stronger as a community thanks to you all. We have been able to adapt and take these challenges in stride, all while finding ways to connect both in-person and online within our schools and across them.
I remember giving my campaign speech to my cellphone camera—certainly a different experience than the campaign speeches I had witnessed in person at my first State Convention at Miramonte. Though I was nervous about running, it has been one of the best decisions of my life. When I was elected, I was overjoyed, and when I met the rest of the board, I knew that I had found my people. The JCL community has been the most supportive, passionate, humorous, and intelligent community I have been a part of, and I am so glad that I decided to take Latin my freshman year. Being part of the board has also opened avenues for me to deepen my connection to the JCL. I am currently sitting on the NJCL DEI Committee, and this experience has only made it even more clear to me that the JCL fosters an open-minded community that truly cares about each and every student’s experience with the Classics.

As I head off to college, I will fondly remember my time in the JCL and all of the incredible people that I have met. It seems a strange thing to say, but I am jealous of all of you who get to spend more time with the JCL. If I had the opportunity to repeat my last four years with the JCL, I would do so in a heartbeat. Alas, time moves forward, and I am graduating high school this year. It is my dearest hope that you all are able to find the same sense of community, passion, and love that I did in the JCL. *maximas gratias* for having me as your secretary and for the opportunity to serve the community that I love so much. *valet, omnes,* and *bonam fortunam* in your future endeavors!

*Gratias,*
Alexis
I really enjoyed my time as Southern Representative. It was an amazing experience to help prepare for and lead a convention with over 300 attendees. I feel very proud to be able to say that I personally emailed back and forth with two very famous classical authors, Madeline Miller and Caroline Lawrence. It was the first time that I have had such an opportunity to lead something so big and it was actually a lot of fun. I highly recommend participating on the CAJCL board at least once. To Kyle Smith-Laird, my Latin teacher and sponsor, I want to say ingletes gratias ago tibi. I could not have done this without all your amazing support and guidance. Thank you to all members of the CAJCL Board and all the teachers and sponsors for all their help and hard work.

Valete omnes,
Brian Lazarus
Howdy omnes!

Reflecting on my past 7 years as a CAJCLer, I am so grateful to have had a community that has pushed me to grow, learn, and persevere through challenges in the way that the JCL has. It brought so much joy to my heart to see all of your faces (virtually) at Ludi this fall, and appreciate your patience with technical challenges. The event went way better than I could’ve ever imagined, all thanks to you! Honestly, I really do miss in-person conventions, but have had a wicked awesome experience with virtual conventions these past few years!!

The JCL represents a truly unique and really special group of people, whom I will miss greatly after I graduate. My participation in the JCL has made me who I am today, and this amazing group of people inspire me to push myself academically and further my Classical education in college. It’s been seven years, but that is nowhere near long enough!

If I had any advice for young JCLers, I would encourage y’all to take risks within this organization, as everyone will support you no matter what! I wouldn’t have had the great experience of being a CAJCL officer if I hadn’t taken a risk, and I am forever grateful that I did. Reach out to other JCLers, try things you are nervous to try, and put yourself out there within the JCL! Also, attend as many events as you can, it’ll be worth it! I have had such an amazing experience attending conventions, planning Ludi, taking pictures...
Hi all! I have had such an amazing final year in the CAJCL, and I feel tremendously lucky to have had the chance to serve you all as your CAJCL Historian. Some of my favorite memories from my final year in high school have been reading all of your guys' hilarious memes for the locus of the Month submissions which I will greatly miss! Thanks for providing such an amazing community, CAJCLers!!

MALLIKA DANDAMUNDI, HISTORIAN

All in all, thank you, JCL! My gratitude is immeasurable! Have a great summer and go California at Nats!!!

Carthago delenda est!

Pax,
Sadie Almgren
I can’t believe it’s already over! I’m so fortunate to have been able to work alongside, learn from, and grow closer to my fellow board members, and I am forever grateful for committee chairs for their guidance and support. To all the real CAJCLegends out there, I wish you the best in all your future Harry Potter Kahoots, impromptu art, and push-up contests. Veni vidi vici, you are all my amici, and it’s been a pleasure serving as your 2021-2022 Webmaster!

Salvete, omnes! Thank you for a truly awesome year, despite the challenges. You all made this experience better than I could possibly imagine. I also want to thank Magis for being the best Latin teacher I could ever ask for. Thanks for the engaging and entertaining classes, endless support in my activities, and comfort in my hard times. I’ll miss you next year, but don’t worry, I’ll be continuing my study of Classics! I am endlessly grateful to my fellow board members for making this experience so valuable (and fun!). And to the rest of you awesome JCLers, keep on going!! Go to Nationals!! Enjoy the conventions! Keep on learning and being curious like you do best.

e corde, Kayla.
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Salvete! My name is Tiffany Chang, and I’m currently enrolled in post-AP Latin at Harker. I first became involved in the JCL in sixth grade, attending my first convention at St. Ignatius. I’ve attended nearly every convention since—the thrill of watching the World Series of Certamen and the energy delegates bring to GAs keep me coming back. To help you all get to know me a little better, here are a few fun facts about me: as a native of the Bay Area, I pretty much live off of Philz Coffee (Philtered Soul Cold Brew with oat milk & honey!) and everything bagels. I love listening to music while I do work, and I have a tendency to listen to the same song on repeat for hours on end—it helps with productivity. I don't know why, it just does. And as I'm sure you've discovered by now, I use the em dash excessively in writing. It's easily the best punctuation mark.

I’m incredibly honored to serve as your 2022-23 Nuntius Editor and cannot wait to see what we can accomplish together—on my end, I’m dedicated to publishing issues in a timely fashion with a high quality standard. More importantly, I'll be reaching out to you all for your input: one of my goals for the year is to incorporate as many of your voices into the Nuntius as possible, and I'll be doing that through emails to JCL members and sponsors as well as Google forms on the CAJCL Instagram (please be on the lookout!). Thank you all so much for this opportunity—looking forward to the upcoming year!
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THANK YOU TO MALLIKA DANDAMUNDI, OUR WONDERFUL HISTORIAN, FOR PUTTING IT TOGETHER!
IOCI THROUGH THE YEAR...

WHEN YOU GET THROUGH THE FIRST LINE OF CAESAR

AND IT ONLY TOOK 1 HOUR

August, Miramonte HS
November, Harvard-Westlake

December, Miramonte
AFTER CHANTING HIC HAEC HOC

January, Miramonte

A TRUE LATIN BATTLE CRY:

HIC HAEC HOC!!!!! HUIUS HUIUS HUIUS!!!

February, Miramonte
GRATIAS, AMICI! DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT MEMES NEXT YEAR! LINK IN INSTAGRAM BIO
HOW DID THESE MYTHOLOGICAL FIGURES DIE?
Down:

1. Killed by Hector in the armor of Achilles
2. His life force was tied to a piece of wood, which his mother threw into a fire
3. Burned alive on a pyre after being accidentally poisoned by his third wife
5. Shot in the heel with an arrow
8. Slaughtered by Perseus with the help of gifts from Mercury and Minerva
10. Murdered by his wife and her lover after coming home from Troy
12. Killed by the daughters of King Cocalus of Sicily; they made his bath too hot in order to protect Daedalus

Across:

4. Chased around the walls of Troy before being killed by Achilles
6. Stabbed in the eye by No One
7. Struck down by Jupiter for raising the dead, then deified by his father Apollo
9. Flew too close to the sun and the wings melted
11. 'Gifted' eternal sleep by Selene to preserve his beauty
13. Hit in the head with a discus thrown by Apollo
14. Threw himself into the sea after his son forgot to raise the correct sail
15. Flirted with Juno and spun on a burning wagon wheel
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VALETE, AMICI! HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!

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