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Dust off those togae candidae!

Devyn Rigsby

The time has come to apply for a position on the 2014-15 IJCL-North State Board! We are looking for enthusiastic IJCLers to run for six available offices: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Historian. Board members represent Illinois at the national level and coordinate IJCL events like state convention and Fall Festivus. Serving as a board member requires a

significant commitment, but the rewards are great.

The full requirements to run are listed in the IJCL-N Constitution, but most importantly, candidates must have attended at least one IJCL state convention and be a junior or younger. NJCL attendance is recommended but not necessary to apply. In addition, no school may hold a position for two consecutive years, and each school may only nominate two students to run for office.

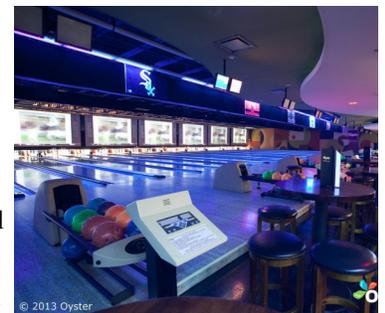
The nomination forms are available at the IJCL website along with the other convention registration forms. The application requires a personal statement and a letter of recommendation, so don't wait until the last minute to fill it out! All applications must be post-marked by January 1, 2014. If you intend to apply for a position or have any questions about IJCL elections, please email Parliamentarian Devyn Rigsby at dev.rigsby@comcast.net. Candidates will receive more detailed information about campaign procedures via email closer to the convention date. Bonam fortunam omnibus!



Open Forum IJCL 2013. Photo courtesy of Martina Bright.

Event: Toga Bowling!

Can't wait for the IJCL 2014 Convention? Neither can I. On January 2nd, hop on the train and come to IJCL Toga Bowling! Located in the heart of downtown, Chicago 10 Pin Bowling Lounge is the perfect place to rock that bowling shoe and toga combination. At Toga Bowling this year, you can bowl under black lights with delicious food only an order away. Join the IJCL state board and other JCLers from across Illinois for an afternoon of classics-charged fun. Be there at 10 Pin Bowling Lounge in Chicago at 12 P.M. on January 2nd. Please RSVP to the event on Facebook!



10 Pin Bowling Lounge.

IJCL BOARD NEWS



Meet the Newest Member of the IJCL Board: Mackenzie Solomon

Salve! My name is Mackenzie Solomon, I'm a junior at St. Charles North High School, and I am absolutely thrilled to serve as your new 1st VP this term. I'm involved in two sports with my school: varsity tennis, and junior varsity track. I'm also a member of our Scholastic Bowl team. In my spare time, I enjoy Tumblr, Netflix, reading, photography, and digital art. Currently in Latin IV, I've been in JCLove ever since my first day of class in seventh grade. To my fellow IJCLers, I cannot to see you at IJCL in 2014. Until then, be sure to say hi at all our JCL events!

Omnes amo, Mackenzie J. Solomon

Festivus Recap

This October, IJCLers from all over the state convened to celebrate the classics at Elgin Academy. Featured activities included...

- An uproariously hilarious auspices skit performed by the IJCL North state officers, including our brand-new 1st Vice President, Mackenzie Solomon!
- Certudi: a blend between our beloved certamen and infamous ludi. Secretary Ali Murray proctored (dressed as Sue Sylvester from Glee, of course) and was assisted by President Stephanie and Historian Kate. Notable questions included "Using the verb twerko, twerkare, say in Latin: 'Twerk it, Marcus!'" and "Use the sheet in front of you to make a toga diaper."
- Delegates participated in games like Extreme Twister, Ninja, and other fun JCL childhood ludi.
- The IJCL also saw a few new delegates for the first time: Isabella, a homeschooled student; Owen, a foreign exchange student currently attending Northside College Prep; and, of course, our ever-eager new Latin Ones!!!

-Stephanie Wong

IJCL Service

This past month, we collected over 70 pounds of crayons to be melted down and made into new larger crayons for children with special needs. These crayons are very important to children with special needs. In many cases, the fine motor skills required to use normal crayons are not developed, so the children have difficulties writing and drawing using regular crayons. The larger crayons offer more control and allow kids to draw pictures and complete homework.

This winter IJCL will have two service events. Cans collected this month in the "Caroling for Cans Project" are being donated to food pantries across Illinois so that people going through this cold, harsh season are able to receive nonperishable foods for themselves and their families. We are also holding a Knit-A-Thon which is set to take place on January 4th. Even if your JCL chapters choose not to participate in these events, you can still extend the friendly hand by sending your own donations for these projects or participating in the service colloquia at this year's state convention. Please remember that service outside of the state projects is encouraged, and any service completed by your club should be documented and sent to Kathryn Gibson, the NJCL 2nd Vice President, (email at njcl.org) as a submission for the club of the month. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming service projects and at State and Toga Bowling!

Salvete, Maggie Veltri

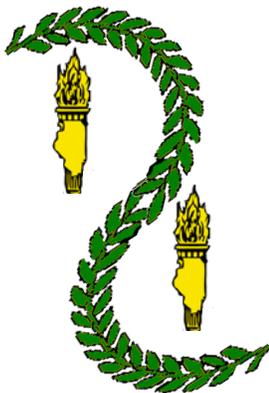


FESTIVUS PICTURES



COSTUMES! CERTUDI! JCLOVE!

If you'd like to see your chapter's events, photos, or other fun things in upcoming Nun-tius issues, email them to me at kate8scott@gmail.com. Photos and upcoming events will appear on our website: iljcl.org. Thank you for your support!



Local Chapters Form New Bonds

Since the end of last school year, the Naperville North and Central Latin programs have grown extremely close. A mere collaboration to improve our clubs brought us together. It began when our boards met at a pizza restaurant, and it all went from there. At the beginning of the evening, we were strangers from opposing schools, but by the end of the evening, our bond was much more. There was a plethora of events we wanted to do together—chariot races, gladiator fights, volunteer projects, movie nights—the works.

After that meeting, our boards continued to meet, our clubs had multiple joint events, Central became involved in Certamen (placing in their first competition), and we've planned more events for the future. Most importantly, our bond continues to grow.

On one occasion, our boards got together to get some high-quality fro-yo, chill on the river-walk, accidentally photo-bomb a proposal, and enjoy each other's company. All because of a common interest, Latin.

It amazes me how such a simple passion can bring together groups of people so they are no longer "groups of students" and "competitors", but friends. To me, this is what makes the JCL so exquisitely unique. Not only do we embrace the culture, history, and literature of Classical civilization, but we manage to make lifelong friends along the way.

-Graham Novak
Naperville North Latin Club
President



Left: Naperville Teachers. Above: Naperville students chowing down. Photos courtesy of Graham Novak

IJCL 2014 Theme

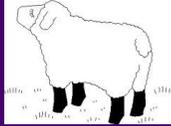
“Omnium Enim Rerum Principia
Sunt Parva”

“For the beginnings of all things are small”

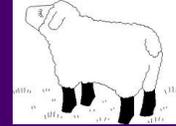
Cicero, De Finibus Bonorum et Malorum V.58

Sign up for IJCL before it's too late!

From February 13th-15th join the IJCL for three days of Classics-filled fun! The convention will have all your favorites like Certamen, creative and graphic arts competitions, a dance, and impromptu art. There will also be some new additions like Certudi, a Roman art colloquium, and quite possibly a bouncy castle. You will have to come and find out for yourself! Ask your Latin teacher about signing up for the IJCL Convention this February held at the Westin in Itasca, Illinois. Registration forms are available at iljcl.org under the “Convention” tab.



Benedictii Ovorum!



This year at IJCL's 51st Convention we will be making "Blessing Sheep". These sheep will be made using cotton balls, markers, and paper. We encourage any and all donations of these items, and the IJCL will also be providing supplies for this Colloquia. While at convention, students and any other interested classicists are invited to assemble these sheep. After the sheep are assembled, they will be given to children at Children's Hospital of Chicago where the children will write their names on the front and a few blessings on the back. The sheep are an uplifting element for children in the hospital. I hope that even if you do not bring any supplies to convention you will participate in this simple and meaningful Colloquia. Any extra sheep will be donated to other children's hospitals in the surrounding areas. I am so excited to see all who choose to attend this Colloquia and look forward to seeing fellow classicists extending the friendly hand at State this year!

Salvete, Maggie Veltri

PERSONALS! A nod to NJCL (The Best Week Ever)

S/o to the NCP novice certamenators for all their hard work and dedication. You guys inspire us! Go get 'em at IJCL!
<3 NCP Lowers & Uppers

D.J., do you even lift? #GROWLLLLL
-flat, strigs, scurra, miss wade, and regina

I love my board princesses!!!! V'omnes optimae estis.
-Hillary

Being Northside's best and largest cult is a tough job, but we're up for the task! #QuiSumus?! #NCP Latin - Ssssneha

"A shout-out to our fabulous nuntius editor Kate Scott! She is amazing and produces the best darn publication in the world!" - PChung!

"Dear IJCL,

I have written a haiku for you:
O great friendly hand,
What words aptly describe thee?
Wonderful, fun, and--forget this, a haiku
cannot contain the awesome majesty that
is IJCL.
Can't wait for state!

Ex imo pectore,
Danny Washelesky"

"Show your love for the JCL by going to Toga Bowling!!!!!!" - Swong

Shout out to the freshmen, on JCL straight flexin. Pop a verb, I'm conjugatin' -- woo! Pop a verb I'm conjugatin! - Dan Kim LOL

SSF- Thanks for always being my JCLove. -AM
"Where did Caesar get all these legions? Gaul-mart." - MacAttack

"Why is no one wearing pants? Because the Romans knew how to party." - Macintosh

"But seriously though, imagine our cute blasian babies!" - Mackenzie Solomen

Tank/Coco - Get inside my Gold Trans Am! -KS

Magic Mike- "NO FREAKING!" -KS

Mia Calamari- "Will you go to prom with me?" -Jew Fro

My head aches and my toga's too tight #LatinStudentProblems

Salvete IJCL! I want to encourage every club to try something new this upcoming year. You guys are already awesome, so let's take it to the next level! #smallbeginnings

Danny Trunzo
2013-2014 NJCL President

To all of Naperville North's Certamen teams,
I wanted to congratulate everyone on performing so well this past competition. You're all fantastic players and are some of my favorite people. Keep on studying hard for the IJCL! I believe in you guys!
Sincerely,
Jennings

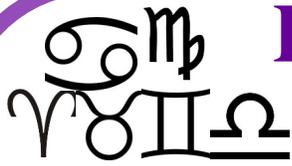


...and finally...

JCLers Everywhere-

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Don't forget to register for convention!

-Your IJCL Board



Latin Horoscopes

By Resident Oracle Ali Murray



Aries (March 21 to April 19): The alignment of the moon means that Jupiter is “in the mood”, and you know how Juno gets! For your safety, avoid seductive-looking animals, plants, and minerals at all costs.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20): I can never truly advise someone to challenge the gods, but if you have to do it, your time is now. The stars forecast that if you show off your basket-weaving, didgeridoo-playing, or friendship-bracelet-making skills to Apollo, Athena, or whomever within the next month, your chances of being turned into some unappealing arachnid are greatly diminished.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20): These dreary winter days can take a huge toll on you zippy Geminis. Fend off the winter blues by getting outside and getting active! Make snow Cupids, have gladiatorial battles with snowballs, go toga caroling, or just shout B-A-N-A-N-A-S into the cold winter night!

Cancer (June 21 to July 22): You may be a classy classicist, but you’re no Cicero- at least not for this month. Until Jupiter passes out of alignment with Uranus, avoid public speaking. Any big speeches are sure to spell disaster- and maybe a head and a hand or two displayed upon a rostra!

Leo (July 23 to August 22): IJCL is coming up sooner than you might think, you lazy Leos! Start memorizing those Dramatic Interps and flipping through those Vocabulary flashcards now and you’ll be festooned with medals by the convention’s end.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22): Mercurial signs like Virgo and Gemini can get really stir crazy during the winter season- your job is to make sure you don’t go totally cuckoo. If you feel the need to pretend you’re Hercules, hire actors to wrestle with you in the Colloseum, or make your horse a senator, seek immediate help.

Libra (September 23 to October 22): The position of Mars forebodes difficulty with schoolwork for the house of Libra this month. Remember to be thorough with your translation, to always account for the details, and to recite every

stupid mnemonic you know, and your Latin homework should be a cinch!

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21): Although we Latin scholars are not often ones to follow the maxim “Out with the old, in with the new”, this month might be good for you to give it a try. If you can’t go up to your attic without sneezing, clean it out and redecorate! If you’re feeling blah in the mornings, throw out your usual breakfast granola bars and try making crepes! If you’re sick of the current bloodthirsty emperor, organize a *coup* and dethrone him for your own personal gain! The choice is all yours.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21): The planet Mars is the furthest it will ever be from your house this month, and that means military success can’t be expected. If you do happen to be a military commander, my apologies. Any skirmishes this month are bound to end in lost legions, passing under the yoke, or some other tragedy. If you’re not, then you have nothing to worry about- besides losing some games of Risk or Battleship.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19): Your sign is undergoing an astral shift, and that means you so usually businesslike Capricorns might feel an unexpected desire for companionship. I would recommend a new fuzzy friend if you’re looking to bring some love into your life. But especially for those of you with busy careers... it might be easiest if you pick out a pup with one head maximum. At the very least, it’ll cut down your kibble expenses!

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18): The luck of Saturn is shining down on you this month! If you come Toga Bowling on January 2, I’d expect mostly strikes with spares to spare, so start placing some bets *statim*!

Pisces (February 19 to March 20): Neptune’s position is beckoning you to be reckless this month, but its alignment with Mercury might mean that’s not such a good plan. If you must be adventurous, start small. (E.g., if you’re trying out a new recipe, don’t let it be *glires* with *garum*.)