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## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Salvete, omnes! As your 2016-2017 IJCL President I would like to welcome all of you to another amazing year of celebrating the classics! State convention was great and we can all only expect the best for and look forward to Nationals, Festivus, State and maybe some other Latin surprises in the next year!

The new board and I are very excited to put things in motion, having already had our first board meeting. The group of people I have the honor of working with this term is amazing: Rachel, Sidhu, Serena, Samir and Atif are supremely qualified individuals and their achievements, commitment and ability continues to astound me with every conversation. Each of them brings a special component to this board, along with their passions for the classics and JCL, that will directly contribute to our success in promoting the ancient civilizations of Greece and Rome. We are so excited to do exactly that by encouraging our Illinois State Chapter's unity and enthusiasm with the introduction of some new activities throughout the year- stay tuned- as well as continuing to have a spectacular time at National and State convention.

Speaking of, NJCL is right around the corner- July 25th-30th!! The Illinois Delegation will be traveling by bus approx-

imately 261 miles to Indiana University- with no pre-convention housing- for a week full of Latin, Greek and JCL love. It is an amazing experience that every classicist yearns for, whether one knows it yet or not. Take any bit of appreciation you had for State Convention, multiply it by 1,000 and then you'll know how much love you will have for NJCL. Go online and buy your packets while there are still spots left!!! There will be a meeting at Citizen's Park on July 10th for all NJCL attendees to flesh out everything from spirit themes to packing lists, and we'll all be able to begin to get to know one another. We all look forward to an amazing National Convention!

In all, IJCL will have an amazing year, as my board and I plan on promoting the classics with the encouragement of our state's unity and excitement. The enthusiasm and passion our chapter has are astounding as we come together in love for the JCL. As always, the board is interested in any ideas and/or suggestions to improve our IJCL experience and we look forward to seeing you all throughout this next year!

Sincerely,  
Nadine Kademoglou

President

# MEET THE NEW OFFICERS

## NADINE KADEMOGLOU, PRESIDENT



Salvete, omnes! My name is Nadine Kademoglou and I will be serving as your 2016-2017 IJCL president. I am currently a junior at Elgin Academy taking Latin IV and plan on taking Latin V next year. Looking even further, my passion for and involvement in the classics has greatly contributed to a strong liberal arts foundation that will prepare me well for a double major in sociology and biology. My “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” style upbringing spurred this exact passion and involvement- my 7th grade self begging my parents to take Latin because I thought it would be similar to modern Greek, which I knew, and consequently be “easy”- so I guess I can’t complain too much about my seven years of Greek school, dance and Orthodox Sunday school because it greatly contributed the amazing relationships I have through and with the JCL now. My other hobbies include taking long walks on the beach, admiring sunsets and baking box mix cupcakes. Besides that, there’s not much to say other than that I look forward to an amazing year of celebrating the classics with all of you!!

## RACHEL HE, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Rachel He is a rising senior from Naperville North High School and she is unashamed to admit that her love of Percy Jackson prompted her to choose Latin as her foreign language of study in her freshman year of high school. This choice soon blossomed into a love of classical language, history, and culture. Rachel feels incredibly lucky to have discovered this language and is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve on the IJCL board as 1st VP. Likes: Cats, sleeping, sleeping cats, Harry Potter, fat birds, Leslie Knope, strawberry ice cream, dancing like a dad at the neighborhood barbecue



Dislikes: Spelling, wet socks, bell peppers, people who litter

Hobbies: cat-petting, painting, drawing, baking

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## SIDDHARTH GEHLAUT, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Siddharth Gehlaut (Sidhu) is a classy, classical – music obsessed classicist in 11th grade at Barrington High School. He has been taking Latin since seventh grade, and took Spanish for 4 years beforehand. There isn't any huge reason he switched to Latin – he just really liked myths and studying derivatives. However, he now logs it as probably the best choice he ever made. After his first convention (NJCL 2014), he became permanently enamored with the Latin language and community, and will never be able to let Latin go for as long as he lives. He is beyond thrilled to be serving the IJCL on the board, and hopes his plans for spirit and service make this year one to remember. Likes: Violin concertos, House, M.D., screaming spirit cheers until his voice is shot, Latin and Greek derivatives, the perfect passive periphrastic, sarcasm, the Centipedes on Fire. Dislikes: not sleeping enough, his allergy to pretty much all flora and fauna Hobbies: Playing the violin, watching movies, reading anything, learning about everything, making breakfast Favorite Latin Quotation: Nunc scio quid sit amor (Virgil)

## SERENA SHAH, SECRETARY

Serena Shah is a junior at Barrington and has been taking Latin since the sixth grade. She doesn't have some crazy story as to why she first enrolled in Latin, but somehow she just did, and it has definitely changed her life for the better. Serena translates Ovid and Virgil in her free time because it de-stresses her and makes her happy. She is delighted to be serving on the board and hopes to help contribute to one of the best years for the IJCL.

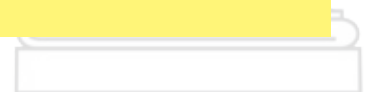


Likes: Buttercream frosting, environmental documentaries, deep sleep, Project Runway, the gerundive translated as a future passive participle

Dislikes: Sexism in ancient Latin texts

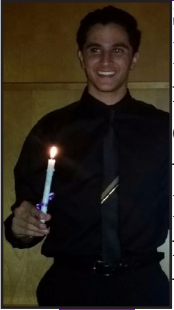
Hobbies: Dance, counting the number of steps on staircases, making tea in french presses.

Favorite Latin Quotation: Vires acquirit eundo (Virgil)





## SAMIR AL-ALI, PARLIAMENTARIAN



Samir Al-Ali is a junior at Northside College Preparatory High School. Samir was a Latin student in the 4th-6th grades but picked it back up in high school, and can't imagine his life without the Classics in it. Samir is most often found in NCP's Latin room, either reading Certamen rounds to Certaminators, perusing Allen and Greenough, or throwing something around; beyond Latin, Samir enjoys playing Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, and other assorted sports and contributing to his community in meaningful ways. He is very excited to be serving on the IJCL board and hopes to help bring the IJCL to new heights, with more IJCL activities interspersed throughout the year and scholarships to encourage more students to attend the IJCL State convention!

Likes: JCL and Certamen, the A2 buzzer, accusative supine, community service, cinnamon, 2nd person singular future active imperative of the verb "poto, potare", sports, spending time with family, Nutella

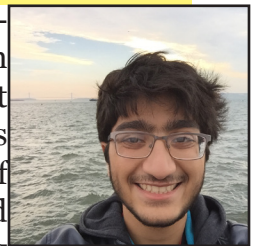
Dislikes: ditch days that don't entail reading Ecce Romani, corruption, the word "nevermind"

Hobbies: collecting plastic bottle caps, reading, studying for and playing Certamen, practicing Arabic, volunteering

Favorite Latin Quotation: "Respice, Adspice, Prospice" - City College of New York

## ATIF OSMANI, HISTORIAN

Salvete Omnes! My name is Atif Osmani and I am a Junior at Northside College Prep. I have taken Latin for three years now. I originally enrolled in Latin due to the prompting of my brothers and thankfully I listened to them. Most of the time you can find me in NCP's latin room hovering like an ill wind as Mr Nifong would say. I play Certamen at NCP and my favorite subjects of study are Roman history, Roman culture, and Latin literature. I am thrilled to be your historian for the next year and I hope that I will make an amazing



scrapbook along with multiple editions of the Nuntius. My overall goal is to have at least the state scrapbook place at nationals, and for the scrapbook and nuntius to be available online. I also hope to create a better system for sharing photos and other media.

Likes: The Roman Empire, photography, the JCL, Certamen, the Percy Jackson series and any other spinoffs, Bad Roman-ice the Colloquium, Mr Nifong's biscotti, other baked goods, probably other things that I can't think of right now.

Dislikes: The Roman Republic, people who think I am stupid for taking Latin, the one percent of baked goods that I don't like.

Favorite Latin Motto: "Crescat Scientia Vita Excolatur"-University of Chicago