



Convention Ear

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JCLers Guide to Emory:

- It has come to our attention that due to the increased humidity in Atlanta people have been able to swim through the air. The location of Ludi Swimming is now TBA.
- Due to the increased heat, the SCL is continuing the NJCL WATER drinking game. You must take a drink of WATER every time...
 - Atlanta is said.
 - The heat is mentioned.
 - Danny Trunzo says "OMG."
 - You are thirsty.
 - You are in awe of the SCL (always).
 - You hear a pun.
 - You are not sleeping.
 - Every time some one says the theme.
- If you find any golden apples lying around campus, please return them to the NJCL Office.
- Hot-lanta is apparently quite hot.

From the Desk of the JCL President

Dear JCLers,

Welcome to the Peach State, where the Chattahoochee River runs deep, where Rome and Athens are a short drive away from one another, and where Chick-fil-As are on every corner. Whereas the devil went down to Georgia, so many of us JCLers have traveled to Hot-lanta itself to celebrate the classics. It has been a long 23 years since our ranks have gathered here in hot and humid Emory. Let me be the first to welcome you to the greatest week of your summer!



Emory University will serve as a home for all conventioners these next couple days. You, JCLers, should feel safe, have fun, feel comfortable in trying new things, and let your inner-nerd run wild. This convention presents the opportunity to create countless memories for you to share with fellow attendees and bring home to your peers. Seize every opportunity, large and small.

The schedule is packed with countless events old and new, and it is impossible to participate in every event. Choose your activities wisely and love every minute. Pick an event that will change you and make you grow as a classics student.

These seven days will pass instantaneously. It is imperative that you take advantage of each day. Make new friends, build relationships, and allow others to join you in these bonds. You came to Georgia, now it is time to go out and forge those small beginnings.

Pax Amici,

Danny Trunzo

2013-2014 NJCL President

Creative Arts Registration is from 8:00 am – 10:00 PM Monday in the Coca Cola Commons in the Dobbs University Center (DUC). Contestants in all Creative Arts Contests must confirm their intent to participate by signing up on the appropriate confirmation poster. If you don't confirm, you won't compete. Costume contestants must also complete and return a registration form with receipts and photo inserted into the provided envelope to the Costume box by 2:00 PM Wednesday.

From the Desktop of the Cooler president

Hi, I'm Bri Forney, President of the Senior Cupcake League, formerly known as the Senior Classical League. For me, there was never a question of whether I would join the SCL; it was always my destiny. It began long ago, before I ever learned a word of Latin, and much before I forgot every word of Latin. It began with Forney the Elder.



Three years my senior, Emily chose Latin as an act of rebellion from parents who had taken Spanish and French. She then joined the JCL and began attending meetings, gatherings, and conventions. Emily served as Ohio's secretary for two years, but otherwise has always been a behind-the-scenes SCLer—grading scantions, writing and editing for the *Ear* and *That's Entertainment*, secretly plotting elaborate puzzles—but her quiet dignity and sharp wit are what make her so indispensable. I have always looked up to her, so there was no question that

I would follow her into the SCL.

I am so honored to have gotten such great opportunities in the SCL. And now, slashing his way into omnipotence, there rises another Forney.

What should we call him? Forney the Youngest? Forney the Male? Forney the Connor? Yes, Forney the Connor joined the League. And, now a high school graduate, Forney the Connor is the only Forney to ever get a personal welcome from the President of the Senior Cupcake League formerly known as the Senior Classical League. Welcome; I am sure you will continue to make us proud.

But, of course, Forney the Connor isn't the only one welcome to this omniscient organization. The Senior Cupcake League is not only an organization for the promotion of cupcake study at the collegiate level. Nor is it only a group of young adults who run *Ludi* and *Olympika* and stay up all night working on *That's Entertainment*, the *Ear*, and making cupcakes. The SCL is more than that: it's a family. There is still so much room in this dynasty; all we need is Forney

the You. Yes, You, specifically You, reading this. Forney the You.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention the most important part of this clan. The originator of it all, teacher, mentor, sponsor, chaperone, and friend, Mrs. Sarah Elmore. Forney the Elmore, whose passion for Latin inspired us to keep striving for better grades and more involvement in the League, whose caring warmth fueled our love and friendship for the organization, and without whom Forney the Younger might now be speaking German.

So thank you, Forney the Elmore, Forney the Elder, Forney the Connor, and Forney the You, for your continual affirmation of my decision to join the Senior Cupcake League formerly known as the Senior Classical League. And thank you to the omnipresent members of the SCL for making me and everyone else feel welcome and loved, like the family you are.

Love and cupcakes,
Bri Forney
NSCL President 2013-2014

The Edited Letter from the SCL Editor

Hey y'all, my name is Trace Turner and welcome to the first edition of the 2014 *Convention Ear*! Now for those newbies out there going: who is this kid, what am I reading, why does this seem so cool?? This is the *Convention Ear* a.k.a. the number one magazine for nationals. Here you can find the topical stories of the convention and the best humor around town. So kick back, enjoy the *Ear*, go do cool stuff, and welcome to Emory!



ATTENTION GRADUATED SENIORS: Don't begin to despair over your last year as a JCLer! There is life after JCL, and it's called the Senior Classical League. Become a SLASHER this convention and continue to carry on the torch of classical civilization! Go to the SCL registration table to learn more!

NJCL Officer End of Year Reports

President, Danny Trunzo

I had the opportunity to begin my term as president in the footsteps of a long line of great leaders, and at the beginning of our recovery from the short slump that stalled the JCL's growth. Having previously served as your NJCL Second Vice-President, I assumed this office already dedicated to enthusiastically promoting the JCL to my fullest, ready to strengthen our organization. Together, all this made the 2013-2014 NJCL board's

program simultaneously a continuation and a rebirth. As my term comes to a close, I can look back delighted by how much work we have accomplished, and honored to have been one of the many driving forces behind the continued success of the NJCL.

My first and foremost duty was to facilitate the work of your national board. Working directly with each officer, we established sets of individual and group goals

for the year. These goals spanned every aspect of the NJCL in order to maintain and improve upon our organization's existing conditions. We as a board have successfully reached many of our goals that we set forth last August.

Having returned from the exhilarating convention in Nevada, I sent out letters introducing myself to all members of the National Executive Board. In the fall, I attended the Fall Planning Meeting

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here at Emory University, discussing the convention agenda, reviewing the facilities, and presiding over the meetings of the Executive Board.

At our Spring Planning Meeting in Austin, the officers and I continued to carry out the business of the organization with the help of the National Committee. We spent hours deliberating over the submissions to the NJCL Packet Award—a scholarship based on need and merit, given to one convention delegate for the full cost of the packet—for which we received twenty-some applicants.

Our team of officers has worked tirelessly to create this week for you: the 61st annual NJCL Convention. The officers and national committee have put in an extensive amount of effort

First Vice President, Annee Lyons

Salvete!

The year I have spent serving the Junior Classical League as the First Vice President has been the most memorable one of my life. I am so honored to have had the opportunity to work with such passionate young classicists who share a drive for promoting our studies and our organization across the nation and even around the world. The most rewarding part of my job has been hearing from you and seeing the remarkable effort that goes into membership and publicity on the state and local levels.

At the national level, aside from helping you with your publicity and membership initiatives, I have had a few projects of my own. I wrote boilerplate press releases for

and time to make sure your convention experience is a memorable one. I am confident that you will enjoy the results of this year's work.

The most lasting and prolific connections that I have established over this past year are with the members of the Executive Board. I would like to thank the National Committee for always being so helpful and patient in every discussion and meeting. Their eternal dedication serves as a contagious inspiration driving others to strive for more. An enormous thank you must go to my mentors Mrs. Robertson and Miss Elifrits who stuck by me, whispered advice into my ear, and answered my pleas for help concerning the Robert's Rules of Order so quickly that I sometimes didn't even

the NJCL officers and the National Committee members for the Fall Planning Meeting at Emory University in Atlanta, GA and the Spring Planning Meeting in Austin, TX. I have also composed press releases for winners of various NJCL scholarships and prizes. The Membership Contest was revised for succinctness, and the guidelines of each category were clarified. My favorite project by far was National Classics Week. This year's NJCL theme: "*Omnium enim rerum principia parva sunt*—For the beginnings of all things are small," reminds us that everything has a humble start; the great civilization of Rome began on one simple hill and eventually enveloped most of its known world, which is why the National Classics Week theme was the Seven Hills of Rome. I changed the NCW packet

need to ask for it. I could not have asked for more supportive mentors. To the officers, wow. What a unique and wonderful group of students. We hit it off so well at our meetings, served each other in more ways as friends than as colleagues.

Finally, thank you. Thank you for permitting me to serve you over the past two years. Thank you for inspiring me, and for letting me try to inspire you with our theme of small beginnings. Thank you for demonstrating to me how powerful our Classical connection truly is. Thank you for being the body, soul, and spirit of the Junior Classical League.

Pax Amici,

Danny Trunzo

NJCL President 2013-2014

so that it is clear that the daily activities are merely suggestions; you do not have to go toga bowling on Thursday to get publicity points—you can do that any day of the week! My final duties will be to promote this NJCL convention and help ensure it runs smoothly throughout the week.

Thank you for electing me to serve you this year and giving me this incredible experience. Please make the most of all the activities this week and make memories to share at home that will spread the spirit of the JCL. Enjoy the 61st Convention of the National Junior Classical League!

E corde,

Annee Lyons

2013-2014 NJCL 1st VP

Second Vice President, Kathryn Gibson

Salvete Omnes!

I honestly can't believe convention is finally here. Balancing both my senior year and serving as your NJCL 2nd Vice President has been extremely difficult, but more importantly, extremely rewarding.

We did so much together, from community service to spirit to a new binder contest, all with continuous positivity and JCLove! One of my main goals was to encourage more participation in our monthly service projects, and I feel that we completed this task. All of the

service projects were heartfelt as each JCL chapter extended their friendly hand, making a difference nationwide. I was excited to see all of these projects, and I hope you continue to help your community long after your time as a JCLer.

The spirit and dance themes this year were a team effort as all of your officers brain-stormed to create each unique day. We hope each and every one of you go all out with your costumes and accessories—even at the dances. The other officers and I had so much fun putting these themes

together, and we are so excited to see the final products!

After a year of planning, it is bittersweet to finally be here at Emory with all of you. Let's make it one of the best yet!

Gratias maximas for all of your hard work this past year and for attending convention!

Cura ut valeas,

Kathryn Gibson

NJCL 2nd Vice President

2013-14



Communications Coordinator, Zain Kabeer

Salvete!

It's hard to believe that it's almost been a year since last year's national convention! It has been an incredible experience, especially learning how to take detailed minutes and managing the officer segment of the website. One of the best parts about being the NJCL Communications Coordinator was being able to travel to Atlanta and Austin for the Planning Meetings to spend time with my fellow officers. During these meetings and many of our online Skype meetings, it was my responsibility to record the multi-

tude of minutes which I shared with the officers and the committee.

Another important responsibility of my position was helping with the website contest. I'd especially like to thank Ms. Fillion of Massachusetts for overseeing the judging of all 26 websites (some 15 local and 11 state sites up from 10 local and 7 state sites last year!). It was an excellent showing, and I applaud all of the webmasters who submitted their work! I truly enjoyed seeing the many different designs and concepts of all the JCL websites, and I hope to see even more in next year's contest!

Finally, I began working on a JCL

mobile application for both iOS and Android. The app contained everything from officers' contact information to postings about Certamen Rounds and Academic Testing. Unfortunately the app will not be available to download this year, but it will hopefully be up and running by next year! I also worked with Mr. Little in the NJCL Office on the new Sched site which will be available at this convention.

Zain Kabeer
NJCL Communications
Coordinator 2013-14

Parliamentarian, Brandon Kim

Salvete JCLers,

This past year serving as NJCL Parliamentarian has been wonderful. In a way, I have come to enjoy my duties as the NJCL Parliamentarian, the protector of the Junior Classical League's future. By updating the Constitution to address concerns and by finding the next set of JCL officers who will bring their own talents and skills to the board, I am glad to have played an important role along with the rest of my board members.

I began in fall going through the Constitution, Bylaws, and Chapter Handbook with Mr. Webb, my mentor. We found quite a few changes that needed to be made for the Chapter Handbook and originally proposed a few amendments at the Fall Planning Meeting. Both during and after the Fall Planning Meeting, other issues regarding the constitution and bylaws were brought up; Mr. Webb and I addressed those problems and wrote a few more amendments to be approved at the Spring Planning Meeting. You will all be voting on those amendments this week!

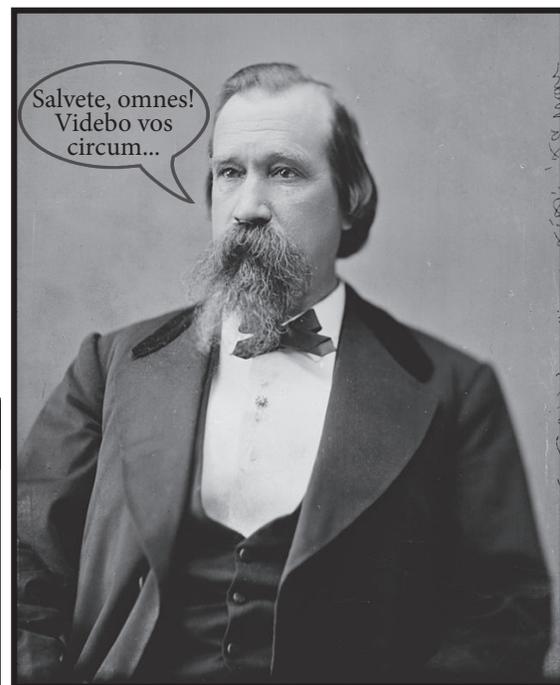
In addition, I wrote and edited the "Campaign Corner," a newsletter that details the campaign process with tips. I offered some constitutional advice to a few of the state delegations. In addition, I began communicating with many of the candidates who you will be hearing from later this week. I strongly encourage all of you to meet your candidates and come to the Nominations Committee Meeting and the Candidates' Open Forum. The candidates are a great bunch, so let them hear your opinions when deciding on the future of the JCL.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you this past year. I am very excited that convention has arrived, and I hope you all will make the most of it.

E corde,

Brandon Kim

2013-2014 NJCL Parliamentarian



This edition of the Convention Ear has been brought to you by Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus Lamar II, official ghost of NJCL 2014.

The NJCL Forecast:

YESTERDAY:



No spirit seeds have been sown

TODAY:



Seeds of spirit have been planted

TOMORROW:



Spirit plant has a GROWTH SPURT

NJCL Delegate Emotional State Tracker:



Historian, Hannah Novak

Salvete JCLers!

It's been a busy year for the NJCL officers, so here's what I've been up to in the past few months. As a board member, I have attended both the fall and spring planning meetings to help ensure that this year's convention will be both fun and successful. I have worked with my fellow officers to ensure that we have completed all the work required to support the JCL and get everyone ready for convention this summer.

As the historian, I've been busy soliciting pictures from all of you to put in our lovely National Scrapbook, then using what I have received to create the national scrapbook. This year, the book is split into sections, so there is more to come in the next two months. The scrapbook will be up in its full glory by early July, but the first portion is already posted on Issuu.

Additionally, I've been keeping you all updated on the historian activities in each issue of the *Torch U.S.* By staying active in the JCL community, I've been able to add unique events different classicists participate in to the scrapbook. Of course, I have also been honing my photography skills so that I can capture all kinds of amazing memories this summer at Emory!

I look forward to seeing old friends soon at convention, and meeting many new classicists!

Pax,

Hannah Novak

NJCL Historian

Editor, Jack Godar

In my year as editor, the most visible thing I did this year was, obviously, the *Torch:U.S.*! I helped last year's editor (and current NSCL Editor) Trace Turner with the fall issue, and then I did the winter, spring and summer along with my mentor, Publications Chair Caitlin Johnston. I wrote a feature for each of those three issues: one about classical-style architecture in today's architecture, one on life in Roman cities, and one on the various ways delegations get to convention. In addition to the *Torch:U.S.*, I talked to various state and local editors, helping them with various questions about the publication contest and their newsletters. I also helped judge the publications contest, the results of which will be announced later this convention. I also attended the

NJCL Fall and Spring Planning Meetings to help my fellow officers and the Executive Board plan the convention you are currently attending. I've had a great time as an NJCL officer and I hope I did a good job serving the JCL during my term.

Jack Godar

2013-2014 NJCL Editor

Let's get personal...

Do you want to write a cute note to your friend/JCLove but don't know how to get it to them? Well you can publish it in the personal section of the *Convention Ear!* Just write your personals **legibly** on the paper provided at the JCL desk.

Then put your personal along with \$1 in the provided envelopes and give it to someone at the desk. Space is limited, so be brief. The Editor reserves the right to edit or discard inappropriate personals.



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