

The Convention Ear



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63 (y)ears of telling it like it isn't



From your NJCL President, Nolan Heinrich

Tay-lore'd Advice for Nationals
(Nolan's Version) (From the Vault)

Dear Reader,

Welcome to New York! Whoops, I mean, welcome to Atlanta! The Georgian heat may make the weather feel like a *Cruel Summer*, but you're here at the 70th annual NJCL Convention at Emory University, and that makes up for it. This is *The Very First Night* of nationals! We have tons of mixers planned, exciting events, and even the first round of competitive certamen. Make the most of everything this week has to offer, and *Shake It Off* when the NJCL officers beat you in Ludi Volleyball. I want you all to go to bed tonight (yes, please sleep, you need it) thinking "*Today Was A Fairytale*." If this is your first convention, it might feel like *You're On Your Own, Kid*, but you'll soon find out how



strong JCLove is. Everyone is here for the same reason and shares the same passions, so be *Fearless* and put yourself out there, *Speak Now*, and see what *Sparks Fly*. After all, *It's Nice To Have A Friend*.

The Great War is back this year, and with higher stakes than ever: Spirit! *The Gold Rush* and *Lavender Haze* from *The Archer's* spirit day might blow your socks off, but *Don't Blame Me* when the Roman Procession is better than your *Wildest Dreams*.

Navigating campus can feel like wandering the *Labyrinth*, but your program and other JCLers (& Google Maps) are your spools of string. If you ever have a *Question*, don't hesitate to ask an adult or any of the national officers around.

The rest of Convention awaits...Are you *Ready For It? Forever And Always, Me!*

From your NSCL President, Elizabeth Foster

The National Senior Classical League is honored to welcome you to the 70th NJCL Convention!

You'll find us cheering you (or at least a few among you) on at marathon, and you'll cheer us (or at least a few among us) on as Stage Crew at *That's Entertainment!*. Be sure to visit our booth at Agora for some of our best merch yet. To learn more about the SCL and what we do, visit us at the SCLoquium: the Anatomy of the Iron Fist and follow @nationalscl on Instagram. Maybe this is your first time here, or maybe it's your last time here as a JCLer, but it definitely does not have to be your last. Slashers, come to our mixer today at 6:30 PM! Join us for snacks, games, games with snacks or to just say hi!

SinCereLy,
Elizabeth



From your NSCL Editor, Irene Calderon

Within these scrolls, we wield the mighty pens of truth and satire, the mischievous brush of irony, and the wicked quill of parody. We invite you to join us on a lively journey through the annals of mythology, philosophy, and literature, where even the most revered heroes and deities are not safe from our subversive jabs. But heed this warning, dear readers: if you are easily offended by irreverence, or if your sense of humor has been embalmed in a sarcophagus of seriousness, tread carefully. *The Convention Ear* is not responsible for unexpected fits of laughter or outbreaks of uncontrollable mirth. So, grab your laurel wreath, don your pristine toga, and prepare to join us at the 70th NJCL Convention hosted by the peachy state of Georgia! Welcome to *The Convention Ear*, where the classics are our sacred playground, and laughter is our immortal muse.



NJCL Officers' Report

Nolan Heinrich President



Howdy *amici*!

What a year (well, three at this point) it has been! Being elected as your NJCL President last year has been the absolute best experience of my life, so thank you to everyone for all the support. Now we're all here in Georgia ready to have the best week of our lives! Since my election, the whole board has been hard at work on their duties and making preparations for this very convention. We journeyed to Emory University for the first time in October at our Fall Planning Meeting (which was also my first in-person FPM). While there, I toured all over campus, led each of our board meetings, and engaged in what can only be described as "officer shenanigans." After hours of painstakingly staring at the Google sheet that once was the schedule, we returned home and eagerly waited for our next gathering: Spring Planning Meeting. In March, we met in Cincinnati, finalized convention plans, and, most importantly, filmed our National Classics Week promo video. Themed after Mean Girls, "Mean Romans" follows the harrowing tale of Monet Shum who has to navigate national

convention while the head of the Plastics, Hena Allaqaband, rules the JCL. Check it out at YouTube if you haven't!

Outside of these duties, I worked with the board to choose the recipients for two scholarships, finalized plans for JCL fundraising merchandise, and attended monthly ACL DEI committee meetings. I also created my fourth and final packet, Conventional Wisdom. This shared info about various helpful resources, my personal advice on making the most of convention, and a packing list. Have a read for yourself at bit.ly/conventional23 (if you couldn't tell after 3 years, I really love bitly links).

I look forward to meeting everyone this week. I JCLove y'all!

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Rupert Chen First Vice-President



Salvete JCLers!

Two of my major projects this year involved coordinating the celebration of National Classics Week and organizing and running Classicalia. In April, you joined me in celebrating the 2,775th anni-

versary of Rome's fabled founding—an important moment to reflect on the cultures at the root of our studies in the JCL. I hope that those of you who read our NCW packet came away with a deeper appreciation of the variety of classical study today. I have to give a special shout-out: congratulations to students from GJCL, who facilitated an official recognition of Classics Week this year in Georgia! At Classicalia, we heard from several speakers on their experiences with the classics and on what meaning the classics brings to their lives in this modern world. One of the special events that we planned for Classicalia was a members-at-large mixer—to make it easier for students to independently participate in the JCL.

Serving as First Vice President has been an honor I never could have dreamed of when I began my JCL journey six years ago—thank you. National convention is truly when the soul and vitality of our community shine through. Although this meeting portends the end of my time as a JCLer, not to mention the end of my time as a member of this fabulous board, I am so happy to see you all again.

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NSCL MIXER TONIGHT
July 23rd, 6:30-7:30 PM
at ESC N104!
Join new and current
SCLers for snacks.
Slashers welcome!
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Hena Allaqaband Second Vice-President

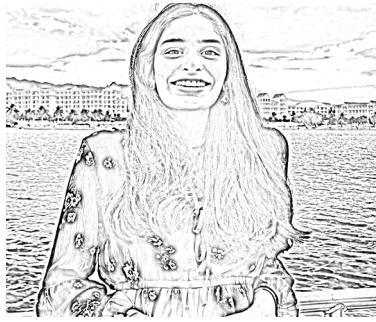


Salvete amici!

Firstly, I want to thank all of you for entrusting the role of Second VP to me. In August, I had the pleasure of crafting the Club of the Month packet; I centered this year's packet around the constellations. On the elections sub-committee, Mr. McGimsey and I clarified the process for student appointments. In October, I presented spirit themes and dance ideas at Fall Planning Meeting, most of which were Georgia puns, of course. My winter months were spent collaborating with Rupert for Classicalia and the NCW packet. I answered various questions during my Instagram takeover, ranging from my favorite GJ-CL-er (obviously Shriya) to my favorite cow.

For Spring Planning Meeting, I introduced the JCL Spotlight program. I edited lots of spreadsheets, budgeted out spirit prizes, DIY materials, and more, and I answered a plethora of emails about the definition of a prop. I finalized details for the service project and solidified spirit divisions. My time as an officer has been nothing short of incredible, and I am going to miss you guys dearly next year. Thank you to the JCL for everything.

Shriya Mahakala Communications Coordinator



Salvete amici!

I am beyond excited to welcome you all to my home state. Outdated information, malfunctioning links, and missing files on the NJCL website are what encouraged me to run for NJCL Communications Coordinator. I am happy to say I made tremendous progress with the crucial help of my fabulous mentor (NJCL Communications Chair, Mr. Rourke) in fixing many of these issues. In addition to correcting details regarding the website contest on the website, I modified the rubric slightly. Another one of my main accomplishments during my term was launching the newsletter (which you can sign up for on the NJCL website). The newsletter provides NJCL reminders and updates straight to your mailbox. Throughout the year, I took minutes at officer meetings, Fall Planning Meeting, and Spring Planning Meeting. I also joined the elections subcommittee. I have had such an amazing time giving back to a community that has given me so much love. I can't express how much I will miss you all.



**NSCL
REGISTRATION**
at ESC N101/2/3
today, July 23rd
8-10:45 AM

Joe Giambrone Parliamentarian



Salvete omnes!

Over the past year, I've been hard at work fulfilling my four-part platform:

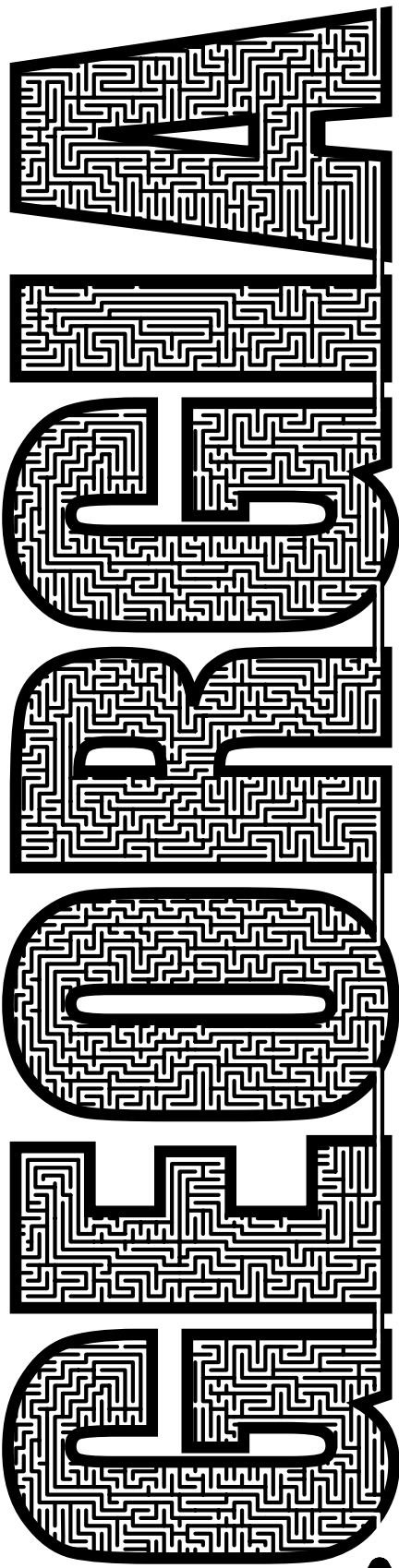
Part 1: Constitution Podcast. All four episodes of the NJCL Constitution Podcast have been recorded and published. I hope they've been helpful as a refresher of our governing documents.

Part 2: Campaign Analysis. The brand-new Campaign Analysis has been smoothly integrated into this year's *Campaign Corner*.

Part 3: Working with State Parlis. At the start of my term, I sent out mass emails to establish contact with current State parliamentarians. They were truly instrumental in helping acquire this slate of candidates.

Part 4: Amendment Forum. Our first ever Amendment Forum was held on July 9! Over fifteen eager JCLers joined a Zoom meeting to workshop amendments for their JCLs. The Amendments Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 25th, at 9:30 AM in the Harland Cinema in the Alumni Memorial University Center.

It's truly been a blast serving on the National Board this past year. Thank you to everyone who made it special, and I'm so happy to be seeing you all!



Karen Dong Historian



Hey y'all! it's your historian, Karen! Thanks to all who have submitted for the Photo of the Month contests this past year. Congratulations to the winners!

This past year, I held regular meetings with state and local historians. I am working on the National Scrapbook and will be judging the Scrapbook contest.

Welcome to the 70th NJCL Convention!

Monet Shum Editor



Salvete omnes!

I'm happy to welcome you all to Emory University! I hope that you'll make the most of this convention, whether in competitions, colloquia, or simply catching up or meeting old and new friends :). It has been my absolute pleasure to serve as your NJCL Editor this year, and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of your submissions and putting them to the (virtual) page.

Write for the Ear!

Email your submissions to editor@nscl.org with the subject line:

"EAR SUBMISSION"

Join us at the Dobbs Common Table (dining hall) for the Ear office hours, 5:45 pm, Mon-Wed!

At the beginning of this year, I got started straight away with working on the *Fall Torch: U.S.* with my predecessor, Emma Canga, and my mentor, Mr. Turner, who helped me a bunch throughout the year to find my footing (and on the part of the latter, all my grammar mistakes). Through the efforts of the NJCL Board, we were able to produce a beautiful edition recapping the 2022 NJCL Convention.

Shortly after, the board held the Fall Planning Meeting here at Emory University and after that, I published the *Winter Torch: U.S.*, where I inputted a new poll section and published several student writings and art pieces. I continued this in the *Spring and Summer Torch: U.S.*, and finally judged the submissions for the Publications Contest this past month. Outside of strictly editorial duties, I've also helped my fellow officers with various projects throughout the year, including the *Campaign Corner*, *Classicalia*, and more.

With that, I leave you to enjoy your convention. If you see me, say hi! I would love to put some faces to the names that have popped up in the *Torch: U.S.* this past year, and to those who might submit in the future.

PRESIDENTS' PERSONALS

*To Georgia,
From Jennifer*

TJCL, I love you guys so much... which is why I hope you can forgive me for the random dancing in the 2024 nationals promo video... please don't impeach me... at least let me give my speech first... thank you Wyatt for holding this delegation together
-Elizabeth :D



Indiana is super excited for national convention!!!!
-Jackson



Ohio JCL President, Gabrielle, reporting in! When the Ohio JCL isn't too busy taking pics at the concrete field of corn in Dublin, we can be seen swaying to our "Corn People" chant at GA! We can't wait to see you all at Emory! O-H!



Listen, *liberi*, and you shall hear About the top level tricks of MassJCL
We got the Ludi recruits
Ballin' like Jayson Tatum
We got the Certamen nerds
Buzzing *qualis apes aestate nova per florea rura (Aeneid 1.430)*.
With skill unheard of
And jokes told well
We stay winning
From BOS to ATL
MassJCL, I love you
-Joanna

To my TSJCLers, y'all are a BIG delegation, but my love for you and our JCL community is even BIGGER! I wish you all the best this week; in testing, Olympika, or even busting a move or two on the dance floor. This is sure to be a nationals to remember!
-Baala



Kentucky is so excited to attend the 2023 NJCL Convention at Emory! This is my, and many of my fellow delegates' first in-person convention, and it's KY's first time back at nats since pre-covid. We can't wait to see everyone!
-Owen



FJCL, I am so excited for all 170 of us to excel this week. Stay hydrated, take rest when needed, and find myself or any other FJCL officer if you need help or someone to talk to. Be sure to show up on time to fellowship every night-it's mandatory! Lastly, remember - F! FL! FLJCL!
-Milli

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write a G-rated note to an SCLer, JCLer, or a peach for the Ear. 250 character limit.
Send your note to editor@nscl.org with subject line "PERSONALS" or drop a scroll at the NJCL office.
Pay at the NJCL office, ESC N302.

Hey Georgia ... are you ready?! I am so excited that all of you are here, spending a portion of your summer at a Latin convention, representing the amazing state of Georgia. It has been a while since we have gotten such a huge delegation to come to national convention, and that just makes it all the more exciting that we have over a hundred members proudly here to shake their *praedae*!! I know each and everyone of you will gain so many memories from this convention, and if this is your first convention, welcome cause it will be an experience you will never forget!

Get ready for an explosive amount of Georgia references and most likely the first time you see the state Georgia hyped up this much cause people think we just really love our peaches and coca-colas. As the host state, make sure y'all show everyone some southern hospitality. I know we will make Georgia proud and truly showcase the loving and fun spirit that we represent.

Lastly, I would love to give a huge shout out to the Georgia JCL Board for helping me throughout the process of preparing for national convention and to the absolutely wonderful Georgia sponsors, especially Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Baglio. Thank you for all of your patience and support - it meant a lot to me!

I love you all so so much, and I know this will be a great national convention cause hey, it's getting hot in here ...

