



The Convention Ear

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Convention Survival Tips

- Drink Water
- Watch out for Pokemon Go players
- Drink Water
- Seem cool by incorporating JCL into words.
- Drink Water
- Lavish any SCLer you come across with an outpouring of admiration.
- Mix it up: Drink H2O instead of water

A Warm Welcome from the NJCL President

Salvete, omnes!

Welcome to the beautiful campus of Indiana University and the 2016 National Convention. I can already tell this week will be absolutely phenomenal, based on the intriguing activities the National Board and the Indiana JCL have planned for this week. I already know those of you who have never been to a national convention will soon realize why the rest of us keep coming back year after year.

My first convention was in 2011 at Eastern Kentucky University as a seventh grader. I was eager and unknowing of what that week would hold, so I made the Graphic Art projects my teacher had instructed me to make and prepared for the tests that interested

me. I did not realize that, besides the competitions, I would be making life-long connections and friendships with people from all over the country. I wasn't exactly shy, but I was merely a seventh grader surrounded by much more experienced JCLers. Even so, these complete strangers made me feel completely welcomed and appreciated. I can recall one of the first times I experienced this feeling. I was waiting outside for my first *That's Entertainment* to start with a group of friends surrounded by hundreds of others. Suddenly, a very loud and booming voice behind us screamed, "We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how 'bout you!" Suddenly about twenty of us (myself included) repeated it back to him with just as much

enthusiasm. I couldn't help it, and neither could the JCLers around me. At that point in time, I could tell we were all feeling the same sense of camaraderie. This was possibly the strongest sense of belonging I had ever felt.

Afterwards, I chatted with one of the people who took part in this random act of spirit. She and I became great friends, and to this day, we are still connected. This organization has given me friendships that will last a lifetime and it will do the same for you. I promise you all are going to have a wonderful time this week. Welcome, once again to this gorgeous campus of Indiana University. Enjoy your week!

Ex animo,
Brier Clough,
NJCL President 2015-16

Creative Arts Registration is from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday in the Forest B East Formal Lounge. 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 - this envelope is due upon arrival at the Costume Contest.

From The Intrepid Leader of the SCL President

Salvete everyone and welcome to IU!

I know you all are as excited as I am to get this whole convention kicked off. It's crazy to think that we were all at Trinity University in San Antonio only one year ago laughing about misprints in the program and dinosaur related jokes. I hope and know that the officers this year, on both the JCL and SCL levels, have been hard at work this school year in order to make this convention as good or better than last year's.

For me this convention is a big turning

event for me as I am sure it is for a lot of you as well. This year marks my last convention where I will be serving in some kind of officer position, most of those being Editor because as we all know it's the best office. I have been coming to convention since I was a wee seventh grader in 2008. I have loved the JCL ever since that first GA at Miami University. Fast forward two years to EKVU in 2010 and I was serving on Texas' board (as Editor of course). Ever since then I was hooked on serving the JCL in some

capacity.

The JCL and eventually the SCL has been one of the most supportive communities I have ever been a part of and I wouldn't trade it for the entire Empire of Rome. The people you meet at convention have the most profound impact on you, even if you don't necessarily realize it at the time. With that said I hope you go out and make new friends in your dorm, or in line for a test or wherever. Here's some helpful ice breakers to help forge those bonds: Have you noticed that Pitbull looks

like Voldemort? If you say "rise up lights" in a British accent it sounds like "razor blades" in an Australian accent. And finally: Don't you think it's weird how Ice Breakers the gum don't actually get you talking to anyone because it's rude to talk while you're chewing?

Have a great convention and I'll see you around, or maybe not.
Semper,
Trace Turner
2015-2016 NSCL President

PSA:

ALEXANDER THE GREAT DIDN'T LET POKEMON GO DISTRACT HIM FROM CONQUERING MOST OF THE KNOWN WORLD. NEITHER SHOULD YOU!

End of the Year Reports

Brier Clough, President
Salvete Omnes!

I hope every JCLer has had just as great a year as I have had. Thank you all for allowing me this amazing opportunity to serve as President this year, it was truly one of the most rewarding experiences I have had with the JCL.

As you may have heard, I have taken on a new project for convention this year. We are hosting a national Mosaic Marathon that will be happening during convention, Tuesday to Friday from 8 am to 8 pm. You are probably wondering what a Mosaic Marathon is. This project welcomes every JCLer to

learn the art of Mosaics by participating in a mural of modern day Pompeii, representing this year's National Convention. No experience with art or mosaics is necessary to participate, and everyone is encouraged to stop by the outdoor Mosaic Marathon during at any point during the day. After completion, it will be displayed in Bloomington, Indiana. As it is always relevant: Ubi concordia, ibi victoria. Let's work as an organization of inspired and creative students to complete this lasting piece of our 2016 convention, so that we may leave a beautiful piece of our organization in this welcoming

city.

I've also presided over both the Fall and Spring Planning meetings and have written the agendas for both. I have organized a total of seven Google Hangout Sessions for the student board to discuss ideas and aid each other with our endeavors. This has helped immensely due to the distance between all of the officers. Even so, we have made all of our meetings into successful conversations where we have helped each other realize our goals for our term.

I would like to thank my mentors as they have helped me so much with all of my

ideas and have aided in making everything happen, especially this winter when I suffered a very serious head injury that I am still (slowly, but surely) recovering from. These mentors have made my recovery process much less stressful for me, and I am so very thankful.

This year may be coming to a close, but the ambitions of this board are not fading in any way. This year has been full of success for us, and I couldn't be more appreciative of all the work we have accomplished together.

Ex Animo,
Brier Clough

Michael Kearney, 1st VP

Ten months ago you all elected me, a nervous, somewhat bumbling junior to be your First Vice President. One never expects to finally reach this point, but here I am—surprised, proud, grateful, and probably slightly relieved. Despite what some may tell you, the job is not just about convention—a harsh reality I was confronted with soon after commencing my term. It is the amalgamation of a hundred different things, most of which you have never heard of before you begin them.

Much of my time was spent assisting various chapters and states with their ongoing publicity and membership plans—giving me the opportunity to see firsthand the dedication of JCLers from around the country and be influenced by them. Particular highlights included assisting with Georgia's Praetoria and Kentucky's fabulous outreach campaigns. I also revamped Maya's revamped promotional brochure and connected with state chairs with the goal of increasing excitement across the country. I also oversaw the

NJCL Officers' Packet Award, for which we received a record amount of submissions this year—a rather bittersweet honor, as it meant the decision was all the harder.

However, in addition to my work on the Membership and Promotional Video Contests, my greatest project came in the form of National Classics Week. NJCL 2nd Vice President Hanna Seariac and I developed a theme topical to both the modern and classical world—The Odyssey.

The packet was unique in its focus on the

Greek world rather than the Roman one (featuring such hashtags as #getwithgreek), and had the overall goal of somehow living up to the standards Maya set last year. Although I was unsure what the reaction would be this year, I was incredibly impressed and touched by the work JCLers did to celebrate our classical heritage.

It has been an incredibly busy year but a very worthwhile one. Thank you once again for this opportunity. *Ave atque vale.*

Hanna Seariac, 2nd VP

For the following year as NJCL Second Vice President, I have had a busy and productive year. Immediately following convention, I began work on Club of the Month, lengthening the packets, adding more projects and information, and organizing all community service materials into a series of Google folders, accessible by one link (bit.ly/jclCOTM). Additionally, I focused my efforts on publicizing Club of the Month more and subsequently, other community service contests. In the early fall, I launched a state community service competition to reward states for their

community service efforts and to encourage states to integrate service into their events. Then, before Fall Planning Meeting, I researched potential ideas for spirit themes and service projects for National Convention. At Fall Planning Meeting, these decisions were finalized and then subsequently publicized. I also created a sharing space on Google Drive for people to post documents and newsletters relevant to share information about conventions and service.

The second half of my term was spent compiling the Contest Handbook, which can be found at <http://joom.ag/SHfp>. The Contest Handbook

comprises of all nonconvention and convention competitions in the JCL, complete with sample entries and rules. After this, I worked more with contacting local and state officers. I sent out a few emails to state officers to remind them of deadlines and ask them to help publicize certain JCL initiatives. I spent at least an hour per week messaging local officers and asking them how their chapters were doing and if they needed anything. Following that, I directed my time to National Classics Week, which I planned with 1st Vice President, Michael Kearney. Michael and I came up with all the activities

and he spent time configuring the layout while I did more copy editing. We then created a contest to track how many chapters participate in National Classics Week. I still have a couple more months in office with some final plans. Serving you, JCL, has been the greatest gift of my life thus far. Thank you for all of the help and inspiration that you've been to me since I joined in eighth grade and especially, now. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and I'm so excited to spend convention with you!

Jon Nozik, CoCo

salvete, NJCL!

It's been another busy year for the board and the whole NJCL community. This year, as the Communications Coordinator, I have worked to ensure that some of the technical aspects of the NJCL have been kept up-to-date, restored, or augmented as necessary. The greatest portion of this work involved the NJCL's Website Contest, an opportunity for JCL chapters – both

state and local – to showcase the work and enthusiasm that goes hand-in-hand with being a part of the JCL. Students write and design their websites painstakingly to provide glimpses into the exciting life of their JCL experience. As someone who attends a school with a small yet active chapter, it gives me no small amount of pleasure to be able to read and watch the incredible things that classicists are doing all over the country.

In addition, much of my time has been spent thinking about how to demystify this process, so to speak, for the JCLers who are not yet part of the digital side of the JCL but wish to be. I have spoken and advised JCLers on how to create and get started with chapter sites or the contest itself and have worked on compiling useful resources to allow for the same process in an efficient and accessible fashion.

An important thing

to realize is that my time was not spent poring over code but interacting with humans, not semicolons, and the most important things left behind by any Communications Coordinator is not a debugged program. It's an experience I wouldn't trade for anything, and I highly recommend running for this office.

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Jonathan Nozik

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Amanda Hansen, Parliamentarian

Salvete JCLers,

Though the time passed quickly, I have truly enjoyed serving as your NJCL Parliamentarian this past year. I began in August by brushing up on my Robert's Rules of Order and by searching for possible amendments with the help of my mentor, Mr. Webb. After several months of formulating amendments and submitting the monthly reports, I presented these amendments at

the Fall Planning Meeting in Bloomington. Also at this meeting, I enjoyed getting to know the other officers better and touring IU during the beautiful autumn.

Throughout the following months, I began focusing more on elections. I created this year's edition of the Campaign Corner in a different design than previous years but still included information and advice about running for national office. Through social media and email, I tried to spread it to as many people as

I could. Additionally, between the Fall and Spring Planning Meetings I worked on other amendments that either needed changing after the Fall Planning Meeting or were suggested at the meeting. I presented these amendments at the Spring Planning Meeting and also worked on the NJCL commercials with the officers. Throughout the year, I spent much time seeking and contacting potential candidates. When numerous candidates pre-filed, I strove to prepare them for convention. Be sure

to stop by the Nominations Committee Meeting, Meet the Candidates, and Candidates' Open Forum to meet all of them and learn about their visions for the JCL.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve on the national board this year. I have loved every minute. Although I am sad for my term to end, I am tremendously ecstatic for this year's convention. I hope you all enjoy this week!
E Corde,
Amanda Hansen

Hannah Barrett, Historian

As school ends, graduation ceremonies commence, the sun begins to shine, and JCLers begin to prepare for National Convention. Naturally, this doesn't exclude your NJCL officers! We've been hard at work,

preparing and planning for our greatest convention yet! And now that school is out, convention is just on the horizon. Of course, this also means that my term as your NJCL Historian is coming to a close. I've had a marvelous time serving you, working to fulfill my promises and bring you the

first ever NJCL Commercial, a new method for scrapbook submissions, and more social media outreach. But never fear! My last gift to you, the 2015-2016 NJCL Scrapbook, will be here before you can say "Bloomington, Indiana"! Speaking of Bloomington, it's never too early to start prepar-

ing yourselves for convention! Make sure your State T-Shirts are runway-ready, pack your cameras (with extra SD cards), and get ready for the time of your lives! And as always, stay classy, my friends. Perpetuo et semper,
Hannah Barrett
2015-2016 NJCL Historian

Woojin Lee, Editor

Salvete!

It's been a wonderful year serving as your NJCL Editor. After last year's NJCL convention, I helped worked on the fall issue of the Torch:US with previous editors, and since then I have worked on the winter, spring, and summer issues with my

mentor, Ms. Johnston. The issues are fully digital with podcasts from your NJCL officers, videos, and photo slideshows! The Torch:US issues are also complete with update articles from state editors from across the nation and feature articles. I've received many submissions for the publication contests this

year, and the amount of quality work put into each publication astounds me! Thank you to everyone who has submitted this year, and for those who want to start their own publication for their local or state chapter, I highly encourage you do so. It is a great way to communicate and also create something

yourself.

It has been exciting to work with this year's national board in preparation for this convention. I hope you enjoy your week here in Bloomington, Indiana!
E corde,
Woojin Lee
2015-2016 NJCL Editor

Certamen Rule Change Notice

Due to a recent change in Indiana educational standards, the material that will be covered in this year's NJCL Certamen will be broader than it has in years past. In addition to Latin grammar, vocabulary and translation, ancient geography, Roman and Greek history, and mythology (*editors note: Certamen is hard!*), those

competing in Certamen will also need to have a working knowledge of



"Yeah, YOU!"
Indiana basketball history. This is because Indiana now considers its basket-

ball history to be part of the classics.

"Rules are rules" said one teacher from Indiana, while tossing a wad of paper into a trash can with perfect form.

Topics covered will include all things Bobby Knight, particularly his 1975-76 Hoosier team that went undefeated and other IU basketball triumphs. However,

Indiana takes a holistic view of its basketball history, so players will also need to know about French Lick native, and Indiana State Sycamore Larry Bird, and even recent history, such as Gordon Hayward and Brad Stevens' recent Butler teams. Get studying, kids!

