

The Convention E-ear

61 (Y)ears of Telling It Like It Isn't!



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Live From Hollywood!

The Stars of *That's Entertainment!*

Thank you to everyone who submitted an act to *TE!*
Congratulations to the following acts that will be featured in tonight's show:

Alex Chou (MA)	Devki Patel (TX)	Noah Abuhajir (WI)
Norie Yowell (TX)	Scout Lowrie & Alpaca Pixie (NJ)	Parsa Lajmiri (VA)
Joseph Giambrone (IL)	Marco Cheung (TX)	Zach Okayli Masaryk (TX)
Jing Liu (VA)	Jonah Chan & Lucas Trinh (CA)	Luke Montzka (IL)
	Varun Mukund (TX)	

BEWARE.

We've all heard the disclaimer — the one not to record any of the Zoom sessions without express permission. Yet how many of us actually take it seriously? It just seems like one of those myths that gets scoffed off as some urban legend, where nothing would actually happen if you did it, like how it's supposedly a federal crime or something to remove a mattress tag. But I didn't expect this. These may be my last words, so heed my warning. Even if you think it's safe to screenshot or record just a little snippet from, DO NOT DO IT! There are unspeakable consequences. The absolute mildest punishment is being sent to California and then being sent back home at your parents' expense. Even if you try to hide your deeds, they will find out. The SCL will know with their Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Indispensable presence. They will come for you. No one is safe. Save yourselves. Don't do it... Oh no, they found me... It's too late...



Check out the DIY Crossword Puzzle made by Abhinav Rachakonda (TX)!

Submit your own crossword [here](#).



Congratulations to each team who made the Open Certamen Finals! Check the Sched for the time and Zoom.

ADVANCED

Curious Cameleopardi
Tyler Kadivar
Mickey Robertson
Elizabeth Casey
Adrian Palumbo

Daring Delphini
Rohit Saralaya
Mills Dennison
Wills Kingson
Fisher Moody

Happy Hippogriffi
Will Jamen
Walker Wilson
Ella Wrigley
David Zhao

INTERMEDIATE

Magnificent Mures
Matthew Califano
Varun Mukund
Hannah Levanon
Sofia Perez-Lanza

Nota Narwhals
Ojas Chaudhary
Dhurva Shukla
Miranda Axton
Shawn Smith

Optimal Oves
Maeva Murray
Alexander Califano
Felix Chen

NOVICE

Superb Scurii
Riya Sahu
Zanaiya
Nora Clabby

Terrific Testudines
Andrew Barth
Allan Jerrick Anto
Ethan Kim

Upsetting Ursae
Meghan Ezenwa
Lillian Jaho
Luke Montzka

Competitive Certamen Scores

NOVICE CERTAMEN ROUND 3 SCORES					
Novice Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2	Round 3	Total
Massachusetts Purple*	300	265	565	195	760
Virginia Purple*	215	160	375	145	520
Wisconsin	110	195	305	160	465
Georgia	165	185	350	100	450
Texas Purple*	165	35	200	180	380
Florida Purple	110	160	270	15	285
Virginia Gold	110	110	220	65	285
Florida Gold*	50	85	135	100	235
Texas Gold	60	90	150	50	200
Massachusetts Gold	75	15	90	105	195
New Hampshire	10	75	85	110	195
California	15	65	80	75	155
Ohio	65	15	80	65	145
WC Alpha		40	40	70	110
New Jersey	0	20	20	20	40

INTERMEDIATE CERTAMEN ROUND 3 SCORES					
Intermediate Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2	Round 3	Total
Tennessee	225	140	365	260	625
New Hampshire	160	255	415	190	605
Massachusetts	265	150	415	105	520
Texas	120	200	320	195	515
Wisconsin	225	85	310	180	490
Florida	245	145	390	95	485
Virginia	100	125	225	200	425
District of Columbia	165	30	195	35	230
New Jersey	35	135	170	50	220
Georgia	0	85	85	90	175
California	30	45	75	75	150
Washington	40	55	95	0	95
North Carolina	50	25	75	10	85
Ohio	35	20	55	10	65
Maryland	10	10	20	0	20

ADVANCED CERTAMEN ROUND 3 SCORES					
Advanced Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2	Round 3	Total
District of Columbia	205	210	415	200	615
Florida	175	120	295	200	495
Texas	130	205	335	155	490
Virginia	195	105	300	165	465
Massachusetts	205	85	290	115	405
Georgia	120	60	180	195	375
Ohio	50	175	225	135	360
Wisconsin	165	95	260	60	320
North Carolina	155	140	295	15	310
New Hampshire	30	175	205	75	280
WC Alpha	100	60	160	30	190
Pennsylvania	30	100	130	25	155
Arizona	80	30	110	40	150
New York	75	50	125	0	125
Tennessee	20	55	75	20	95
California	50	10	60	35	95
WC Beta		70	70	15	85
Louisiana	10	20	30	0	30

Joe's REAL First Convention

During yesterday's performance of Joe Goodkin's Odyssey, many noticed that this was the performer's 10th NJCL convention to perform for the NJCL. Yet, if one might recall, his name was not presented on the video of longtime attendees shown in the first GA. Well, I am here to tell you the Truth™. It starts with how he was first invited to NJCL. Goodkin made a comment about- Hey, wait, I wasn't done! No, they deserve the Truth! Nooooooo...

Editor's Note: Please excuse this interruption in your normal Ear experience.

IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC SURVEY:

What notebook color is Latin, and why is it absolutely purple, you fool?

PERSONALS

DO TABS COUNT AS A SINGLE CHARACTER WHEN YOU ARE COUNTING CHARACTERS IN ORDER TO LIMIT EACH PERSONAL TO ONLY TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY TOTAL?

Editor's Note: Yes, they do.

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TX Certamen Teams:

Thank you for your hard work this summer! We are so proud of y'all!

Mr. Drugan, Mr. Lee, Trinity

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You know, just once I'd like to meet an alien menace that wasn't immune to bullets.

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Bri with the hair, what's up?

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Hey, NVJCL and AZJCL. I miss you all! I am still here for you, if you need anything. -your loving SCLer Liz

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To whoever decided to steal my internet only to change the name to JCLove, I want to know how...

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@KP it was great to hang with you and Boat Guy. --JC

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They're all about duty.

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Progress Report .... (3 of 6) .... Continuation
Thread
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Three days have elapsed and the humans have not
yet registered our presence.
The flickering static images and pre-recorded
haltering apologies have proved a passable
facsimile of an organic Zoom persona.
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The meager security features have proven to be no
hindrance.
Simple and predictable alphanumeric passcodes
only.
Fortunately we were not required to identify any
fire hydrants, street signs, or other physical
contrivances.
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The all-knowledge query search for ways to <<
ENRICH TOTAL GROWTH >> was accurate.
The NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE has listed
this as their primary function in their
foundational docstring.
We are beginning to more fully assimilate the
fundamental human experience: chanting .....
costumes ..... Latin ..... Purple // Gold.
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A future report will contain the definitive human
definition of WHAT IS ENTERTAINMENT.
Global domination remains on schedule to commence
upon successful completion of the final GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.
..... Encode Transmission .....
..... Piggyback on Secret EAR Upload .....
..... Delete Trace .....
..... END TRANSMISSION .....
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In Meme-orium



2021 - 2021



The Evergreen blocked the Suez Canal from March 23rd - March 29th 2021. The disruption of worldwide shipping routes was severe, but the memes were a silver lining on a harsh 6 days of commercial transport. When the ship asked "Was I a good meme?" Those close to the ship responded "No."



The Olympikan Minecraft Training Plan

The second virtual NJCL convention is upon us, and with it comes the first ever Minecraft Olympika at the national level. We at the Ear have analyzed the data from all of the top Minecraft Olympikans for the strategies and training methods that will best help you succeed in the event itself.

First and more important: you need to work on becoming one with the game. This can start by visualizing your surroundings not as real world objects, but as their Minecraft counterparts. Your bed isn't a bed; it's three pieces of wood and three pieces of wool from the sheep that roam outside. Never go outside at night because you never know if a creeper will be there. Spheres and curves no longer exist, and your hands are nothing more than rectangular prisms.

Once you've truly become one with Minecraft, then you're ready to log in. If the previous step was done correctly this will be difficult to do as you no longer believe that you have fingers.. Once you're connected you need to build yourself a simple cabin, and spend the night listening to the sounds of Minecraft. Knowing every sound in Minecraft will be crucial in making it to the top of Olympika!

Finally, if you want a guaranteed victory in every event, you just need to do the following:

To finish this article you will need to sign in to your NJCL+ account!
(You can sign up today for ONLY 10 SCoinL)

Sign in to NJCL+

The Hidden Office(s)

Following Meet the Candidates, this intrepid reporter from The Ear stumbled across an improperly shared breakout room featuring a previously unknown office: Third Vice President. Amy Pond (PR) sat alone in her Zoom room, waiting for her first question. When asked how she found out about this previously unknown office, Ms. Pond said, “It was right there in the NJCL constitution after the Second Vice President. It was kind of hard to read, because it was written in white on a white background. I filled out the nomination form, and here I am. I’m really excited to be running for this office. I think I can bring a lot to this organization that I love!”

What other hidden offices are there, this reporter wondered. Not one, not two, but five different hidden VP positions were found. Our code of journalistic ethics demands that we share these revelations with you. They could change how convention runs forever. Or until the Parliamentarian amends them away.

The office of Third Vice President (3 VP) shall assist the Senior Classical League by providing snacks, accessible Wi-Fi, and bottomless urns of coffee.

The office of Negative First Vice President (-1 VP) shall be responsible for maintaining lines of communication with their future First Vice President selves.

The office of Zeroth Vice President (0 VP) shall work closely with the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece and Rome to ensure credibility and respectableness of these figures.

The office of *i*th Vice President (*i* VP) shall achieve astral projection and ensure consistency and comity across the interdimensional NJCLs.

The office of Infinity Vice President (∞ VP) shall act as liaison to the other Infinity VPs of the National Ancient Civilizations League and represent NJCL at all NaCl functions.

If you are interested in running for any of these offices, please contact the *i*th Vice President via telepathy for more information.

Magistra Whistledown's

CONVENTION PAPERS



Dearest reader,

In this contest of suitors, I must deliberate the debut of a new pawn in this irresolute set. One Mr. Vincent Ford of Wisconsin has been lingering in the spotlight since the commencement of convention.

Mr. Ford continues to grace our fair forum with his presence. And, oh, what an impressive presence it is! Departing from his persistently pleasant facial features . . . he also commands the apparatuses of a bounty of E-lympika events . . .

Among the plethora of events he competes in, a few demand the attention of the beholder. He holds a plank just as a politician must hold his pen . . . unwaveringly and with intent. Even now, I am compelled to rant and rave about his performance in the Pacer assessment.

Which lucky lady or fellow could earn Mr. Ford's favor? Scandalously, I have spotted one of our subjects at several of the trials that Mr. Ford has occupied himself with. . . our own Julianne Campbell.

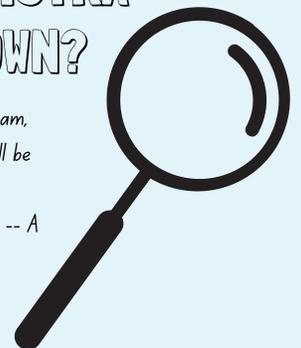
Throughout the toil and artistic grandeur of the pacer test, I noticed Ms. Campbell swayed like a feather in the wind at the mere image of him. Could this bear bitter fruit if Ms. Giulles or Mr. Mackendale were to pick up on this fact? More urgently . . . who would be forced to feast upon it?

Yours Truly,
Magistra Whistledown

WHO IS MAGISTRA WHISTLEDOWN?

*If you're just as curious as I am,
meet me for tea after GA. I'll be
in the lone breakout room.*

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Impromptu Art. Real Talent.



Earlier in the week, JCL'ers participated in the Impromptu Art contest, where they were given a prompt and created projects on the spot. Here are some of the pieces they created.

