



# Convention Ear

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## Announcements and Tips:

Local sharks petition NJCL that all trash be properly thrown away to keep their sidewalk rain-created rivers clean.

Sharkboy is becoming lonely and requests someone to drink plenty of water to join him.

During tomorrow's flash storm, look forward to gowns vs. togas

Please do not feed the wild Trojans. They have a very specific diet and we cannot upset that.

While "Cards AGAINST Humanity" is so rightfully banned at convention, in the mean time try some of these card games instead:

- Cards FOR Humanity
- Cards WITH Humanity
- Cards BETWEEN Humanity
- Cards AFTER Humanity
- Cards CONCERNING Humanity
- Cards WRITTEN BY Humanity
- Cards PLUS Humanity

## That's Entertainment Entertains Yet Again!

Last night, members of the JCL danced, piano'd, and sang their way into our hearts during *That's Entertainment*. Albert Ting (GA) took third place with a piano rendition of the theme from Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Avishka Bop-pudi (VA) came in second with her traditional Indian dance, and the top act of the night was Carson Bocco (FL) who dazzled the crowd with his tap dancing.

However, no act was able to steal the hearts of the audience as much as the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, indispensable stage crew. The stage crew stole the show between each act to place microphones, chairs, sheet music and more to ensure the evening was magical.

The stage crew has tested incredibly well in our focus groups, and because of that we've decided to make changes to the show in order to bring the entertainment that the audience really wants to see. Starting at the 2018 convention, *That's Entertainment* will feature at least 20% more stage crew time.

The selected acts will now be required to contain at least three large pieces of furniture and/or be multidisciplinary acts that require set changes throughout the performance. We will also allow acts that are relatively simple on the condition that the stage crew builds all necessary equipment on-the-fly as the acts come up.

## The NJCL Forecast:

MORNING:



Cloudy with a Chance of Volleyballs

AFTERNOON:



Sweaty Togas. Lots of them

TOMORROW:



Sad and Sleepy JCLers



## Pretty Personals

The biggest of thanks to Ryan, Emily and Mrs. S for shepparding a stranded Hoosier to convention. I appreciate you!

Best wishes to my favorite couple at convention; Kady and Ángel you make everyday brighter and I cannot wait to join you on your honeymoon to **YALE**. I know this relationship will be one that continues for ages, just like the languages you have found love through.

Sincerely,  
Columbia (we know it was a tough choice)

Hey Kady, are you going to Yale?  
-A concerned JCLer

Less Kids, more Rats! (x3)

Josh, Louis, & Zoa, It has been a pleasure working with you this convention. You have been an amazing delegation and make Nevada proud. I am thrilled to share the title "vices clamantes in deserto" with you and look forward to the future! -Piscator

Kady, Rachel, Yams, & Walnut. I knew when you were my students in 6th grade six years ago that you were bound to do great things. I didn't know then that you would do so many great things by the time you were slashers. Your Latin clubmates & the TSJCL are indebted to your leadership & service, and it has been an honor to be your teacher, coach, sponsor, and friend. Maximo cum amore, Situla

Dear TSJCL officers, Y'all have done a great job leading fellowship & Spirit. We look forward to a productive year! -Your State Co-Chairs

Jen, Thanks for being the best colleague and mentor a young Latin teacher could every have! I'm sad we were separated as roommates this year, but look forward to celebrating your 20th convention next year! Cum amore, Lauren

Miranda, Thanks for being a fun partner-in-crime and teaching me the ropes of coordinating Competitive Certamen these last number of years. I look forward to many great years ahead of us! -Lauren

Dear Danny ICE, Thanks for all your support at convention these past few years and helping with anything we need! You ROCK!  
-Lauren

Joan, Kimberly, Miranda, and William, I'm lucky to call myself a State Co-Chair with y'all. Thanks for the support, laughs, and hard-work!  
-Lauren

Ben Johnson, our hearts skip a beat when we see you across the arena at GA. Your voice is so melodic that we wish you could compete in Latin Oratory. Thank you for teaching our students a variety of topics from dactylic hexameter to the passive voice. Love, the magistrae from Indiana

[Bandaid]

**Editor's Note: This personal was literally a piece of paper with a large Bandaid on it...I wish I made this up.**

G. Canis dicit stdentés Sancti Semphanu Scholae esse optimos.

Iyshwary, Jeimy, Jordan, and Seth- I am so glad you came to Nationals with me this year! Let's take the JCL spirit back to FSUS! Go Noles! Love, Magistra Piris

## NJCL Delegate Emotional State Tracker:



On Thursday, the Ear of-fice received an anonymous tip regarding a hidden stash of pillows. After a brief, but thorough investigation, we discovered a storage bin filled with fluffy, comfortable white pillows in a location on campus that we are not at liberty to disclose, due to the potential consequences for our reporters.

So why were we instructed to bring pillows of our own? Our office attempted to contact numerous campus officials, but they declined to comment.

## CERTAMEN FINALS

Novice Finals:  
MA vs. NH vs. TX

Intermediate Finals:  
FL vs. MA vs. TX

Advanced Finals:  
FL vs. MA vs. VA

# Pretentious Personals



Thank you all for the very kind words of congratulations. You make it easy to look forward to another 20 years. Gratias, Ambulator

Hey Crown Point, We're super proud of all of you and all that you do! -Wietbrock (Rob) & Walker

Tony, Congratulations on receiving your Maxima Cum Laude Chaperone Award. We love you! Indiana et al.

Indiana, You make us proud of you every day. It's been great traveling and working with you. Love, your co-chairs

IN Certamen teams, Thanks for all your hard work. We're proud of you! -Coaches K, W, & W

Mary, Glad to be with you for another convention! Just because you've completed four years of SCL doesn't mean you are done. I would love to present your silver bowl someday! -Love, Pierson

Congratulations to Ms. Emily Lewis of VA on her 10th year coaching the

Intermediate Certamen Team! We've loved working with you and are so grateful for your help. Ten more years!

-From Grammar Gwynn, Myth MM, History Hudson, and Aempire Abbie  
This has been a VERY interesting convention, DLW! Always fun to be with you!  
-SCDW

Welcome to your first NJCL Convention, Mr. Beck! We love you!  
-LJCL

To the Missouri delegation:  
Thanks for making this another fun filled week. The west side of the state has had a blast with the east side! To my LCPA babies – you are the absolute best! Thanks for allowing me to spend a week with you!

**Editor's Note: William Mckinnerney of TSJCL/TXSCL is the King of the Nerds for solving yesterday's Word Jumble before we released the key. His prize is this ~FREE PERSONAL~ Congrats Yams!**

To Magistra Marquis: Thanks for com-

ing, planning, purchasing, and all the things you do. You are the best roomie and JCL Buddie!  
ex corde,  
Clizer

SCLer Liz:  
You being you and your dedication to this organization fills this old sponsor with pride. You embody its spirit and are a true example to all Nevonans. But now that CT has joined us, are you Gaul-like? With sincere collegial appreciation,  
Piscator

To the indomitable S.P. of AZ,  
You are the best ally and co-conspirator a colleague could have, and your energy level is truly awe-inspiring. We can say "Eugapae!"  
Sincerely,  
The Guy Next Door and All His Wacked Out Children

Tone Bones sound off! I'm looking forward to reassembling for the bus trip home! Woof! Woof!

## tag yourself



Brian

- Wannabe Certamen player
- Talks during GA
- Packed one pair of shoes
- Probably a centaur



Todd

- secretly likes memes
- eats weird stuff on dares
- brought a lot of books
- supersarcastic



Steve

- Gentle
- Tired
- Sweaty
- Really wants to be a jedi



Tony

- Sad there's no milk at lunch
- Unique fashion sense
- The Hufflepuffiest
- \*eye roll\*



Larry

- Bad 2 da bone
- Insta game is lit
- Very busy
- Tells people to take naps



Paul

- Knows zero Latin
- Extreme ludi napping
- Loses their nametag
- Eats nothing but breadsticks



Gary

- Seconds every motion
- Doesn't like veggies
- Probably over prepared
- New North Aritexiginiorgshire



Kevin

- Owns 5 fidget spinners
- Answers any question
- Never Sleeps?
- 1000 yard stare



"Happy Brown Squirrel, Mr. President..."

Kyle, you have done an excellent job. The SCL is in great hands. I will sleep peacefully at convention from now on!

-Tony

Indiana,  
There was a this kid who got in an argument with his mom...

-Tony

RCR, JC:

You make convention the best. It has been a great 30 years of friendship.

-T.M.

Cathy, you are loved! You are wonderful! I don't see you enough but you are always in my heart.

-Tony

Sarah – love you!

-Tony

To Szymanski the Younger + Szymanski the Tallest, thanks for being my favorite trium-fem-ate.

To the Indiana SCL, it was so fun having you all here. Come back next year! To the boys, we be back.

Love,  
Szymanski the Elder

Illizonaconsindiawiscohio,  
Thanks for the great game and the greater team name. We were the best team and would have if it weren't for Magic Man. Now say it with me, 4 on 3! 4 on 3! 1, 2, 3, 4!

From, Ohio

How many SCLers does it take to open a door? We may never know.

Nevonicut is currently accepting applications for further spirit annexations.

Edgewood JCL: Thank you for coming to nationals with me this year. It was a bit of a gamble for you guys – I tend to be bad at advice. But I'm so happy to have been here with you. You all are like family to me, and I'm unspeakably proud of all you've done. I love you guys, and I can't wait for one last year of Latin with you.

Love,  
Bethany

Ambulator: None of my favorite JCL memories would have ever occurred had you not inspired a deep love of the classics in me 14 years ago. For that, and so much more, I'm eternally grateful. Tua discipula, semper.

Dear Louisiana JCL, SCL, and

Chaperones,

Thank you for being the most spirited, dedicated, and friendliest people I know. Y'all are the reason I keep coming back to convention, year after year. I miss Louisiana ex imo pectore. Continue inspiring the next generation of students to follow Rome's proud steps.

Until next time we meet,  
MFD

Dear Indiana, the ISCL is so proud of you. Well done!

Love,  
Your Omnisicnet, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Indispensible ISCLers

Ambulator, congratulations again on your silver bowl. Here's to the next 20 years of NJCL service!

-Kristina

Dear Gero,  
Roll. Tide.

Dear Ms. K,  
Maximas gratias from the bottom of our hearts for being an amazing teacher and driving a massive number of miles to Alabama to take us to Nationals! Love, Colorado

To TSJCL secret admirer of the FJCL's President: I have his number. If you want it, I'll be playing cards at the Trojan center from 12:30-1:30. Turn your nametag upside down so I know it's you. Bring state spirit props and your best joke.

From: An Anonymous Florida delegate

S/O to Logan Ahearns for being a great secretary, editor, bazaar seller, and all around chill person.

Thrive on.

Ms. Lehmann,

You're the big sister we've always wanted and NOT at all like our grandma. We love you so much!

Love,

Hannah, Sophia, Zoe, and Shendan

to the Asian girl from Texas with the short hair— I like your sunglasses, and also I want you to be my JCLOVE.

Dear Kai from Texas,

For chugging 4oz of chunky garum, you are now an honorary Floridian; because you would only hear that in a news publication titled "Florida Man." Hit us up.

-Florida Gals, Haylie and Teri

I think that I can speak for the entire Texas delegation when I say we have the best-looking board of officers in the NJCL. Especially the Parliamentarian. hmu ;))

The bois are back in town

Szymanski the Elder and Szymanski the Red, thanks for another great convention! I'm glad we got to spend it in the SCL together <3 Here's to many more!

Love, Szymanski the Younger

Dear Szymanski the Elder,  
Happy 10th convention! Thanks for all the laughs. #uglyboys  
Love, Szymanski the Tallest

Dear Szymanski the Younger,  
You're my favorite boy.  
Welcome back to town.  
Love,  
Szymanski the Tallest

Dear Drew,  
You rock Mr. Treasurer!  
Love,  
Suze

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Only

Had

Five

Dollars

***Editor's Note: These 5 personals have officially won Ludi Personals.***

Jabreel Sekerz,  
Thanks for being the bestest roommate a girl could ask for, and for three years at that! Through all the puns, jabs, and heavy metal, you stuck by and tried to explain what a Latin is. I'd say I'll miss you in college, but I know you'd never let me escape.  
xoxo,  
Flash

Caitlin: Please don't go! #roomie4lyfe #teamwall

IA: Another one! And you got to hear Twin Peaks to boot. EPIC. Love, NPA

To the LJCL: We are so proud of you! Thanks for being amazing and excited. - your LSCLers

Thanks so much, Kelly Ranch!  
We would have missed lunch without you!  
Meg and Kate from sight Latin.

To the Webbs and the Becks:  
Thank you for all that you do for JCL and for your friendship. Can't wait to see you again in Ohio!  
Hugs & spirit fingers, Neha & Ian

## More Than Meets the Muggle Eye

As many of you may have noticed, the campus of Troy University is home to a British telephone booth. You may have asked yourselves, "Why is there a British phone booth in this very American state!"

Well, children, you should know... and we really shouldn't be telling some of you this, but... this is not just an ordinary telephone booth. This is a \*magic\* phone booth. You see, Troy University is actually a University of Magic and Wizardry. The first higher-education magical learning institution of its kind located in this region, dedicated to continuing the pursuit of magical knowledge.

The telephone booth in Bibb Graves Quad serves as a portal: the entrance to the Magical Congress of the United States of America's Southern-Region Magical-Education Promotion Headquarters.

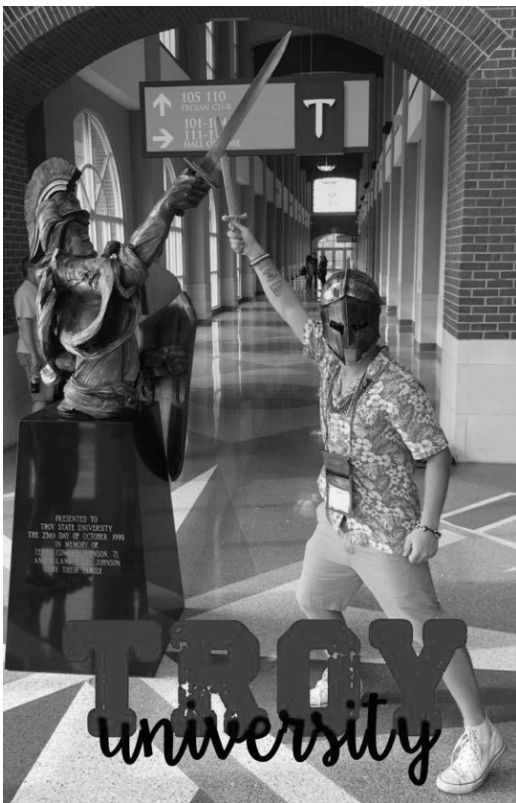
Still asking why the British phone booth? Well, yes, that does seem a bit silly, we do agree! However, as our insider SCL witches and wizards know, Newt Scamander, famed Magizoologist, had served as an adjunct professor of Troy University of Magic and Wizardry for a number of years between travels. Beloved by many of his fellow faculty and staff, they chose to honor his British heritage by creating the portal as it stands today.

To all of you magically inclined JCLers out there, you too can pursue a higher education of magic! Learn more spells, make more potions, and grow out of your awkward Hufflepuff phase!





There was a lot of **chatting** about what to put on this page...



... so here are some **snaps** of this year's convention!



All food is an imitation of food



# THE TRUE TROJANS OF TROY



We're sure you've seen the Trojan statue in the Trojan Arena. He's pretty cool. But he does not represent the Trojans Troy University uses as their mascot. The TRUE Trojans of Troy are not in fact the Trojans, but are Troy University's kitten army.

The Kitten Army of Troy patrol the dorms and defend our campus from the mice and rats which in fact provided the material for an impromptu art project (shown on the back of Wednesday's *Ear*). They scare away sadness, spiders, and scary monsters which lurk beyond our campus -- the real reason we don't leave campus.

Some of their weapons are their small pointy teeth and claws, but they also have

secret powers. You can't see it past their cute and fluffy facade, because they harness the ultimate weapon: pure cuteness. Any being who comes into contact with these Trojans kittens will succumb to their undeniable power.

Upon sight of this armada, enemies will tremble in anticipation of running their hands through their soft fur. Then the next stage ensues: the potential to pet the kittens. These warriors finally unleash their ultimate move: they roll onto their backs to expose their stomachs. When the stomach is exposed, the adorableness of the Trojan kittens will be too much to bear and their enemies will reach out



to pet the fluffy belly fur -- but any limb reaching towards the tummy will be sliced to smithereens.

If you see this army, do not approach them. You may risk being trapped in their irresistible cuteness. Instead, admire them from afar and spread their greatness on the internet alongside the other majestic kitten warriors.

## Caitlin Johnston Ex-Publications Chair



What her friends think she does



What her mom thinks she does



What JCLers think she does



What SCLers think she does



What she thinks she does

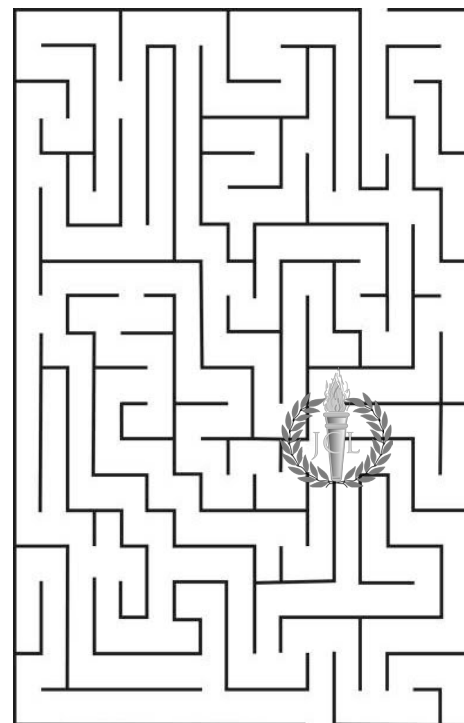


What she really does

The *Convention Ear* staff would like to thank **Caitlin Johnston** for her six years of dedication to the JCL editorial arts. She has made our office the absolute greatest place to work during our one week of manic joy each summer. **We love you!**

# 2017 WORLD SERIES OF CERTAMEN TEAMS

- A. Yet To Score  
John Benn (VA)  
Lena Cohen (VA)  
Mitchell Arnold (VA)  
Trinidad Kechklan (VA)
- B. Mattler "The Battler"  
McMitchell  
Matt Mitchell (OK)  
Chandler McArthur (LA)  
Drew Alvarez (LA)  
Anshu Sharma (VA)
- C. Never Trust a Thin Chef, a Smiling Cat, or Ken Andino  
Bryce Deskins (TX)  
Ish Aubuabara (TX)  
Andrew Rist (Jupiter)  
Travis King (NC)
- D. Nihil Obsceni  
Max Payne (CA)  
Matt Davis (CA)  
Lisa Masoni (CA)  
Zachary Mair (FL)
- E. Sloandog Millionaires  
Connor Harrison (FL)  
Jose Molina (FL)  
Adam Williams (FL)  
Noah McThenia (FL)  
Aspen Bombardo (FL)
- F. The Bad Garries  
Angel Perez Cortes (TX)  
Elliott Rebello (MD)  
Lindsey Dierig (OH)  
Dakotah Turner (FL)
- G. Parli-ment-to-be  
Gary Baker (WI)  
Tyler Heist (NJ)  
Jon Gumz (CA)  
Ake Kankirawatana (NC)  
Bobby McDonald (VA)
- H. Wang Power  
Sherilyn Hausey (MA)  
Christina Yee (MA)  
Randy Chen (MA)  
Peter Wang (MA)
- I. Blue-footed Boobies  
Katy Felkner (OK)
- Kristen Ball (OK)  
Sarah Whipple (OK)  
Ron Roessler (WI/FL)
- J. Ludus Saxi  
Michael Kearney (WI)  
Marianne Wallach (WI)  
David Giersch (WI)  
Allen Lubben (WI)  
Teddy Stevropoulos (WI)
- K. The Crusader Raiders  
Andrew Boudon (NC)  
Brian Compton (OH)  
Michael Cowett (MA)  
Sarah Cowett (MA)
- L. Ψευδαγγελιαί  
Henry Schott (FL)  
Geoff Revard (FL)  
Al Kummer (FL)  
Sindee Lee (FL)  
Vaseline Dobermanovic (FL)
- M. Snazzberry Beret  
Matthew Moore (MD)  
Alex Vega (MD)  
David Fisher (MD)  
Ian Merrill (MD)
- N. The Green Cookie Monstahs  
Sal Bartoloma (MA)  
Dustin Brownell (MA)  
Francesca Fontin (MA)  
Cookie Howard (MA)
- O. Team Bird Noises  
Ian "The Hoopoe" Hochberg (VA)  
Malcolm "Wren" Reynolds (VA)  
James "Willet" Wilusz (VA)  
Jacob "The Shrike" Reinsdorf (VA)
- P. Certamenator Genesis  
Joshua Haywood  
Sam Mellender  
Lori Mellender  
Jim Ziegerer
- Q. Omnis Ars Imitatio Nostrum Est  
Mary Neville (TX)  
Ryan Vinson (TN)
- Woojin Kim (TX)  
Alex Mangone (TN)
- R. Warrior Women of Troy  
Emily Lewis (VA)  
Tashi Treadway (VA)  
Grace Bailey (VA)  
Arjun Guidroz (VA)
- S. The Moderately Funky Chickens  
Chris Alumbaugh (LA)  
Stephen Beck (LA)  
Elizabeth Champagne  
Ren Beck
- T. Will Ni and the Latin Guys  
Jenny Lam (MA)  
Samir Al-Ali (MA)  
Andres Cook (MA)  
William Nifong (MA)
- U. The Strong Maybes  
Lindsay Pappas (IL)  
Jennifer Jordt (IL)  
Lisa Mays (OH)  
Stephen Gentle (????)



Just in time for the last day, here is a map of the Trojan Center! You're welcome.



# 2017 WSOC Schedule



Rounds begin PROMPTLY on Friday at 7:30 PM in Patterson Hall; this is immediately after the final General Assembly and overlaps with the end of the banquet. The finals will be played in Room 101. JCLers who have certamen experience and are interested in helping staff the rooms should report to 214 by 7:15 PM.

## Round 1

Room	Teams
101	A B C
103	D E F
105	G H I
107	J K L
301	M N O
302	P Q R
305	S T U

## Round 2

Room	Teams
107	D B U
301	G E C
302	J H F
305	M K I
101	P N L
103	S Q O
105	A T R

## Word Jumble Answer Key

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V	\	W	\/\	X	><	Y	'/	Z	7_				

## The Convention Ear Staff

**Vinyl Mattress** -- Hilary Cheney  
**Cotton Mattress** -- Caitlin Johnston  
**Drippy AC Unit** -- Maddie Briner  
**Random Nice Chair** -- Christopher Warrington  
**Expected Chair** -- Ian Anderson  
**Corner Desk** -- Steve Gentle  
**Different Colored Light** -- Laci Lisenby  
**Cases of Ski** -- Jack Godar  
**Giant Box of Poptarts** -- Tyler Heist  
**Unidentified Bug** -- Kurt Ristroph  
**Perpetual Wet Spot** -- Chris Rourke  
**Febreeze** -- Madison Whitaker  
**Empty Wardrobe** -- Drew Alvarez

**Sour Patch Candies** -- Liz Noone  
**Finicky Printer** -- Grace Bailey  
**Patrolling Kittens** -- Amanda Gooden  
**Mysterious Smell** -- Martina Bright  
**Various Floor Papers** -- Mark DiTusa  
**"Can't Adult" Pillow** -- Trace Turner

Thank you all so much for your jokes, your support, and your work. From the bottom of my heart thank you for making the Ear office a home for me that I won't soon forget. And most importantly: *Check. It. Out.*

# THAT Was Entertainment!



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Twenty years of conventions and this is the best photo we could use.

