

The Convention E-ar

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Existentially in Richmond

Congratulations to the following acts that will be featured in *That's Entertainment!*

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Alexandra Sheldon (OH)
Andrew Luke (NH)
Anne Gregg (IN)
Caroline Stephens (VA)
Dante Minutillo (MA)
Dashiell Cloud (IL)
Eric Yao (GA)
Ethan Robertson (VA)
Hannah Dodson (TX)
Irene Calderon (OH)
Jean-Paul Hernandez (NC)
Kiesse Nanor (NH)
Lucy Dasher (VA)
Norie Yowell (TX)
Varun Mukund (TX)

Check your email this afternoon for a link to the live stream!

Try your hand at Sophia Winger's crossword:

Classical

Jibberish 2020



Kahoot! Snafu

Discipuli! Amici! So- dales! Infamous deeds abound this convention! States go without recognition, delegates go without moving to adjourn, and even Certamen questions go without a properly-formatted response! The latest in this line of heinous malpractices occurred at the perfidious Kahoot! Zoom call, wherein some scurrilous knave—no doubt desiring to sow chaos and harm our dear, beloved convention—allowed the answers to be shared with all who entered. The answers? Nay, even the very questions!

We, the Iron Fist of the SCLawyers write to you to assure you that your voices are heard! As surely as Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon, we will come swiftly to your

defense in these issues that matter to you most. We are the ones who tamed the Moon Dolphins, who trekked all the way across Las Vegas, who can name every single book written by Livy! We swear by our mighty fist that these issues will be corrected and that the perpetrators will be found. Your inability to answer a multiple choice question will not go unavenged!

To the friends of the SCL, to JCLers and chaperones everywhere, we thank you for your tireless belief in honesty, truth, and the fortitude of the SCL. We are dedicating every resource at our disposal to rooting out those responsible for every single annoyance and technical glitch. That stuck b button that

made open Certamen really irksome? The desync that made properly rocking out at the virtual dance impossible? Your teacher's inexplicable love of disco? All of it will be solved through our omnipotent power.

To the enemies of honesty and decency, to whoever did this vicious act, know that there is no place where you can hide, no obscure, mythologically-dubious branch of the Underworld we won't excavate, in order to bring you to Justice!

[EDITOR'S NOTE] It has come to our attention that a certain SCLer and state chair has admitted their culpability. Please disregard the above accusations.



How to Turn Your Bedroom into a Dorm Room

I know what you are all thinking; what's missing? Something just doesn't feel right with this convention. Keep reading to find out how to take your living space from a boring, conventional room to a snazzy convention dorm.

Bedroom

-Place a sheet of cardboard under your sheets to get that dorm mattress feeling you've desperately been missing.

-Recreate those barren white brick walls by taking down any decorations, including curtains.

-One pillow. One sheet. BEST SLEEP OF YOUR LIFE!!

Bathroom

-One roll of toilet paper for the week and travel size soaps only.

-Unscrew the shower head to get the shower pressure of your dreams.

-Miss that communal bathroom feeling? Keep the door cracked open a little.

Bonus Amenities

-Before entering your room, stand by the door and fiddle with your keys for half a minute.

-Only eat dining hall themed food (see page two of yesterday's *Ear* for ideas)

THE NJCL FORECAST

Dark and desolate.

Oh wait, you forgot to turn on the light!



Shocking Papyri Reveals Ancient Scandal

A startling discovery has rocked the world of classical scholars. On Sunday, the Oxybingus Papyri at Boxford University announced that it had uncovered a scroll containing indisputable proof that the Romans loved pizza. Horace, who found the ancient scroll, said to his man Maecenas, "I'm gonn' have t' attempt a new Od' about this mah good dude" and Silius Italicus, ". . ." (sorry, but the quote was too long to include in print).

Most startlingly, the scroll proves that Julius Caesar never said, "veni, vidi, vici" after the battle of Zama. What he really said was, "Pizza, Pizza." The scroll contained two words: "Julius" and "Pizza." The rest of the

information was deduced using state-of-the-art papyrology techniques including half-reasoning, "I think I might know" guesses, and incomprehensible technology created by techies from TIM.

While the true statement of Caesar was known to Romans of the time, the story was mysteriously hidden and changed by Augustus. According to another papyri, on which five half words exist, Augustus wanted to hide something bigger than a Kardashians scandal. Because of too many Uber Eats during quarantine, Augustus, like his uncle Caesar, had become addicted to salty cheap delivery pizza.

by Will Corbin, Ohio



Salvete, Fellow Kids

In an attempt to make the Classics more Relatable™, the ACL has released a revised Ancient History in Gen Z to celebrate the 60th NJCL convention. The *Ear* Office was granted early access to the new textbook, and we want to share some snazzy snippets from the new textbook. Here are some favorites:

"Most students of the Boomers Socrates, Aristotle, and Plato go brrr, while others respond with 'Big Mood.'"

"Hera was often seen as a Karen while Zeus was definitely a Kyle."

"On the Ides of March, the Roman Senate *vibe checked* Caesar."

[Pre-order now!](#)

Julius Cheeser

Ecce Cheesar nunc triumphat qui subegit feles,
Muriumque multitudo celebrat victoriam.

[chorus] Jerry Iulius Cheesar noster, nauta,
mercator,

Primum esuriens, deinde cibum, nunc ar-
chides,

En mures procedentes, laeti floribus novis,
Magna praeda sunt potiti et caseies plurimis.

[chorus]

Exsultantes minima voce Apollo triumphe!
Dum auratum ante currum victa feles ferunt.

[chorus]

Mures viam lignum totam non complent strep-
itu,

Cavum in Pariete intrat Cheesar in curru.

[chorus]

O nox pulcher, o laudande! Cheesarem recepim-
us,

Et sciphi eum argenti honoratum vidimus.



What Your JCL Sock Color Says About You

Did you think the color of the sock you received from NJCL was just random? You fool! Your sock color was woven into your fate. If you have been searching for the meaning behind your sock color—and, therefore, your entire life—you're in luck! We put our expert foot covering specialists on the case and unlocked answers to all your sock-related worries.

Blue

All-denim is difficult to pull off, but you rock the look. You can never feel blue decked out in rhinestones.

Your spirit animal is the ebullient doggo. You light up every room, and it's impossible not to love you.

You're destined to guest star on *Sesame Street*. When wearing your socks, picture yourself jamming out with Big Bird or defining words with Elmo.

If convention were in person, you would have been sent home at your parents' expense for sodding on trod.

Purple

Bueller? Purple?... Puuuurple? You're totally rad. Your style is as bold as your personality, and you let your colorful self shine.

You're a majestic duck. You have your soft and gentle side, but you're not afraid to let your inner quack out.

You're a fan of the mystical and wish you could travel to a faraway place like Dragon Land. You're in touch with your inner child and have endless imagination!

You would have been sent home at your parents' expense for—yes, that's right—purposely not wearing your nametag.

Grey

We might as well call you "The Grey Gatsby." You're all about the glitz and glamour, and if you could wear a flapper dress every day, you would.

Your spirit animal is Donkey from *Shrek*. You can make anyone laugh with so much as a wink.

You never give up on anyone or anything you love.

At one point in life, you thought the Magic School Bus was real. You still hold out hope that it is. I mean... there's no evidence against it, per se? There have been Ms. Frizzle sightings, right? Right??!

Your convention crime? Jay-walking.

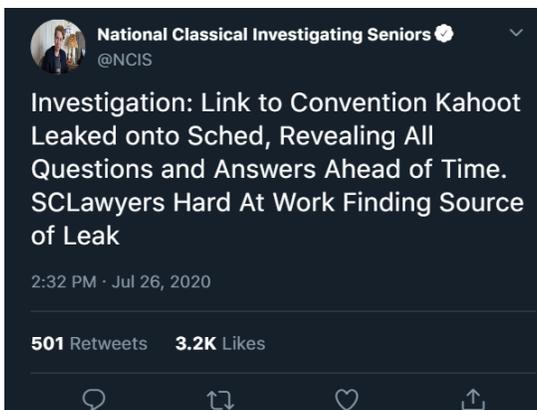
Black

You're not like the others. You're grooOoOOovy. Floral patterns look amazing on you, and you're always classy!

You're Bumblebee from *Transformers*. Friends know you're reliable and adorable. Just like Bumblebee, you're dedicated to doing good.

You're always trying your best, just like Clifford the Big Red Dog. That's why you always loved his show—not because you wanted a giant dog or anything...

If convention were in person this year, we'd have to remind you: "Hey, no freaking at the dances!"



GA III of the 2020 NJCL Convention SHATTERS Records

At the third general assembly of the 60th Annual National Junior Classical League Convention, NJCL President Jocelyn Robertson defied all unwritten laws of GA Adjournment procedure in actually recognizing all “nay” responses to the motion to adjourn.** After 16 attempts and 22 minutes, the NJCL Officers had to leave to conduct official business and gave up on trying to adjourn GA. The call, therefore, continued as the NJCL Board—eventually followed by the National Committee and most sponsors—left the meeting. At the time of writing this article, the Zoom meeting has been running for 6 hours and 49 minutes and counting, making it the longest General Assembly in NJCL history. This time easily beats out the previous 3 hour and 23 minute long unofficial General Assembly VIII at NJCL 2009, which took place in a pasture full of cows.

With most authority figures having left Zoom, Alaska JCLer Nothon A. Fache-Pearson became the Zoom panel’s host. Nothon opened all chat functions, and with the remaining JCLers, decided to start an informal second JCL dance. Nothon started DJ-ing with the best

ever setlist: all three *Now That’s What I Call Disney* albums on loop.

A GA being left open indefinitely is unprecedented, but according to NJCL Parliamentarian Faith Woods, now that the Zoom meeting has become an impromptu Disney dance party, it could count as a special meeting. Special meetings must reach a 97% quorum of convention attendees in order to vote on adjournment. Though at this stage, no one really wants the meeting to end.

**We at the *Ear Office* commend Jocelyn for her commitment to bringing Democracy™ to the NJCL. *This article was brought to you by SCLawyers. Joe Cicero and Senior Partner Dennis Webb, Esq. are ready to FIGHT for your Nays to matter as much as your Yeas!*

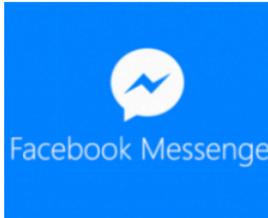


“Student Sent Home at Parents’ Expense”

After a grave violation of convention rules—namely, buzzing in during Certamen by typing “Woody” in the chat instead of “Buzz”—JCLer X (name redacted) was sent home at their parents’ expense. But after handing down the punishment, National Committee Vice Chair Dave Jackson remembered that the student was already at home. Nonetheless, he stood firm. “This has been well-known policy for many years! We can’t abandon our ideals, especially in this turbulent time.”

Unsurprisingly, JCLer X was upset. “I can’t believe it. I’ve already been stuck at home for four months, and now they’re sending me home?!” said X. X’s parents had this to say: “at least it was cheaper than last year.”

by Zoa Katok, Nevada

lawful good	neutral good	chaotic good
		
lawful neutral	true neutral	chaotic neutral
		
lawful evil	neutral evil	chaotic evil
		

A Love Letter to Stage Crew

It's been a whole year since I've seen the loves of my life. The highlight of my convention. My knights in shining black shirt and black pants and black shoes. And now I don't get to. There's no stage, there's no crew. What am I supposed to do? I don't just want stage crew, I NEED stage crew! Just know that wherever you are during convention this year—whether it's crewing on another stage, or on the Zoom calls with your mic turned off (even though you don't speak anyway)—I'll be waiting for you.

Love,
Your loudest fan

Good morning, fellow villaJCLers!

- The ACL will no longer be accepting Sea Bass-related submissions for Creative Arts. They are now officially classified as a C(-) minus.
- Reminder that fossils or fish found on Richmond-VA are the property of RichmondVA's museum and should be given to First VP Andrew Saverance of RichmondVA to assess and display. (And bugs too, Blathers regrets)
- UPDATE: REDD is stealing JCL IDs to enter multiple entries in Creative Arts. Contact SCLawyers if you believe you have been a victim of identity theft.



Baby Yoda Rushes SCL

Our Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient, and Indispensable SCL has set out to answer the controversy regarding The Child's official designation within the JCL/SCL. The facts: The Child is Baby, who eats chicky nuggies and drinks choco milk. Therefore, The Child is a JCLer. In turn, The Child is 50 years old who everyone loves and adores who brings viewers joy with his antics, similar to the SCL.

The experiment: let The Child pick. Results have been conclusive. While JCLers put up a successful bid, The Child has joined the SCL's ranks, finding comradery in food and not having to wake up at 6am to participate in Digi-Roll Call or testing. In an offer of friendship, the SCL has qualified The Child as a Slasher, and welcomes all other slashers to join Baby Yoda in joining the SCL ranks.

Junior Classical Technololeague

Sherwin Little's Keyboard

Suddenly, [light](#). Another day begins, and the familiar password is tapped onto me: "0421753bc" I, a [LANGTU Membrane Gaming Keyboard, Rainbow LED Backlit Quiet Office, USB Wired All-Metal Panel 25 Keys White/Silver](#), can already tell today is going to be wild, even by [JCL](#) standards. Time passes, and suddenly, [frantic typing](#)! I hear a drawn out pause, then "Mr. Little, I don't think the sound for the video worked." *Eheu*, I know this long-time JCLer receiving his [Antique](#)

[Silver Oval Tray](#) did not expect this. His fingers pause, then [frantic typing again](#)! His fingers move faster than ever before. Will I get through this GA? Will Mr. Little?

Jocelyn's Webcam

I, a [MacBook webcam](#), am suddenly roused from digital dreaming, it must be time for another [NJCL](#) meeting. Jocelyn Robertson, NJCL President, sits before me, composed and ready for another awkward day of staring at herself during GA. Suddenly, she freezes and fights back a smile. What could be wrong? The zoom ends and I hear only [silence](#). I see only darkness. Then...light? The

Zoom meeting is open once again and I show the composed Jocelyn to JCLers once again, [11" American Walnut Royal Gavel](#) at the ready.

Nokia

My small but incredibly sturdy Nokia heart stops. Am I, [Nokia 3.1 Plus with Octa-core processing power and 4G LTE speed](#), not good enough to channel the powers of Dwight's DJing into the homes and external acoustic meatuses of JCLers from across the nation?

Cheers,
sa//ust

Magistra Luongo & Magister Johnson— thank you so much for running the AP Latin review sessions this spring! I was going to thank you in person at Richmond but I suppose this must suffice from today.

-Kevin F from VA

Jack Purple! You are awesome, smart, and a great member of both the VJCL and NJCL communities! Thanks for everything you do!

Nolan,
I am so proud of you!
You are simply the best!
-Aislinn

To Kagan and Grant:
TOP SECRET
Hey don't tell anyone else, but we should form a triumvirate.
Love, Thelo
P.S. If you're not K or G, don't read the above statement.

To JCLudicrously
To the JCLegends themselves
Thank you for being such amazing friends, I can't wait to give y'all a big hug at convention next year, you really are my JCLoves.

JCLove, King Julien
Himself

It is time to scrim.

I just want to say a huge shoutout to my awesome brothers Benjamin (FL

Certamen Coach) and Lincoln (Novice Certamen). Y'all are making Florida proud and continuing my legacy.
Ethan Ream

Dear Beth and Izzy
I am not your mom. Also good job at certamen favorite not child of mine. Fargodome would be proud.
xoxo, the mini iron fist (i recognize SCL's superiority)

THE Maxine Mandt,
Where do I even start with someone of such god-tier status? We first met in Ohio and briefly met up again in Fargo. But I wasn't until a few months ago that we truly became close friends: when you sick "sick let me get you the link"

Dear Aislinn,
Thank you for showing me what Nationals was all about, all those years ago in Troy! Your enthusiasm is never lacking, and you're so much fun to be around. Keep in touch in college :)--I will miss you!
A (somewhat) blond hyperbuzzer

To Ella Walley
"Maybe am beliefic"
From England

"Unsubscribe from Pewdiepie and subscribe to JCLegend Florida Man: [\[youtube.com/channel/UCwk2U0HOKFx8t_zKzftsoYw?view_as=subscriber\]\(https://youtube.com/channel/UCwk2U0HOKFx8t_zKzftsoYw?view_as=subscriber\)"](https://www.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Thanks! This is my sponsor and former JCLegend Ethan Ream.
A JCLer

wish i was a cat
soft & warm & fat. in a little wizard hat
-anonymous

To our beloved OHSJ-CLers,
We had hoped our last hurrah would be on Richmond's campus with all the hugs, tears, and laughs, but alas. Know that the JCL is always here for you—(yes, join SCL!). Also, know we love you, now and always.
Ab imis pectoribus,
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Dajota,
I jam jo jucky jo jave jou jas a frjiend. Jou mjean jso mujh jo mje.

-Jajine

Isabel Sullivan, TN



To Saucy Parli,
Ma'am, my organs just collapsed. Didn't I TELL you you were going to win? Well I must be Julius Caesar because I feel like I've just been stabbed with a happy knife 27 times.
From Bubbly Rec Sec <3

To Anya,
My blue watch queen,
my warm cinnamon roll queen,
my pancake tutu queen,
I JCLove you.
- Tungsten



Thomas Donohue and J.W. Strassberg, VJCL

Tentative Certamen Round 3 Scores – Novice					
Novice	Round 1	Round 2	Round 1+2	Round 3	Total
Illinois Purple	180	325	505	245	750
Florida	275	285	560	165	725
Massachusetts	280	205	485	195	680
Texas Purple	230	115	345	295	640
New Hampshire	215	260	475	105	580
Texas Gold	135	220	355	200	555
Wisconsin	135	215	350	60	410
Wild Card Alpha	220	30	250	160	410
Illinois Gold	125	85	210	135	345
Tennessee	150	90	240	15	255
Virginia Purple	105	105	210	35	245
California Gold	45	70	115	95	210
D.C.	80	35	115	95	210
California Purple	45	75	120	60	180
Georgia Purple	50	15	65	65	130
Virginia Gold	50	60	110	0	110
Georgia Gold	60	0	60	35	95
Maine	20	55	75	20	95
New Jersey	25	0	25	65	90
New York	0	70	70	20	90
Ohio	15	0	15	65	80
North Carolina	0	0	0	60	60
Maryland	0	15	15	40	55
Indiana	0	15	15	0	15

Tentative Certamen Round 3 Scores – Intermediate					
Intermediate	Round 1	Round 2	Round 1+2	Round 3	Total
Texas	140	265	405	230	635
Massachusetts	140	160	300	210	510
Wisconsin	175	220	395	70	465
Florida	135	135	270	145	415
Virginia	160	85	245	120	365
Illinois	75	150	225	115	340
New Hampshire	95	55	150	175	325
California	70	115	185	95	280
Tennessee	130	70	200	30	230
North Carolina	70	40	110	105	215
Georgia	40	55	95	90	185
Indiana	45	40	85	20	105
Ohio	15	25	40	55	95
New York	20	15	35	10	45
Arizona	30	0	30	0	30

Tentative Certamen Round 3 Scores – Advanced					
Advanced	Round 1	Round 2	Round 1+2	Round 3	Total
Virginia	230	340	570	300	870
Massachusetts	230	260	490	175	665
Wisconsin	200	185	385	115	500
Texas	205	60	265	235	500
D.C.	90	90	180	315	495
Florida	140	130	270	185	455
New Hampshire	115	245	360	40	400
Georgia	70	155	225	95	320
North Carolina	130	80	210	85	295
Arizona	40	30	70	110	180
Maryland	55	80	135	45	180
California	35	70	105	70	175
Ohio	75	40	115	30	145
Pennsylvania	25	70	95	15	110
Tennessee	40	40	80	0	80
New York	45	0	45	0	45
Indiana	25	0	25	0	25
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	0

Bystander Killed in Tragic Friscus Accident, Oracles Particularly Smug Today

Percy Andremedon's fatal throw won him the first place ribbon... but at what cost? A man rumored to be the delegate's kith and kin fell to the poorly aimed piece of plastic, but SCLers present report an atmosphere of cosmic justice.

Survey: What's the Key to Success at a Virtual Dance?

- Dwight's iPhone
- Cheez-Its
- Pets
- The hype brought to you by the WJCL board

Olympics Adopt NJCL Ludi & Olympika Strategy.

After sending out representatives to every virtual convention around the world, the IOC has decided to take the lead of Jamie Doyle, NSCL Vice President, and NJCL in hosting a virtual Olympics with submissions via Google Forms.

The Summer Olympics, originally scheduled for July 24th through August 8th in Tokyo, were postponed in March to the summer of 2021. But after seeing how smoothly Ludi & Olympika ran for nationals, they made the executive decision to post the forms within the next month.

Some events still deemed unsafe have been cancelled, like swimming, but new events such as the pacer test; a sit-up, pull-up, chin-up triathlon; and a trick shot contest, which Michael Phelps is rumored to come out of retirement to compete in, have taken their place.

Submission forms will also be hosted on NSCL.org.

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