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MEET THE CANDIDATES



Name: Seher Munivar
Age: 17
Position Sought: President
State/Provincial Delegation: Texas
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 5
Number of NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 4

Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 4
Qualifications: Good communicator; approachable; hard working; fun; friendly; many leadership positions (8th grade local Latin club secretary, 10th grade local Latin club historian, 2nd Vice President of TSJCL); extreme dedication

Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? I listen to people way more than I like to speak. Even though I have great ideas, I value what the JCLers want more than anything.

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: "Justified Cool Loser"

If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? Hypnotize JCLers into thinking that all their walking distances are shorter.



Name: Adam Dede
Age: 17
Position Sought: 1st Vice President
State/Provincial Delegation: Ohio
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
Number of NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 1

Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 3
Qualifications: I am currently in my second year as a state officer and rarely miss a local JCL event.

Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? My commitment to this organization is unequalled. I am full of ideas for the JCL, and I have devilishly good looks. Feel free to come talk to me anytime.

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: "Junior Cake-eating League"
If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? the ability to eat more cake



Name: Crane Billingsley
Age: 17 11/12^{ths}
Position Sought: 1st Vice President
State/Provincial Delegation: Oklahoma
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 4
Number of NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 1

Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 3
Qualifications: Chapter president twice; State 2nd Vice President; starter of local delegation; founder of Anime club; volunteer firefighter; Sesshamaru cosplayer

Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? I plan on pursuing my masters in the classics. My Senior year I am taking Latin Aid, which is a full class dedicated just to JCL, Latin mentorship where I get to teach a Latin I class, and Latin V AP. Latin and Classics is my life, a very nerdy one, but one I am happy with.

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: "Just Caligula Lovers"

If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? Ultimate Myspace power, a.k.a. Tom!

Name: Tess Banaszkiwicz
Age: 17

Position Sought: 2nd Vice President
State/Provincial Delegation: Illinois
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3

Number of NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 1
Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 3
Qualifications: Cheerleader for 4 years; Aunt/Babysitter to a 4 and 2 year old; actress; currently 2nd Vice President of Illinois

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Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? JCL is my life. This year I led my school to their first ever first place in spirit at our state convention. I have energy (a 2 and 4 year-old will give you that), creativeness (actress, Hello!), and tons of dedication to everything I do (I've Irish Danced for 10 years).

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: "Join 'Cause it's Love!"

If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? Telepathy



Name: Tahisha Desir
Age: 17
Position Sought: 2nd Vice President
State/Provincial Delegation: Massachusetts
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 4
Number of NJCL Conventions

Attended Previously: 2

Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 5

Qualifications: Appointed local engineer 04-05; Mass. JCL 2nd Vice President 05-06

Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? Because I say what I will do; I said I'd build a Styrofoam aqueduct and did it. I want to promote community service through Make a Difference Day, and I will.

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: I'm just cool like huge aviator sunglasses.

If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? Janet Fillion, my sponsor. She already is a superpower, enough said.



Name: Isabel DeBoel
Age: 17
Position Sought: Secretary
State/Provincial Delegation: North Dakota
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
Number of NJCL Conventions - Attended Previously: 3

Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 2 plus 1 over the phone (I was in the hospital)

Qualifications: State Historian; State 2nd Vice President (2 years); State President; Band Secretary; Girl's State Secretary; Student Council; National Thespian Society Vice President; Girls Nation

Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? I am diligent and organized. I can stay focused on what's important while having fun at the same time. I have great communication skills and will make sure that the other officers are well-informed.

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: "Jello Creates Love"

If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? Mind control, if convention is in Hawaii next year, you'll know why.



Name: Jon Survant
Age: 18
Position Sought: Parliamentarian
State/Provincial Delegation: Kentucky
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 2
Number of NJCL Conventions

Attended Previously: 1

Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 2

Qualifications: Local/State JCL Parliamentarian; FFA President; FCA President; Parliamentarian Team (3 years)

Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? I love JCL and Parliamentarian, and I am overqualified.

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: "Jon Can Lead!"

If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? Flying! Save on gas, no traffic, no stopping



Name: Allyson Eidson
Age: 17
Position Sought: Historian
State/Provincial Delegation: Georgia
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 4
Number of NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 2

Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 2

Qualifications: Local Historian '04-'05; Local Co-Consul '05-'06; GJCL Historian '05-'06

Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? I feel I am qualified and well-experienced. I love getting to know the people you meet, taking their pictures, and swapping ideas with fellow JCLers. I work hard but at the same time I enjoy doing it.

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: "Jell-O Cops Lunging"

If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? Scrapbook domination! And by scrapbook by scrapbook, I mean JCL, and by JCL, I mean the world!!! Mwahaha!!!

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Name: Caitlin Johnston
Age: 17
Position Sought: Editor
State/Provincial Delegation: Indiana
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
Number of NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 2

Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 3

Qualifications: I served as local Vice President and state editor. I started Crown Point's local publication. I am Editor-in-Chief of my school newspaper the Inklings.

Why Are You the Best Person for This Job? I have qualifications in both the JCL and Journalism, which makes the office of editor perfect for me. I love journalism and have nothing better to do than make the best newspaper ever.

Make a New Phrase Out of the Initials JCL. Points for Creativity: "Caitlin Leigh Johnston" ☺ (coolest initials. . .EVER)

If You Could Have One Superpower, What Would it be? A bottomless stomach so I can devour this wonderful campus food.



Delegates are reminded that crossing the street outside of crosswalks is a Bad Idea.™ The extremely rapid pace at which the pavers are working meant a long day for Beatrice Murdoch (FM) as she was dug out of the fresh asphalt. Please, use the crosswalks.

NEWS YOU MAY USE!

- Come and peruse the publicity entries in the McNutt lobby, but please don't take them. They don't taste very good, anyhow.
- **Olympika Track and Field** took place today at Billy Hayes field. You can still make it to the OxiClean demonstration at Billy Mays field.
- **Colloquia Session IV** is today at 3:30PM. Come out and see some great speakers do their thing.
- At today's **General Assembly**, the candidates will give their speeches. You can use your copy of the Convention Ear to take notes alongside their profiles above!
- Alternatively, you could just draw moustaches on the pictures. Both activities are highly encouraged.

State Spirit Sizes

LARGE

Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia

MEDIUM

California, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Washington, Wisconsin

SMALL

Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Kansas, Colorado, Maine, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Wyoming, Ontario

WEATHER REPORT

It's hot.

It's very hot.

Numerically speaking, it's 96°.

It's quite hot.

This Will Soon Be Entertainment!

- Chloe Crellen - Utah
- Prasht Jayaramam, Joh Chang, Eric Schroeder, Mark Ethrington and Chris Corrille - Illinois
- Jennifer Friedman - Illinois
- Kevin Kilgallon - Illinois
- Lauren Helton - Kentucky
- Albert Choi - North Dakota
- Jane Bialek - Illinois
- Rachel Ziegler - Indiana
- Jordan Stacey - Illinois
- Nishi Jani - Ohio
- Lianna Cotant and Rachel Rosenbloom - Wisconsin
- Amanda van Duynhoven - Georgia
- Stefano Lacona - Texas
- Daniel Rosenfeld - California

Congratulations to the acts which made it into That's Entertainment. Please meet the That's Entertainment chair at the stage at the end of General Assembly today.



Love in the Hot Seat a Certamen Romance

Recently, the *Convention Ear* managed to uncover a story so scandalous, yet so inspiring that it could forever change the fabric of delegation interaction.

In an inside exclusive, Quizelle Jacques* divulged to the *Convention Ear* his story of woe, star-crossed lovers, and the sufferings of certamen enthusiasts. On the fringes of a classic state rivalry that began long ago, two future certamen power houses set in motion the wheels of their destinies.

In retelling that fateful day, the anguishing Quizelle stated, "Two years ago, I met Buzzerson Helen*. Boy, was she a beaut! I was shy. She was friendly. It was a perfect match. Her name tag was hidden under the table. Her accent sounded suspicious, but I overlooked it at the time."

After their initial meeting, their relationship quickly deteriorated as the truths regarding their respective statehoods became apparent. Eheu, their young bursts of affection diminished; or so the forlorn youths thought. Just yesterday, the relationship re-erupted. In a heated certamen match, the two fierce competitors continually bested each other. In fact, Quizelle correctly answered the final question after the utterance of only its first syllable. When the *Ear* approached Buzzerson, she declined to comment due to fear of ritual scorn from her fellow delegates.

But if you ask this reporter, there was something really cooking in that certamen classroom. The *Ear* will continue to follow this story as it unravels; however, Buzzerson, if you are reading this, Quizelle beseeches you to meet him at "that special place where we shared that special moment with that special declension joke."

*The first and last names of the aforementioned delegates have been reversed to protect our sources and the integrity of this publication.

POLL #1:What is a Hoosier?

- A who?
- The young Gene Hackman.
- A cross between a flying squirrel and a gorilla.
- A what?
- An Americanization of the Canadian term "hosier."
- It's like a clarinet, but smaller and less musical.
- Whose ear?
- An English dialect word recorded in Cumberland, a former county of northwest England, in the late 19th century and used to refer to anything unusually large. It seems possible that senses of the word recorded later in the Dictionary of Americanisms, including "a big, burly, uncouth specimen or individual; a frontiersman, countryman, rustic."
- Who's there?
- The secret underground passage between the Auditorium and McNutt.
- It's pronounced "hoo-zee-ay," and I have a pair in my closet.

Delegates Distressed about Dorm Discombobulation

A report released by an independent commission has the number of missing JCLers up 24.73% from this time last convention. The National Committee has yet to make a public statement confirming or denying this, but an anonymous source has reported the disappearance of the entire Nevada delegation. Campus police suspect the local indigent population and are pursuing leads. However, senior analysts at the United States Geological Survey speculate that the root cause of these disappearances is, in fact, the labyrinthine corridors of the McNutt and Foster “quadrangles.”

An undercover *Ear* reporter found a delegate crawling out of McNutt and managed to snag an interview with her before the campus police took her into custody for interrogation.

Reporter: How much of this weeklong Latin love-fest have you spent in the maze—I mean, McNutt?

Maze Master: I’ve been stuck in there since the first GA. I forgot my nametag and had to go back in... alone.

Reporter: And that was your big mistake?

Maze Master: Yeah.

Reporter: What happened?

Maze Master: I just kept opening doors. Each one lead to even more corridors. The most promising ones had these “NOT AN EXIT” signs on them, so I just left them alone.

Reporter: So, how did you finally escape?

Maze Master: During my wanderings, I tripped over a strip of purple crepe paper. After disentangling myself, I followed it down the hall, through seven different doors, and past the bathroom twice before finally making it out.

Reporter: Who left the crepe paper?

Maze Master: I’m not entirely sure. The Friendly Hand of JCL, perhaps.

Reporter: What are you going to do now?

Maze Master: Eat!

At the current rate of attrition, Foster will be empty by Friday at 12:22 AM and McNutt by 6:73 PM. At press time, the chaperones have said that they will continue to monitor the situation and may take decisive and appropriate action, if warranted. Maybe.

Certamen Brackets Round Two

UPPER

KY	TN	SC
OH	MO	WI
IN	TX	IL
CA	Epsilon	NC
LA	OK	CO
Zeta	NJ	VA
GA	MA	WA
FL	ME	ND

INTERMEDIATE

CA	IN	IL
VA	OH	CO
MA	UT	WI
PA	WA	ND
FL	KY	NC
Gamma	LA	OK
Delta	NJ	GA
TX	TN	MO

NOVICE

TX	VA	IL
MA	Beta	NJ
GA	ND	OH
Alpha	CA	TN
WI	IN	FL



Personals, Ahoy!

Susan, thanks for coming with me for 5 years in a row. That's very good for somebody who never took a day of Latin.
-I love you! Dennis

Vale Mr. Himwich. We sure will miss you!

Malu & Julie
Aloha, Adios

Kate-
Give me back my officer's pin!
Deus Certaminis

Ale, Joe, Hunter, Nathan L., Michael, Paulina Nathan B., and Zach:
Bonam Fortunam Vobis! I am so proud of your hard work and dedication to Certamen this summer. I love you all!
-Vilicus

Corey, David, Thanh, Dianna, Adjani:
Bonam Fortunam Vobis! I am so proud of your hard work and dedication to Certamen this summer. I love you all!
-Vilicus

Hey Georgia,
Snakes on a plane! Hiss! I love you guys!
Mrs. Faulkner

Strikes a pose
Who's that handsome guy?

Corey, Dranna, Michael, Joe, Hunter, Ben, Cheuk, Sean:
I am so proud of all of you. Have a wonderful convention!
-Vilicus

Debbie from VA- Maximas Gratias!
-Larry & Clint

Susan Schearer T-shirts for sale @ the Bazaar
Unique (of course) Collector's Item
S-M-L-XL (1 left) \$20.00

To the lovely Leili T. Khorassani from Barrington High School, Illinois:
You are the most beautiful Persian girl in all of Latin... ever! Will you grant me the privilege of accompanying you to the farewell dance?
-H.S.K.

Pride Heralds The End Of Your World!
Come, Mortals, Face The Wrath of Andino The Soulflayer!

Salvete Anna, Allison & David! Bona Fortuna!
Cum amore,
Mrs. Jennings

Louisiana spirit rocks!
Luv, LSCL

Xiao-Yu,
I Love You!
-Yufan

We are TMI - The Episcopal School of Texas! You guys rock!
-Miss J

Texas: We want Laurel and the Pirate bank
-LJCL

Male NJCL Officers:
Stop singing the female parts to "Summer Lovin'". Clearly another sign of your junior status.
Your indispensable life mentor

Virginia's President is C-U-T-E. Call me.
-A.C.

SPANDA seeks our super-vinda to save us from horrible hot weather. Magic it away with your super powers! BEEEEP!
Luv_SPANDA

Emmy-
Is it good tea?
-Kat

To Amanda, Duke, Jasmin, Kate, Kiran, Marcus, Megan, Quinn, Ryan, Sarah, Tito, & Tom:
Vos estis optimi! Magno cum amore,
Andrew, Chapen, Dubie, Mr. Franklin and Parva

Hey Gaylan,
Where'd all the bling go? Time to turn up the volume.

Open Oral Latin
Reprise your dramatic interpretation or Latin oratory for a friendly audience, of freestyle latine.-
Wednesday 5:00 Kelly 111

Steph,
I don't hate you. I found five dollars.
From the one indispensable
SCLer

Hey Nicole,
You're doing a great job.
Love,
Your big brother

Trevor:
B000000000000000.

Unauthorized pizza sales after dark are now prohibited.
Psych!

Steve: $\sqrt{\quad}$ -

Tyler: $\sqrt{\quad}$ $\sqrt{\quad}$ -

Nathaniel: $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$ -

Sara and Jen: ✓+

Tyler, always bring a banana to a party.
Sara