

# TOGA TALK

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*Pictured: Student attendees from various states at Miami University*

# Editor's Note



Salvete omnes!

My name is Catherine Xia and I'm your AZJCL President. I started editing and organizing *Toga Talk* when I first became the 1st Vice President last year. And I fell in

love with working on this newsletter, even though this takes hours and hours to do. As you may have noticed, I'm experimenting with a different layout than last year's to try and improve the newsletter even more.

I hope you all have had an amazing summer filled with wonderful memories and, of course, with Classics! I got the pleasure to attend this year's National Latin Convention at Miami University and I had an amazing time! I got to meet so many amazing individuals and make new friends. If you also went to Nationals, I hope we got a chance to meet!

Since this is my last year of high school, I realize that I'm experiencing a lot of "last's" and marking an end of a chapter. This is my *last* term of office as well as my *last* Fall issue for *Toga Talk*. But, don't get too sad, this isn't the last issue I'll edit, so we can save the sappy goodbyes toward the end. And with that, I hope you enjoy this issue!

- Catherine

## Submissions

Toga Talk is created to update you on what has happened in the past season in other Arizona chapters. In addition, Toga Talk is also meant for your enjoyment! So, if you would like to submit something to Toga Talk, we highly encourage it!

Submissions must be Classics-related and can be in a variety of different mediums and formats -- photos, artworks, poetry, prose, fiction, or memes! The possibilities are endless and we encourage you to explore your creativity! In addition, if your chapter has done something cool or notable, share it with us! Submit your own articles or a brief description of the activity.

**All submissions must be sent into [azjcl1stvp@gmail.com](mailto:azjcl1stvp@gmail.com)**

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(Yes, we have a website now! Check it out to know what events are coming up, see last year's issues, and resources!)





Picture courtesy of Sarah Palumbo  
Pictured: Arizona students ready for Spirit!

## Recap: Nationals 2018

What does a national Latin convention, NSCL Historian Ryan Sevine, and Neil Armstrong all have in common? They all have a connection to Ohio! This year, the 65th Annual National Junior Classical League Convention took place at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where the nice, cool weather greeted Arizona convention attendees as they left the dry heat of Arizona behind.

And this year, Arizona students went all out and gave it their all to show other states that small states can do it too! Arizona placed 3rd overall in Small State Roll Call Small State Spirit! *Toga Talk* was placed 8th in State Publications! Eugepae to our AZJCL officers and our convention attendees! We may be small (14 attendees!) but we bring the **heat!** (If you want to see all the results, go to page 4.)

I'd like to take a few moments to thank Magistra Palumbo and Magister Merrill for being our lovely sponsors and advisors throughout the whole process. AZJCL would not be what it is without them. *Maximas gratias!*

### Interviewing

## ANIKA KANG

*Salve! I'm Anika Kang and I was the former Historian for Gilbert Classical Academy's Latin Club. Apart from Latin, I enjoy playing the viola and bullet journaling.*



#### **1. How many times have you gone to Nationals? And how was this time different?**

I have been to two national conventions (with this one being my second one). This convention was different because I could feel a lot more of the #JCLove spirit. Also, since I've already experienced Nationals once, it was easier to enjoy my time rather than being overwhelmed and stressed out.

#### **2. What was your favorite moment? Or your least favorite (or most stressful) moment?**

My favorite part was bonding with everyone there! Like at the Farewell Dance and the Officers Reception! But definitely, the most stressful part was running from place to place, trying to get to each event on time.

# ***2018 National Convention Results***

## **Academics**

### **Greek Life and Literature, Level 4**

- 7th: Adrian
- 8th: Vishnu

## **Creative Arts**

### **Dramatic Interpretation, Prose**

#### **Male**

- 6th: Adrian

#### **English Oratory - Lower**

- 7th: Adrian

#### **Essay, 9th Grade Prompt 3**

- 6th: Kyla
- 7th: Adrian

#### **Essay, 10th Grade Prompt 1**

- 4th: Ainsley
- 7th: Anika

#### **Essay, 10th Grade Prompt 2**

- 5th: Ashlyn

#### **Essay, 11th Grade Prompt 2**

- 3rd: Catherine

#### **Modern Myth - Middle Division**

- 3rd: Adrian

#### **Sight Latin (1/2 & 1) Gold**

- 10th: Alexander

#### **Sight Latin (Prose) Purple**

- 9th: Adrian

## **Olympika/Ludi**

### **100 Meter Sr. Girls Track**

- 6th: Ainsley

### **100-yard Freestyle Jr. Boys**

- 4th: Adrian

### **200 Meter Sr. Girls Track**

- 3rd: Ainsley

### **400 Meter Sr. Girls Track**

- 5th: Ainsley

### **50-yard Backstroke Jr. Boys**

- 5th: Adrian

### **50-yard Freestyle Jr. Boys**

- 8th: Adrian

### **50-yard Breaststroke Jr. Boys**

- 6th: Adrian

### **800 Meter Sr. Girls Track**

- 3rd, Ainsley

### **Long Jump Sr. Girls**

- 2nd: Ainsley

# 2018 National Convention Results

## Graphic Arts

### Acrylic Oil, Grade 11

- 8th: Catherine

### Black Pencil, Grade 10

- 7th: Ashlyn

### Cartoons, Grade 10-12

- 2nd: Catherine

### Colored Pencil, Grade 10

- 3rd: Anika

- 8th: Ashlyn

### Decorative Stitching/Textiles, Grade 7-9

- 4th: Kyla

### Games, Grade 7-9

- 4th: Kyla

### Greeting Cards, Grade 7-10

- 6th: Kyla

### Illustrated Quotes, Grade 10

- 5th: Ashlyn

### Impromptu Art, Grade 11:

- 2nd: Catherine

### Ink, Grade 7-9

- 4th: Kyla

### Ink, Grade 10

- 4th: Anika

### Ink, Grade 11-12

- 4th: Catherine

### Mixed Media, Grade 7-9

- 9th: V.V.

### Mixed Media, Grade 10

- 3rd: Anika

### Sculpture, Grade 7-10

- 5th: Anika

### Small Models, Grade 10

- 2nd: Anika

### Computer Photo, Grade 7-9

- 7th: Adrian

### Traditional Photo, Grade 10

- 6th: Ashlyn

### Watercolor, Grade 11

- 6th: Catherine

## Local/State Awards

### Traditional Scrapbook Large

- 5th: Gilbert Classical Academy  
(Anika)

### Activities Contest:

- 3rd: Gilbert Classical Academy  
(Ashlyn)

### Local Publications

- 2nd: Gilbert Classical Academy  
(Catherine)

### Social Media

- 9th: Gilbert Classical Academy  
(Ashlyn)

### Website Contest, Large School

- 6th: Gilbert Classical Academy  
(Carissa)

### Roll Call - Small State

- 3rd: Arizona

### Spirit - Small State

- 3rd: Arizona





Pictures courtesy of Catherine Xia  
 Pictured: Students reading aloud their constellation stories

# Racing to the Stars

Submitted by Gilbert Classical Academy's Latin Club

Have you ever heard of *Flamingeous*? It's just one of the few constellations students created during Salvete Stars. Gilbert Classical Academy hosted their annual welcoming certamen event at their school and this year's theme was stars and constellations.

To start off, students were placed into groups (named after famous constellations) of four and did a fun introductory activity. The activity was for each group to create a constellation of their own from a series of random dots and create a story to go along with it. Afterwards, groups volunteered to share their creations with the group, entertaining us all with their imagination and creativity. (You can view some of Gilbert Classical Academy's Latin Club's officers favorite stories down below!)

Then, it was time for certamen! The questions were all relating to stars, constellations, and even a little bit of Star Wars. By the end of three rounds, the three top-scoring groups were: Capricorn with 300 points, Pisces with 250 points, and Sagittarius with 235 points.

At the end, to cool off from the dry summer heat, students were split up into two teams and had a water balloon fight! *Maximas gratias*, Gilbert Classical Academy, for an event that was truly *out-of-this-world*!

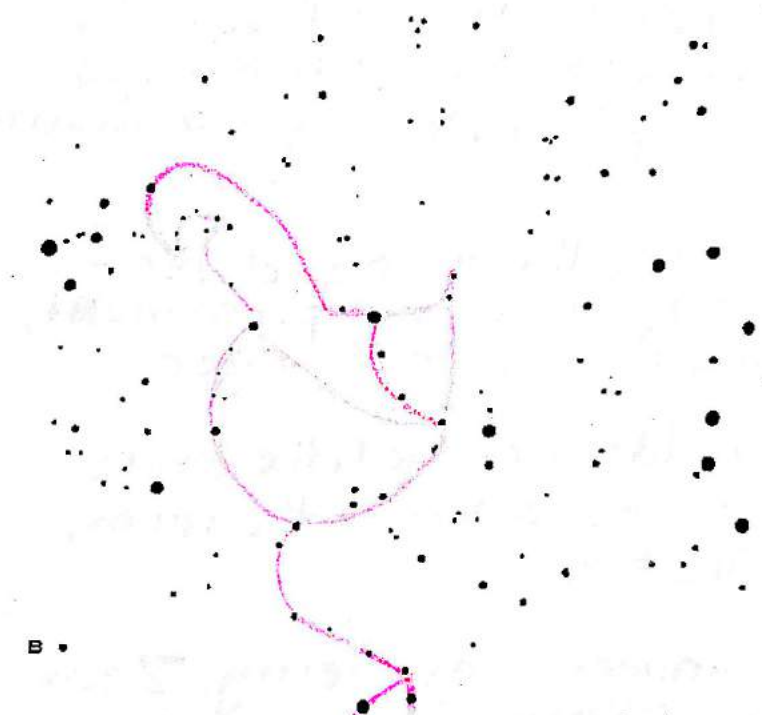


Pictured: Students having a water balloon fight

*N.B. Some of the stories were edited for grammar and clarity.*

## Dot-to-Dot Drawing

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## Flamingeous

*Chosen by President, Catherine*

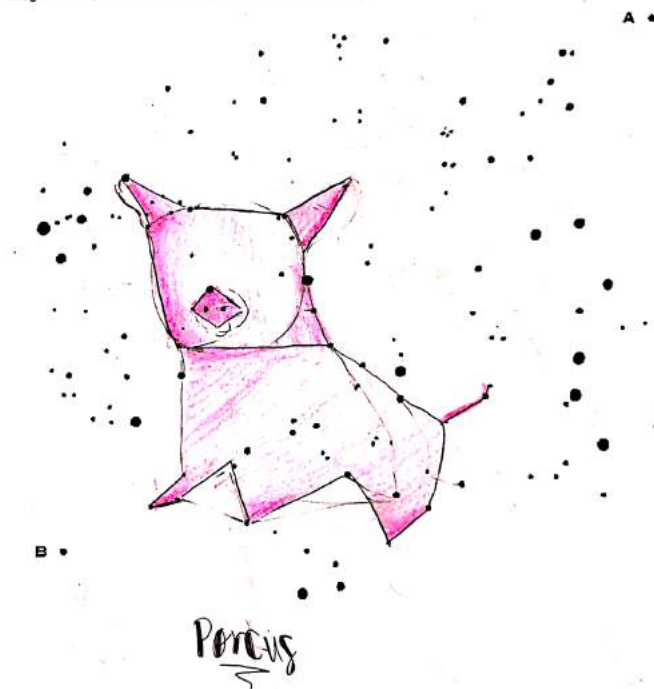
Flamingeous was a gift from Artemis to Hermes for healing one of her favorite nymphs.

As a petty prank against Hermes for ruining her date, Aphrodite changed the eternally pink flamingo temporarily white. Not knowing the change of his precious bird was not permanent, Hermes struck at Aphrodite in anger. As the goddess dodged, the white flamingo jumped across the room, taking the hit.

As Flamingeous lie dying, Zeus threw him into the sky to honor Flamingeous' bravery.

## Dot-to-Dot Drawing

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## Porcus

*Chosen by 2nd Vice President, Kyla*

Artemis was out hunting when she came across a graceful and elegant creature; it was absolutely adorable. It was a pig! Artemis wanted to keep it forever and she took it home. She loved it as a son. Then, one day, she played tag with it and the pig ran off a cliff! In order to make it live forever with a legacy, she made him a constellation, Porcus.

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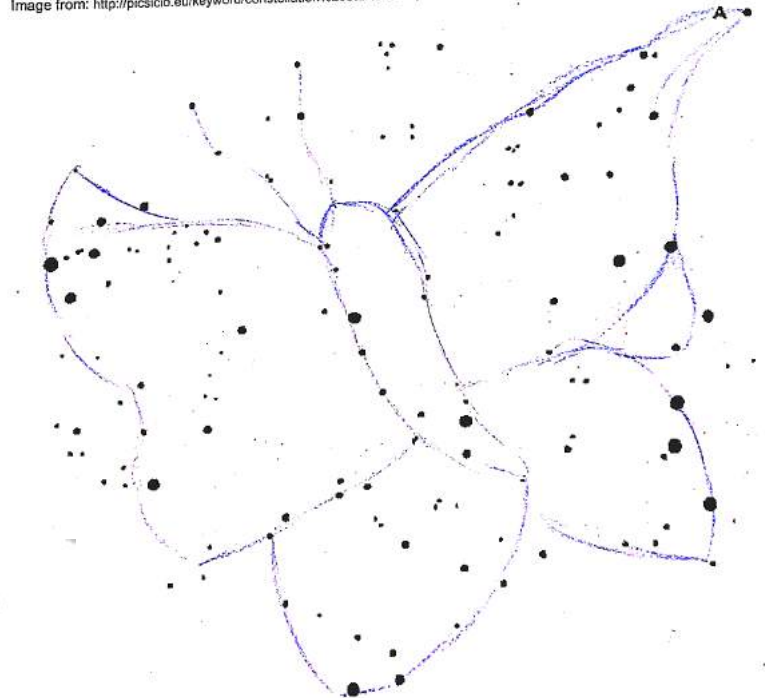
## The Butterfly

*Chosen by Historian, Tally*

Once upon a time, there was an ugly little worm. Artemis saw the poor little worm and felt sorry for it. She decided to make it into a beautiful creature — like a moth, but prettier. She called this creature a butterfly. Soon, butterflies were all over the earth and in memory of the very first one, she made an image of it in the sky for all to see until the end of time.

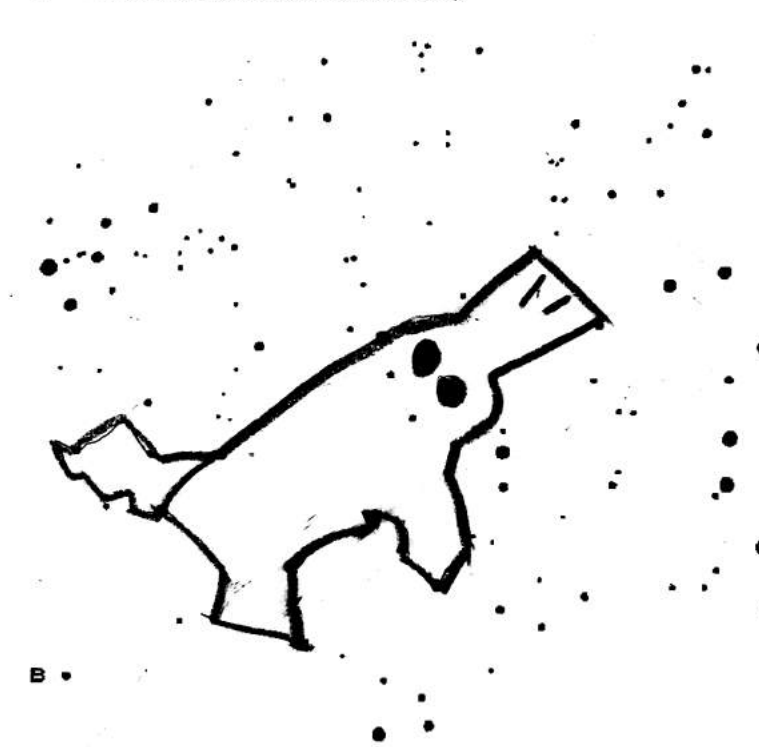
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## The Tale of the Platypus

*Chosen by Webmaster, Carissa*

Once, there was an obese platypus. Once he was soooo hungry that he ate a dead platypus and fell in love with the rich, juicy flavor. Eventually, he ate every platypus until they all went extinct in Greece. Then he died of obesity.



# Lemuria Certamen

With contribution by Vishnu Kotta

On October 20th, 2018, Basis Tucson North hosted a certamen event in celebration of the Roman festival Lemuria. There were three rounds with one final round to determine the top teams for each level. Afterwards, students from the Classics division at the University of Arizona came in and presented a brief lecture and answered questions about pursuing

classics in college/university. Awards were presented at the end to the top group of the Intermediate division and the top three teams in the Advanced division. In addition, students who got the most toss-up questions received a prize as well. Maximas gratias to Basis Tucson North for hosting such a fun event!



Picture courtesy of Sarah Palumbo  
Pictured: The winning team for Advanced Certamen

## Results for Novice:

Candeo A - 315 points  
Candeo B - 230 points  
Candeo C - 270 points  
Seton - 285 points

## Results for Intermediate:

Candeo A - 230 points  
Candeo B - 240 points  
**GCA A - 900 points\***  
GCA B - 535 points  
BTN A - 540 points  
BTN B - 70 points

## Results for Advanced:

Candeo - 295 points	BOV - 325 points
GCA A - 167.5 points	GCA B - 280 points
GCA C - 160 points	Trivium - 155 points
<b>Palumbo - 880 points*</b>	<b>Seton - 360 points*</b>
<b>BTN - 600 points*</b>	

December 8th, 2018: Saturnalia Event @ Trivium Preparatory Academy

January 26th, 2019: Certamen Event @ Seton Catholic Preparatory Academy

February 16th, 2019: Lupercalia Certamen Event @ Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

March 2nd, 2019: AZJCL State Convention @ Brophy College Preparatory

April 27th, 2019: Certamen Event @ Candeo School

## Upcoming Events

Make sure to follow us on Facebook for updates and check out our website for more information! If you're hosting an upcoming event and it's not listed here, let us know!

