

TOGA TALK

Vol 1, Fall 2017 Issue

"EGO VOS HORTARI TANTUM POSSUM UT AMICITIAM OMNIBUS REBUS HUMANIS ANTEPONATIS."

"I URGE YOU, AS MUCH AS I AM ABLE, TO PLACE FRIENDSHIP BEFORE ALL HUMAN ISSUES."
- CICERO, DE AMICITIA 17

In our fall issue:

MEET THE 2017-18 AZJCL OFFICERS

Meet your 2017-18 AZJCL officers and how to contact them. (p. 3-4)

RECAP: NATIONALS 2017

Back from Troy University, AZJCL delegates have come back with many awards despite their small numbers. (p.5)

FEMINA MIRABILES: CERTAMEN EVENT

How well do you know your female ancient Greek and Roman figures? Students found out in this fun certamen event. (p. 6)

ITALY TRIP INFORMATION

When: October 2018

Where: Rome, Florence, Pompeii

Cost: Less than \$2800 (Exact cost will be determined later)

*** Nota bene: These are estimated dates and cost. For more updates, follow us on Facebook (@AZJCL).*



Picture courtesy of Catherine Xia

Editor's Note



Salvete omnes! My name is Catherine and I'm your 1st Vice President. As your 1st Vice President, I'm in charge of *Toga Talk*. So without further ado, welcome to the first issue of *Toga Talk*, the official AZJCL newsletter.

Lots of sweat and tears went into this newsletter, and I'm so excited for you to read this.

As summer comes to an end, I realize just how quickly all of the months have gone by. We're halfway through the year. It's always strange to me because I think in terms of a school year, thinking that I'm now only a quarter of the way through the school year. As the leaves begin to fall, that means that school is starting. As much as I loved the endless days of summer, I did miss seeing my best friends every single day. Like Cicero said, place friendship before all other human issues. You'll realize, once you and your friends reunite, that these friendships are the only thing that matter and persist, especially in times of stressful tests, torturous projects, and dreadful finals.

I hope you enjoy this first issue and I can't wait to see you in the next.

- Catherine

Submissions

Toga Talk is supposed to be a newsletter reflecting all Classics-related events occurring in Arizona schools. However, I am just one person and many of my fellow board members attend the same school as me. Therefore, it is up to you to make *Toga Talk* as accurate as possible.

Submissions must be Classics-related and can be in a variety of different media and formats -- photos, artworks, poetry, prose, fiction, memes. The possibilities are endless. In addition, you can submit your own articles or description of events that have happened, such as a service project or a fun Latin Club activity.

Toga Talk is only as good as the efforts that the community puts into it.

Submissions of any kind must be sent to azjcl1stvp@gmail.com

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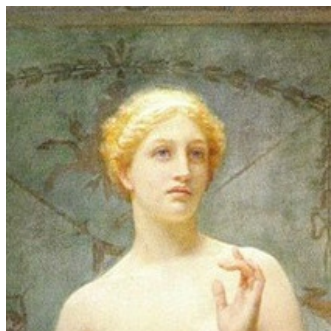


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Meet the Officers



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Favorite Mythological Character: It would have to be Galatea because I find her so interesting and is one of the few characters in mythology who hasn't done anything bad, and lives happily ever after.

Favorite State Convention Memory: Watching skits! Seeing people come together and having fun because of the classics is really heartwarming to me.

Favorite Nationals Memory: Viewing the art projects! I love seeing the jaw-dropping amazing projects.

Goals/Plans: I plan on reaching out to other schools in the hope that they will try to adopt the classics in some way into their curriculum in order to expand the Latin and Greek language, history, art, and culture.

1st Vice President: Catherine

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Favorite Mythological Character: This is tough, but probably Medusa; she's just an interesting and fascinating character, especially because her story has so many different interpretations.



Favorite State Convention Memory: Creating "Harold Jr." during Mosaic Making (okay, inside joke, but I love Mosaic Making. I have so many great memories doing that activity.)

Favorite Nationals Memory: I actually haven't had the chance to go to Nationals yet, but I'm excited about attending this year's!

Goals/Plans: My goal is to get more Arizona chapters involved and to create a well put-together newsletter.



2nd Vice President: Adrian

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Favorite Mythological Character: Daedalus because he is such a genius.

Favorite State Convention Memory: My first roll call!

Favorite Nationals Memory: Getting lost in the woods at IU in a gladiator costume with a cactus in a luchador mask while it was raining.

Goals/Plans: To incorporate more service activities at events (e.g. Writing letters to our soldiers at Fall Forum)

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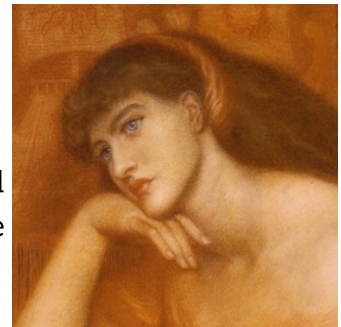
Favorite Mythological Character: My favorite character would be Penelope because of her loyalty to those she loves and the extent to which she went in order to remain faithful.

Favorite State Convention Memory: Either watching the skits

or meeting and talking to people at lunch

Favorite Nationals Memory: When my entire delegation sat outside the dorm rooms and ate cold cheeseburgers and desserts after having a super busy day.

Goals/Plans: To help AZJCL officers by maintaining strong communication and keeping everyone together and on the same page.



* The pictures used corresponds with the officer's favorite mythological character. I regret to inform you that the photos are not an accurate reflection of what the officers look like in real life.*



Recap: Nationals 2017



Pictured: Arizona students posing with their awards at Troy University

From July 24th to the 29th, students from Arizona represented AZJCL in all areas: athletics, creative, and academics.

Eugepae to all of the students who represented AZJCL and gratias maximas to Troy University for hosting this on their university.

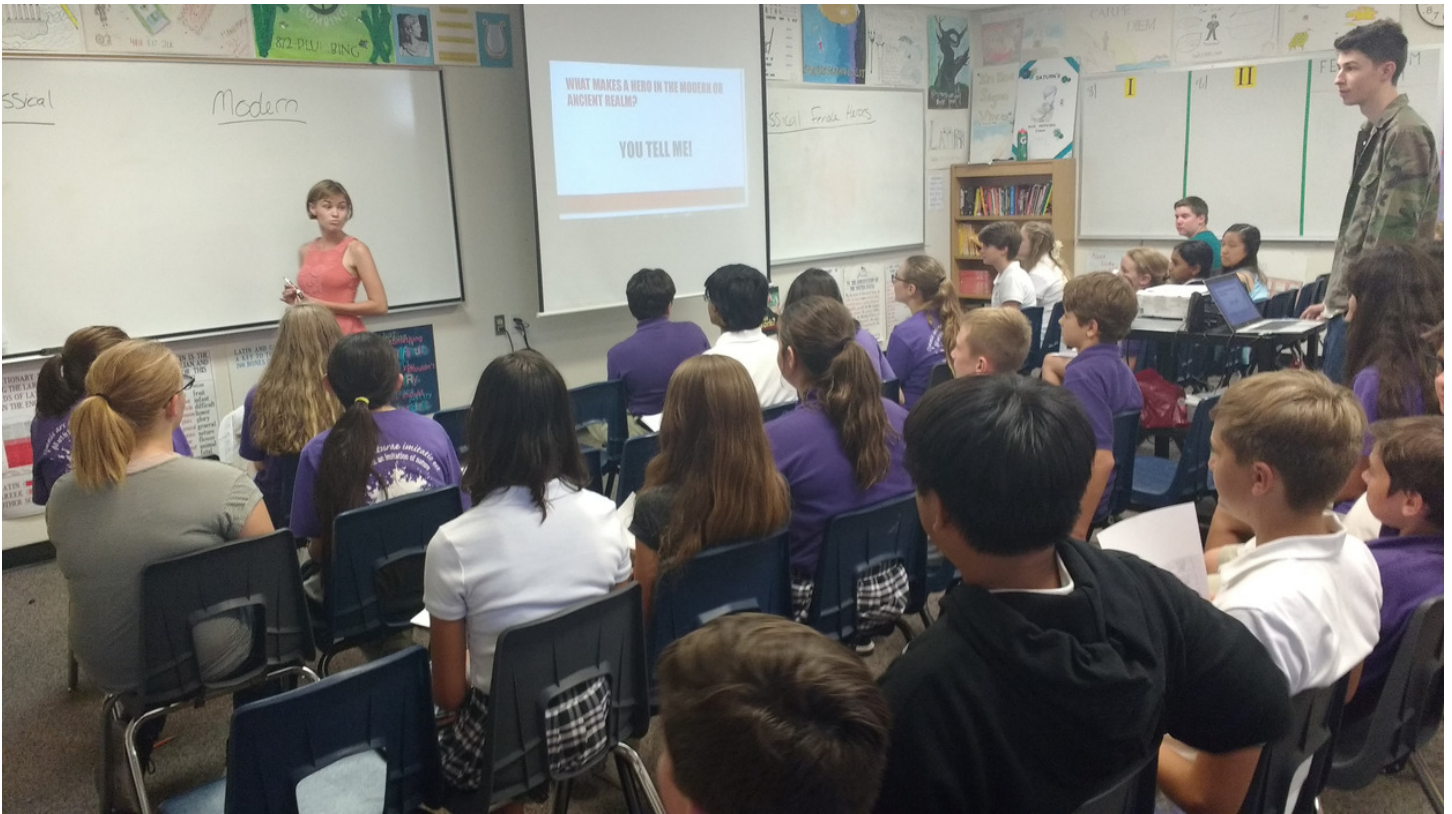
Eugepae to Gilbert Classical Academy and the awards that they've earned:

- Website (designed by Carissa): 8th place
- Local Publications (created by Catherine): 9th place
- Local Scrapbook (created by Jocelyn): 7th place
- Activities Contest (created by Ashlyn): 2nd place
- Community Service – Monthly Contest (submitted by Catherine): 1st place

Upcoming Events

- December 1st, 2017: Saturnalia Event at Brophy College Preparatory
- January 20th, 2018: Certamen Event at Seton Catholic Preparatory High School
- January 22nd, 2018: Pompeii Exhibit at the Arizona Science Center
- ** Note: the Pompeii Exhibit is open from November 18, 2017 to May 28, 2018
- February 17th, 2018: Certamen Event at Candeo School
- March 3rd, 2018: State Convention at Gilbert Classical Academy

Femina Mirabiles



Pictured: Guest lecturer, Alexa Rose, from ASU speaks to students about various strong women through Greek and Roman mythology. August 25, 2017

We all know of the Caesar's, the Marcus Antony's, and the Augustus's. But too often do we forget about the Cleopatra's and the Livia's. The women next to these well-known male figures.

In this certamen event, inspired by the blockbuster movie "Wonder Woman", Gilbert Classical Academy strives to remember the fascinating female characters throughout Greek and Roman history as well as in mythologies.

To begin, Gilbert Classical Academy invited guest lecturer, Alexa Rose, from ASU to give or refresh information about some of the most notable Greek/Roman females -- Hera, Athena, Cassandra. Then, the students were split into eighteen teams, with each team under the name of a famous Greek/Roman woman. All of the students were mixed with students from various schools. In third place, we have team Clytemnestra (260 points); second place was Arachne (345 points); and finally, first place was team Helena (395 points). Eugene to all of the teams!

Gratias to Gilbert Classical Academy for hosting such a fun, informational certamen event!

Lemuria



Ever killed your brother named Remus and to appease his spirit, you threw a festival in his name? Hopefully not. But if you're Romulus, yes. Lemuria, or also Remuria, was an ancient festival instituted by Romulus to appease the spirit of his brother, Remus, whom Romulus had killed. At this festival it was the custom to appease or expel the evil spirits by walking barefoot and throwing black beans over the shoulder at night. To celebrate, Basis Tucson North hosted a certamen event on October 21st. Eugepae to all of the teams and individuals who placed!

Novice Level

- 1st: Basis Tucson North
- 2nd: Heritage Academy
- 3rd: The Gregory School

--- MVPs

- 1st: Lorenzon (Basis Tucson North)
- 2nd: Johnny (The Gregory School)
- 3rd: Uvia (Basis Tucson North)

Intermediate Level

- 1st: Seton Catholic Prep (A)
- 2nd: Candeo School
- 3rd: Seton Catholic Prep (B)

--- MVPs

- 1st: Ryan (Candeo School)
- 2nd: James (Seton Catholic Prep), Spencer (Basis Tucson North)
- 3rd: Jackie and Kara (Seton Catholic Prep)

Advanced Level

- 1st: Gilbert Classical Academy (A)
- 2nd: Gilbert Classical Academy (B)
- 3rd: Basis Tucson North

--- MVPs

- 1st: Vishnu (Gilbert Classical Academy)
- 2nd: Harsha (Gilbert Classical Academy)
- 3rd: Marge (Basis Tucson North)

