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AZJCL members in their bee attire at the National Convention

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Editor's Note

Salvete amici! This is your AZJCL 1st Vice President Megan from Trivium. I can't believe the first Fall Toga Talk is actually finished! As you can see, I kept a lot of aspects of Catherine Xia (the former AZJCL Toga Talk editor)'s design, but I put a little spin on it.

This is my first term as a state JCL officer, but let me tell you, my experience has been wonderful so far. I absolutely love witnessing how unifying the love of classical studies is. Whenever I attend events from other schools, I am always shocked by how quickly JCLers form and foster such deep relationships with each other.

However, before you continue, some special thanks are in order. Thank you to Anika and Magistra Palumbo from GCA for their lovely pictures, to the Tempe, BTN, and Trivium chapters for their submissions, to Catherine Xia for letting me interview her, and to you for holding this in your hands right now! I couldn't have done it without you! Happy reading!

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.

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Nationals 2019

Bees or Bust!

When you think about this past National JCI Convention in Fargo, North Dakota, what's the first thing that comes to mind? Maybe the academic contests where you can show off your prowess in classical knowledge? How about the countless graphic arts competitions where talented students display their work? Or maybe you just love attending fun events like "That's Entertainment" where SCLers compete in a humorous talent show! Whatever the case, one thing is for sure. No matter where you went at the National Convention, you could feel the theme "Apes Non Sunt Solitaria Natura" radiating off of every person there, especially during the spirit battles. Just picture hundreds of passionate classics kids from all over the U.S swarming like a hive of bees and shouting about how much they love Latin and Greek. Not only is this mental image smile-inducing, it also perfectly embodies what the essence of JCL is.

Interviewing

Catherine Xia



1. What was your favorite moment from Nationals?

If you don't go to one of the dances, what are you doing?? Everyone should attend the last dance at least, in my opinion. Some of my favorite memories are of me and my friends just dancing our hearts out on the dance floor. I have a photo with almost everyone important to me that was taken after the last dance and it's one of my favorite photos from Nationals.

2. How did it feel when you won 4th at the National Convention for Toga Talk?

One word: relieved! They kept announcing and I didn't hear our state name and I genuinely thought I didn't place. In my head, there was no way we placed that high. I was about to be disappointed because I felt like I had made great improvements to Toga Talk since last year, in terms of design and format, but I wasn't sure. I was so nervous, but I heard Arizona get called and I was super happy and relieved! It was very validating and I was happy to get an acknowledgment of the improvements I made on Toga Talk

3. Why was this convention special for you?

Being a slasher (JCL and soon to-be SCL) was extremely fun because I didn't have to take any tests! I'm not super academic and I also hadn't done a Latin class in two years, so academic testing was the last thing I wanted to do. Instead, I got to attend some SCL events and meet a ton of great people, while also still doing some of my favorite JCL events (like Nomination Committee). I also really loved our Arizona delegation this year; everyone was super pumped and spirited, and it made doing spirit that much more fun and rewarding! But of course, this was bittersweet! In addition, I loved being an AZJCL officer, it had taught me so much and I was sad to leave my position. But I also knew that it was time to move on. All in all, this convention was just the most perfect way to end my JCL years.



AZJCL delegates during the Toga Procession



Our AZJCL Officers rally our delegates



AZJCL delegates pose with their awards

Opinions on Nationals

My favorite moment at Nationals was screaming during the spirit cheers to see which state could scream the loudest.
-Helen (Gilbert Classical Academy)

I loved the time we spent during the State Fellowship. There was so much camaraderie between us, and it was great talking about our days and hearing an overview of the next one.
-William (Gilbert Classical Academy)

Nationals 2019: Results

State/Local Awards

Activities Contest

3rd-Gilbert Classical Academy

Spirit-Small State (One Day)

1st-Arizona

State Publications

4th-Arizona (Catherine Xia)

Academics

Academic Heptathlon II

8th-Andrew (BTN)

Ancient Geography II

6th-Alexander (BTN)

Classical Art II

6th-Alexander (BTN)

10th-Andrew (BTN)

Classical Greek IV

6th-Kyla (GCA)

7th-Victoria (GCA)

Classical Greek V+

5th-Anika (GCA)

Greek Derivatives II

6th-Andrew (BTN)

Academics

Greek Life and Literature II Essay-6th-8th, Prompt 2

7th-Alexander (BTN)

8th-Andrew (BTN)

Latin Literature I

6th-William (GCA)

Latin Literature II

5th-Alexander (BTN)

5th-Andrew (BTN)

Latin Literature V+

9th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Mythology V+

10th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Reading Comprehension II

4th-Joan (GCA)

Creative Arts

Dramatic Interpretation, Prose Male

7th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

English Oratory-Middle

6th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Essay-6th-8th, Prompt 1

9th-Andrew (BTN)

Creative Arts

Essay-6th-8th, Prompt 2

3rd-Joan (GCA)

4th-Alexander (BTN)

Essay-10th, Prompt 1

5th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Essay-10th, Prompt 3

5th-Victoria (GCA)

7th-Kyla (GCA)

Modern Myth-Middle

1st-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Sight Latin-Prose Gold

10th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Slogan

1st-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Overall

7th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Graphic Arts

Acrylic/Oil-12th

2nd-Catherine Xia

Cartoons-11th-12th

2nd-Catherine Xia

Charcoal-7th-9th

2nd-Connie (GCA)

Opinions on Nationals



The most defining moments for me at Nationals were the general assemblies that we partook in. We even won 1st place on one day for spirit in the small state division.
-Andrew (Basis Tucson North)

Hanging out with friends and playing card games with my fellow AZJCLers was especially meaningful to me during the National Convention.
-Alexander (Basis Tucson North)



Nationals 2019: Results

Graphic Arts

Charcoal-10th-12th

4th- Anika (GCA)

Colored Pencil-11th-12th

7th-Catherine Xia

Computer Photo-10th-12th

3rd-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Dec. Stitching/Textiles-10th

6th-Kyla (GCA)

Games

7th-Kyla (GCA)

Greeting Cards-6th-9th

4th-Joan (GCA)

Illustrated Quotes-7th-8th

6th-Alexander (BTN)

7th-Andrew (BTN)

Ink-11th-12th

10th-Catherine Xia

Mixed Media-12th

4th-Catherine Xia

Small Models-10th

1st-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

Watercolor-7th-9th

2nd-Connie (GCA)

Graphic Arts

Water Color-11th-12th

4th-Catherine Xia

5th-Anika (GCA)

Olympica

50-Yard Backstroke-Jr. Boys

5th-William (GCA)

50-Yard Backstroke-Sr. Boys

10th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

50-Yard Butterfly-Sr. Boys

10th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

50-Yard Breaststroke-Sr. Boys

10th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

50-Yard Freestyle-Jr. Boys

7th-William (GCA)

100-Yard Backstroke Sr. Boys

7th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

100-Yard Freestyle-Sr. Boys

8th-Adrian (BASIS Chandler)

100-Meter-Jr. Boys Track

6th-Alexander (BTN)

8th-Andrew (BTN)

Certamen

Open Certamen-Intermedia

3rd-Helen (GCA)

Overall

3rd-Helen (GCA)



Opinions on Nationals

Sadly, I wasn't able to attend Nationals this year, but I encourage everyone to try to attend at least once, since it's a great opportunity to see how JCL works on a national level. Thankfully, I'm planning on going this year!

-Kayla (Trivium Preparatory Academy)

The last day of Nationals was definitely the most impactful for me because we had to cheer longer than usual. It was great screaming our heads off and bonding with each other over our tiredness!

-Joan (Gilbert Classical Academy)



Salvete Amici!

1. Marshmallow Towers

To kick off Gilbert Classical Academy's annual Certamen event, students were split into mixed teams and given the task of using only mini-marshmallows and toothpicks to construct towers. The team with the highest free-standing tower won endless glory for themselves and a chocolate candy bar. This activity allowed students not only to break the ice with their new teammates, but also sneak a few marshmallows while the magestri weren't looking!

2. Certamen Competition

Can you name three Post Malone songs off of the top of your head? Most people who frequently listen to the radio can, but can you do it *in Latine*? This Certamen event allowed for many laughs and featured many references to pop culture, such as Fortnite, Avenger's Endgame, and Harry Potter. Not only did this event ease the usually competitive Certamen atmosphere with humor, but it also allowed students to meet other AZJCLers from other schools.

3. Water Balloon War

At the end of the light-hearted competition, students were allowed to participate in a water balloon fight, on condition that they cleaned up their mess afterwards! While the winning teams received prizes, the rest of the students got to enjoy pizza. Finally, after all the excitement was over, the AZJCL officers rallied all of the students to chant the JCL Gigalo song! Maximas Gratias, GCA for such a great 1st event!

Photos curtesy of Anika (GCA)



Students construct their marshmallow towers



Mixed Certamen teams play Certamen



Students engage in a water balloon fight

Results



First Place



Second Place



Second Place (tie)

Lemuria

Certamen

By Lorenzo (BTN)

On October 19, 2019, students from all around Arizona gathered at BASIS Tucson North for the first official certamen tournament of the year. This certamen was in honor of the Roman holiday of Lemuria, roughly corresponding to our Halloween. In addition, the National Classical Etymology Exam (NCEE) was coming up, so etymology was emphasized heavily in the questions, and the worksheet round of every round except for the championship round comprised of a worksheet on etymology.

This certamen event also featured a Kahoot round, which as far as the sponsors of AZJCL know, is unique. For those unaware, Kahoot is an online trivia site that many teachers use to help their students study, akin to Quizlet or Gimkit. Using Kahoot allowed for almost double the number of people playing certamen in a room and more efficient scorekeeping. For this reason, the BASIS Tucson North JCL chapter hopes that having a Kahoot round will become the norm for future certamen tournaments.

On the subject of scorekeeping, BASIS Tucson North JCL President Alexander and Second Vice President Andrew were placed in charge of processing scores by BASIS Tucson North JCL sponsor Mr. Yaggy. The President and Second Vice President spent the majority of the tournament diligently processing scores. Their hard work and the hard work of all the BASIS Tucson North JCL volunteers ensured that the entire tournament went smoothly and was very enjoyable.



All of the attendees of Lemuria



Advanced
2nd place



Intermediate
2nd place



Novice
2nd place



Advanced
3rd place



Intermediate
3rd place



Novice
3rd place

Results

Novice	Intermediate	Advanced
1st-BTN A	1st-GCA	1st-GCA
2nd-Candeo A	2nd-Tempe Prep	2nd-BTN A
3rd-Candeo B	3rd-Candeo	3rd-Candeo A



Advanced



Intermediate



Novice

Chapter Submissions

By Kayla (Trivium)

Homecoming Floats

On September 27, my Trivium JCL chapter made a float to march in our homecoming parade. The week leading up to the parade was full of float design meetings and brain storming. We had so many great ideas about what to make: a chariot, the hydra, a temple to Zeus. After much deliberation, we finally decided to make the trojan horse! We spent hours cutting out a horse shape and finding a way to hook it onto the wagon. After finishing her, we decided to name her "Persepony," not to be confused with the goddess Persephone. With a few last touches of paint and lights, we were ready to take on the homecoming parade! Our members gathered in our JCL shirts and we walked Persepony under the football lights. We had a ton of fun building her and marching her in the parade. I think this was our best homecoming yet!



Trivium JCLers with "Persepony"

Activity List

Courtesy of Tempe Preparatory Academy

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| -Toilet Paper Togas | -Certamen | -Latin Taboo |
| -Mt. Vesuvius "Celebration" with Body Casts or Eruption | -Charades (Myth) | -Animalia |
| -Marshmallow Constellations | -Battle of Actium Re-enactment | -Arachne's Weaving |
| -Mythological Pictionary | -Trip to the Underworld (Pumpkin Decorating) | -Monuments |
| -Mythological Monsters with Playdoh | -Service Project-Thank-You Teachers | -Pygmalion's Sculpture |
| -Service Project: Tissue Boxes with Latin Quotes | -Saturnalia Ornaments | -Kahoot |
| -Yoga in Togas | -Saturnalia Party | -Julius Caesar Party |
| | -Olympica | -Roman Paintings/Mosaics |
| | | -Gladiator Fights |
| | | -Ancient Roman Dormice |

Upcoming Events

December 6-Saturnalia Certamen Event at Brophy College Preparatory

January 25-Seton Catholic Certamen Event

February 22-Lupercalia Certamen Event at Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

March 28-State Convention at Candeo School

April 18-Trivium Preparatory Academy Certamen Event