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Editor's Page

Salvete Omnes! I am Alexander Beer of Basis Tucson North and I am your new AZJCL 1st VP! I am excited to take this job and publish my very first *Toga Talk*. I've been reading these for years and have seen them get better.

I hope to continue that trend. This edition is going to look different than those in the past, but that's because I feel that this new style will be clearer, more straightforward, and more interesting. We've had a very strange year, with COVID cutting our year short, and cancelling in-person state and nationals. Even with that, we had more members go to NJCL this year and our students did great! We had a strong closing, even if it was an interesting time. Let me know if you have any grievances or suggestions for the *Toga Talk*. Thanks and have a great JCYear!

Get Involved!

The goal of Toga Talk is to simultaneously keep our JCLads updated with news about AZJCL and to create something they will enjoy.

I'm only one guy from one school, I can only provide so much content. That's why we have submissions: Any JCLer from any school can submit something to me and I'll put it in here. Submissions must be Classics-related and can

be in in any of medium- photos, artwork, writing, or **memes!** If your chapter has done something interesting, share it! Submit your

own articles or a brief description.

All submissions must be sent to

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E-Nationals

Full of seeing friends from across the state on Zoom in a fun-filled week on the NJCL servers, Nationals 2020 was certainly not an ordinary convention. Nevertheless, the Arizona delegation of 20 students still had a blast, scoring over 40 awards in total! Our Certamen and Agon teams faced up against some mighty opponents but still managed to score a good amount of points, despite our Agon team having only one Greek student! Our delegates showed their mettle in activities such as testing, art portfolios, modern myth, essays, and much more! For a small state, we sure did a lot of activities!

Even with all of the online madness, you could feel the JCLove everywhere around you, whether it was in a GA, a spirit compilation, or even That's Entertainment! It may have been online, but the spirit of convention was still with us.



Pictured above: Our state chair, Ms. Palumbo and our State President, Adrian Palumbo

Quotes from REAL attendees:

"Zoom only stopped working a FEW times"

"Nationals, even though we were all separated from each other, provided me with sense of relief since I could still enjoy the JCL experience with all of it's snazzy parts during this tumultuous time"

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NJCL 2020: Arizona Results!

State Awards/ Misc.

Scrapbook- State

Cum Laude- Connie Kang

Slogan

1st Place- Lorenzo Levy

Academic Awards

Heptathlon III

3rd Place- Rachael Martinez

Reading Comp II

5th Place- Amanda Murphy

Mythology III

4th Place- Connie Kang

Roman History III

4th Place- Connie Kang

Greek Language I

2nd Place- Amanda Murphy

Greek Language II

2nd Place- Megan Stares

Mottoes, Abbreviation, Quotes II

2nd Place- William Friedman

Academics cont'd

Mottoes, Abbreviations, Quotes III

4th Place- Lorenzo Levy

Vocabulary III

2nd Place- Connie Kang

Greek Derivatives V+

5th Place- Amanda Murphy

Greek Life and Literature V+

5th Place- Amanda Murphy

Latin Literature II

4th Place- William Friedman

Graphic Art Awards

Portfolio 6-8

Cum Laude- Zoe Lenz

Magna Cum Laude- Tesla Lukow

Magna Cum Laude- Borislava

Panayatova

Summa Cum Laude- Taylor Conley

Portfolio 9

Cum Laude- Lorenzo Levy

Magna Cum Laude- Connie Kang

Graphic Arts cont'd

Portfolio 11

Magna Cum Laude- Amanda
Murphy

Summa Cum Laude- Adrian
Palumbo

Portfolio 12

Magna Cum Laude- Megan Stares

Digital Poster 9-10

Cum Laude- Andrew Wei

Digital Poster 11-12

Cum Laude- Megan Stares

Summa Cum Laude- Amanda Murphy

Impromptu Art 7-9

Cum Laude- Zoe Lenz

Magna Cum Laude- Taylor Conley

Creative Art Awards

Dramatic Interpretation- Advanced

Summa Cum Laude- Adrian
Palumbo

Latin Oratory Advanced

Magna Cum Laude- Amanda
Murphy

Another Real Attendee Quote

NJCL convention, to me, is the quintessential JCL experience. It's exhausting, it's exhilarating, it's awe-inspiring. Experiencing the limits of human knowledge and speed, pushing yourself to remember every more, to grab the spoon off the table slightly faster. It cuts to the soul, lays us bare to the world, yet ultimately, at the end of every day, you knew it was a great one.

NJCL 2020: Arizona Results!

Creative Art Awards

English Oratory- Lower

Cum Laude- William Friedman
Magna Cum Laude- Taylor Conley

English Oratory- Upper

Magna Cum Laude- Amanda Murphy
Summa Cum Laude- Adrian Palumbo

Modern Myth Lower

Cum Laude- William Friedman
Cum Laude- Borislava Panayotova

Modern Myth Middle

Cum Laude- Lorenzo Levy

Modern Myth Upper

Cum Laude- Adrian Palumbo
Cum Laude- Amanda Murphy

Essay Grade 8

Cum Laude- Borislava Panayotova
Magna Cum Laude- William
Friedman

Essay Grade 9

Magna Cum Laude- Alexander Beer

Creative Arts Cont'd

Essay Grade 11

Magna Cum Laude- Adrian
Palumbo

Magna Cum Laude- Amanda
Murphy

Essay Grade 12

Summa Cum Laude- Megan Stares

Certamen

While this year, our teams
unfortunately didn't place, they still
did a great job!

At NJCL 2020, Arizona had an
Intermediate team and an Advanced
Team.



Pictures: AZ Advanced Team while playing

Motto Connection

This year's NJCL Motto was "Omnes...summa ope niti decent, ne vitam silentio transeant." Which translates to "It benefits all to strive with greatest effort, lest they pass their lives in silence." This NJCL relates to that, a convention where even the simplest things like attending GA were riddled with difficulties due to technology. Our delegates persevered and enjoyed it greatly, showing the importance of striving with great effort.

Meet the Board

President: Adrian Palumbo

Favorite Convention Memory: The MASSIVE Spirit Battles that always happen right before That's Entertainment at Nationals! Just the incredible amount of people all screaming together after five days of pure exhaustion seems to truly summarize what the JCL Spirit is about. This year's was particularly amazing, because I was one of the lucky few who lead the entire crowd's cheers, and was recognized as "The Loud Dude from Arizona" for the rest of the convention.

Favorite Person in Classical History: Hannibal, because he had the guts to fight back against one of the largest empires of the era despite losing to them once before. Also War Elephants.

Fun fact about me: I'm a member of my school's varsity volleyball team, being one of our starting middles.

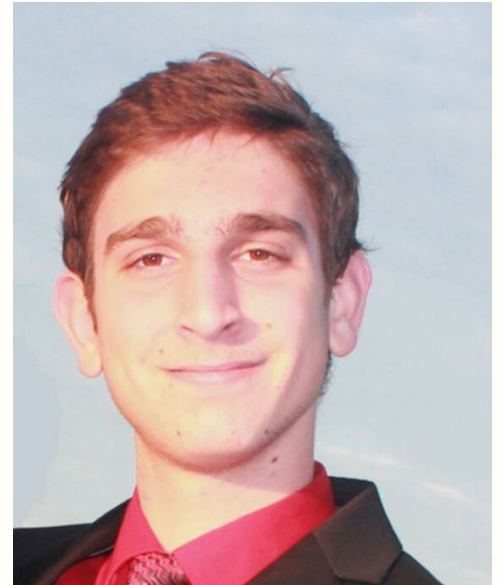
1st Vice President: Alexander Beer

Favorite JCL Memory: One day at nationals, all of the JCLads were playing spoons during a rare break, and on that day we just had a bunch of fun. The Arizona delegation was super friendly to me and I made a lot of friends there. It really showed me the JCLove.

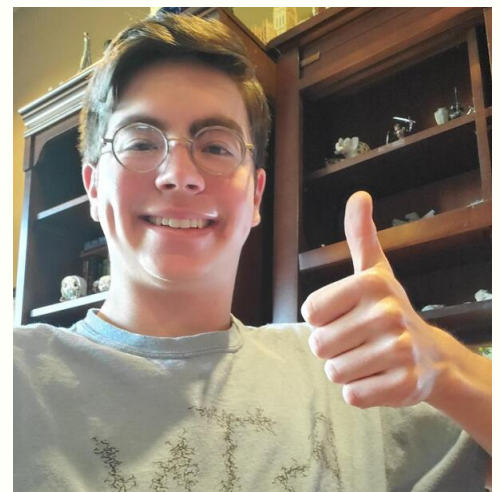
Favorite Person in Classical History: Emperor Aurelian healed the Roman Empire when it was split into three. He did what no other general could have, reuniting it under his rule, while strengthening the defense of Rome. He did all this coming from a poor family and military, non-political career. The Man In The Iron Mask has a great story. Sol Invictus.

Fun Fact about me: I am an attorney at the Pima County Teen Court.

Class of 2021
Latin Level: VI



Class of 2023
Latin Level: IV



Our new Officers!

Did you know that only one of our Officers is in Greek? Yet three of them played Agon at NJCL? And that two of them are Ministers of the Church of Universal Life? And that half of them can officiate Weddings? Learn more fun facts by continuing in this volume!

Meet the Board

2nd Vice President: Victoria "VV" Hays

Favorite Convention Memory: Learning the cheers at state fellowship meetings at nationals very late at night.

Favorite Person in Classical History: Catullus because I love reading poetry, even his.

Fun Fact about me: I can legally officiate weddings.

Class of 2021

Latin Level: VI



Historian: Amanda Murphy

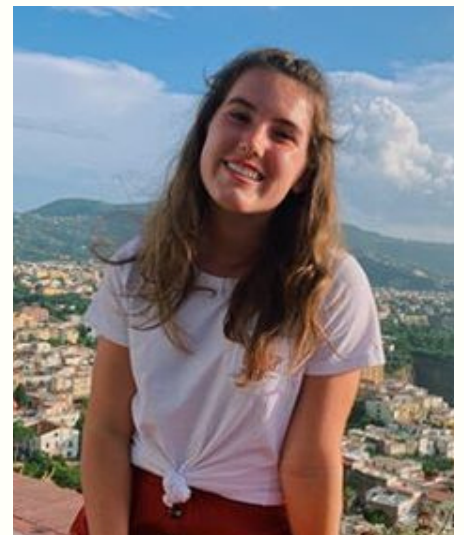
Favorite JCL Memory: I love all the early morning car-pools to state events, growing friendships and taking wrong exits. Arriving still a little sleepy, high-fiving when we get a certamen toss-up right, smiling sheepishly at each other when the question is something we know we went over the night before, but have all forgotten. In JCL, I found people who share my passion, and all these small moments remind me of how thankful I am to the JCL for connecting me with classics nerds like me. :)

Favorite Person in Classical History: Scipio Aemilianus - His revelations about the nature of the cosmos in Somnium Scipionis, albeit being kinda out there, painted what they believed the stars and planets to be back then. I especially love the part where he can hear the planets move.

Class of 2021

Latin Level: V

Greek Level: II



Our new Officers!

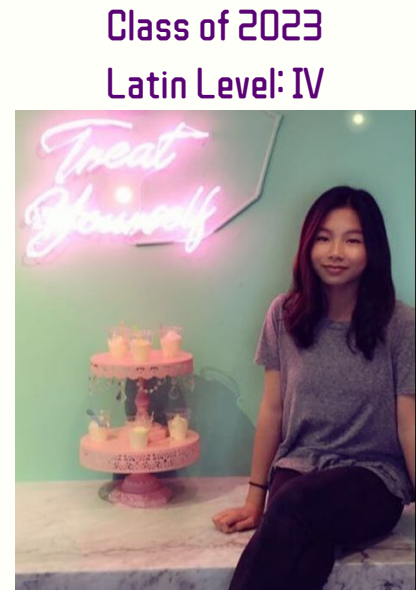
Quote from an Officer: "I love helping to plan events while working with my fellow officers. JCL has always been a close knit community and I am honored to help serve it."

Meet the Board

Communications Coordinator: Connie Kang

Favorite JCL Memory: My favorite JCL memory has to be going to my first That's Entertainment at Nationals.

Fun fact about me: I enjoy travelling all over the world with my family.



Webmaster: Andrew Wei

Favorite Convention Memory: Our first spirit meeting when we first learned the gigolo chant was an all around great time, as well as our group's late night card games. Pretty much anything involving hanging out with the AZJCL group was so much fun.

Favorite Person in Classical History: Perhaps not my favorite, but the consul Gaius Claudius Nero is certainly overlooked for his pivotal role in the Second Punic War. His audacious forced march caught Hasdrubal and Hannibal off guard and he managed to smash Hasdrubal's army against the Metaurus River, saving Rome from certain defeat.

Fun Fact about me: I enjoy wearing robes while using the investment platform Robinhood.



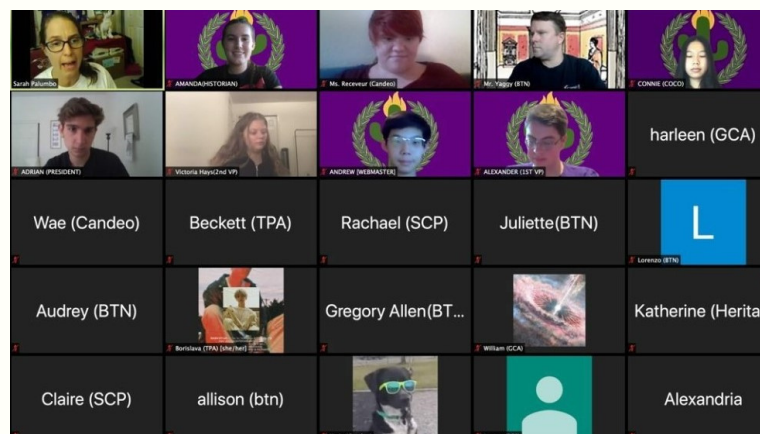
Our new Officers!

What exactly do our officers do? The President oversees events and manages the JCL, the 1st Vice President writes Toga Talk and does coordinates membership and outreach, the 2nd VP is responsible for Spirit and Community Service, the Historian takes photos and makes the scrapbook, the CoCo takes minutes and manages Social Media, and the Webmaster manages our AZJCL Website

SALVETE!

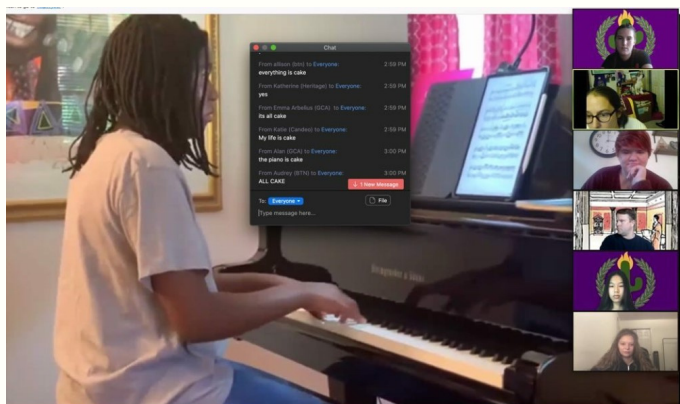
The classic first event of the year looked a little different this time around: no GCA, no buzzers, and no other people.

This year, the Salvete was themed: Hercules' Labors! Each breakout room led the JCLers through four epic quests- resulting in the attendees having done all twelve of the Labors of Hercules To accomplish this, our officers came up with fun activities for the students to do. We had Pictionary, Two Truths and a Lie, Kahoot and GimKit, among several others. Pictionary was rated to be the highest among them: The Crowning Labor!



Above is a screenshot of the zoom meeting- despite being online, we still had great turnout!

During waiting periods, the AZJCL played Nationals' That's Entertainment videos for all to see. Even those who missed out on the fun virtual experience got to see the amazing acts and hilarious skits that the JCL and SCL put on!



Winner!

As the board calculated total points, it became clear that one person was going to win. This person turned out to be BTN's Bella Lee. Through her participation and studious efforts, Bella won a \$25 Amazon Gift card. Congratulations, Bella!

What's Next

If you missed our past events in this edition- don't worry! We have more fun coming up

Candeo!

November 14! This fun event will include not only Certamen, but also Roblox, Among Us, Pictionary, and much much more!



Candeo presents
Certamen + games

- Where: Zoom
- Who: Everyone's invited!
- Cost: FREE!

Join us
For some chill games of

- Roblox!
- Among us!
- Certamen!
- and More!

All with a Classical twist!

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020 @10am-2:30pm

Make sure to have your Magister/Magistra sign up! More info is on the doc Candeo sent out.

JCLive



We are
JCLive
now!

[Youtube.com/njclsocialmedia](https://www.youtube.com/njclsocialmedia)

This year, the NJCL board has been having weekly youtube live session. They include everything- school spotlights, officer introductions, and even Minecraft lives! The link is on the photo, and on the NJCL Instagram. Tune in every Monday!

What else is in the future?

This December, the board has some upcoming fun for you! Stay tuned for more info! Unfortunately, Fall Forum has been cancelled, but we will still have great events this year!