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Editor's Page

Salvete and welcome back from the summer break! My name is Alexander Beer, and I am once again serving as the AZJCL 1st VP. I've kept the same style as the last Toga Talks and I will continue to do my best to make these publications. I am looking forward to the rest of this year since we are now experts at online JCL and ready to make this year fun of fun activities. As always, any feedback is appreciated, as well as submissions, which you can read more about below. Thanks for reading 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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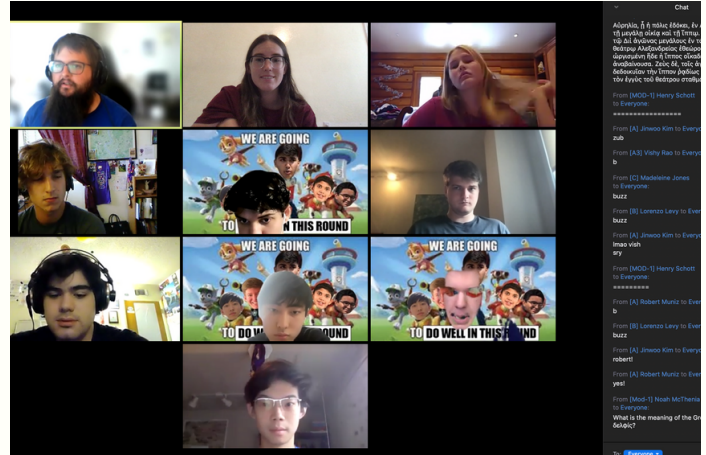
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E-Nationals: The Sequel

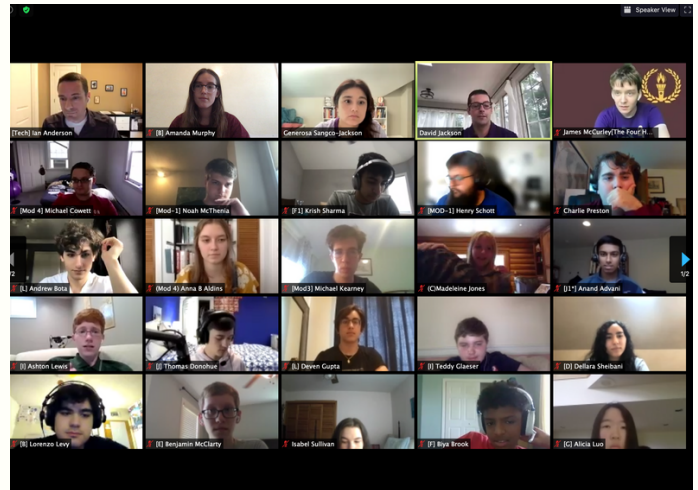
For the second year, NJCL was online. However, this year's convention was planned and executed better than last. The biggest upgrade was the return of Fellowship activities. These are a staple of NJCL- daily meetings where the whole state delegation comes together to plan for spirit and other upcoming activities. These were widely regarded as the best online activities, and many said that it was the closest thing to being in an actual NJCL experience.

Many great things came out of this convention, from Arizona's own numerous awards to the NJCL made scrapbook, which you can check out here:

<https://viewer.joomag.com/njcl-scrapbook-2020-2021/0947808001627009933?short&>



Pictured: Screenshots of various NJCL activities.



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NJCL 2021: Arizona Results!

Adrian (BCH)

Open Certamen-1st
Agon-Semi Final
Dramatic Interp-Prose-Magna Cum
Laude
CE Photo-Summa Cum Laude

Mia (TPA)

Between Art and Quarantine-
Cum Laude
Charts-Magna Cum Laude
Mosaic-Cum Laude

W (GCA)

She was our 2nd VP and paved the
way for our 1st place in Spirit!
Nom Com Attendee

Connie (GCA)

Drawing/Painting-Summa Cum
Laude
Latin V Vocab-3rd

Andrew (BTN)

Agon-Semi Finals
Website-6th
Advanced Competitive Certamen
Participant

Katherine (BTN)

Latin II Heptathlon-3rd
Latin II Reading Comp-1st
Latin II Classical Art-4th
Latin II Grammar-2nd
Latin II Lit-3rd
Greek Derivatives Latin II-3rd
Latin II Roman Life-5th
Advanced Competitive Certamen
Participant

Rachel (SCP)

Advanced Competitive Certamen
Participant

Max (GCA)

Advanced Competitive Certamen
Participant
Nom Com Attendee

William (GCA)

Latin Oratory Adv-Cum Laude
Slogan-9th place
Greek Language Latin III-5th
Advanced Competitive Certamen
Participant

A Real Attendee Quote

National convention was great this year! I especially liked getting to do Fellowships and spirit again, as those are always a cornerstone of the Nationals experience. Agon and certamen were also real fun and well organized this year, but mostly I enjoyed seeing my fellow AZJCL delegates again.

NJCL 2020: Arizona Results!

Lorenzo (BTN)

Agon-Semi Finals
Greek Derivatives Latin IV-3rd
Roman Life Latin IV-4th
Advanced Competitive Certamen
Participant

Amanda (Trivium)

Agon-Semi Finals
State Scrapbook-Summa Cum Laude
Impromptu-Magna Cum Laude
Greek Derivatives-Latin V-5th

Results- Overall

State-Website- 6th place
Toga Talk- 9th place
Scrapbook- Summa Cum Laude but it was a true first
Roll Call- 1st for the Small States
Competitive Certamen- Participants
Agon- Made it to the semifinals
Spirit- 1st for Small States



Mostly without a hitch!

The activities weren't the only thing that was improved from last NJCL. This year, the amount of technology problems decreased exponentially. The entire event flowed much more smoothly- something that was no doubt appreciated by all.

Meet the Board

President: Andrew

Favorite JCL Memory: "Man, this is a tough one. From playing cards late at night at 2019's convention to winning spirit and catching up with old friends in 2021's virtual one I'd say my favorite JCL memories are consistently the ordinary things I do with friends in JCL. The camaraderie and vitality of JCL never ceases to amaze me."

If You Could Be Any Classical God, Which One Would You Be?: "I would probably choose Apollo, as his nature as a radiant and youthful god appeals to me. Plus, his skills in music, poetry, archery, medicine, and prophecy are all things I believe I would quite enjoy"

Most Interesting Thing About You: "Possibly the most interesting fact about me is the fact that I could have invented the electric scale. Other than that, I suppose it is my deep and occasionally insufferable interest in artificial intelligence and philosophy."

1st Vice President: Alexander

Favorite JCL Memory: "For State Convention 2021, after I had been deprived of in-person JCL for over a year, my Latin Teacher, Mr. Yaggy, got most of our school's attendees together in my school's gym for a socially distanced event. It was incredibly fun-- I finally felt the in-person JCLove again, which was an amazing feeling."

If You Could Be Any Classical God, Which One Would You Be?:
"Mars- He was the symbol of power used to create peace. He was not a destructive force like his Greek counterpart, but instead a majestic and strong symbol of victory. He was not feared, but respected. Plus, his line was responsible for founding Rome."

Most Interesting Thing About You: "I have an unhealthy obsession with going to the University of Oxford."

Class of 2023
Latin Level: V



Class of 2023
Latin Level: V



Our new Officers!

Did you know that two of our officers are Ministers of the Church of Universal Life? Or that two of them are hugely into sports? That one is a Formula One superfan? Find out more interesting facts on the next pages!

Meet the Board

2nd Vice President: William

Favorite JCL Memory: "My favorite JCL memory is staying up until 4 am in the Motel 6 in Minnesota, and getting up at 6 the next morning to go to Fargo."

If You Could Be Any Classical God, Which One Would You Be?: "I would be Apollo because he seems very relaxed and that is my kind of guy. "

Most Interesting Thing About You?: "The most interesting thing about me is that I have played baseball for 10 years. "

Historian: Max

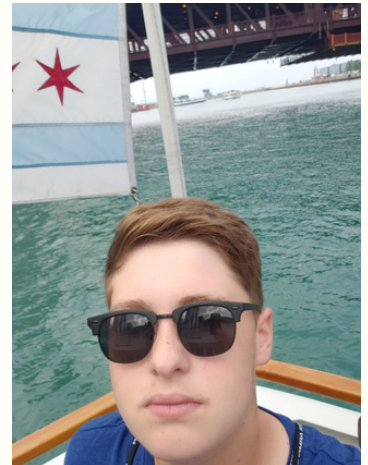
Favorite JCL Memory: "My favorite memory from JCL was going to my first state convention in seventh grade. I made a lot of new friends and had a great time!"

If You Could Be Any Classical God, Which One Would You Be?: "Hermes - I got to respect the way that from the moment he was born he was causing trouble and then wormed his way out of trouble. Besides you don't hear many stories about Hermes being a jerk."

Most Interesting Thing About You?: "I play basketball on school and club teams. I also love to watch the NBA"

Class of 2024

Latin Level: IV



Class of 2024

Latin Level: IV



Our new Officers!

Quote from an Officer: "To be a JCL Officer means busy planning meetings, no participation in state events, only stress about running them, frantic emails to and from our state chair, Ms Palumbo, but in the end, it's all worth it to see how you can help serve AZJCL."

Meet the Board

Communications Coordinator: Connie

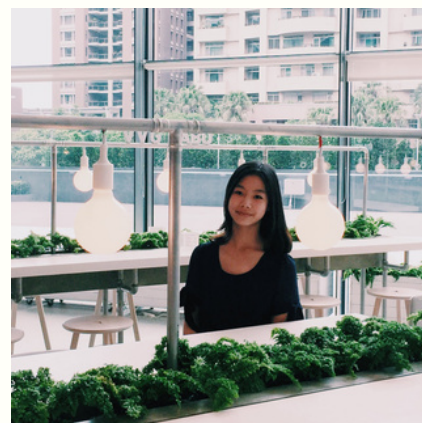
Favorite JCL Memory:

"National Convention at Fargo, North Dakota: my first and only in-person National Latin Convention so far."

If You Could Be Any Classical God, Which One Would You Be?:

"Athena maybe, I'd be really wise and strategic."

Most Interesting Thing About You?: "I really like traveling!"



Class of 2023
Latin Level: V

Webmaster: Gayatri

Favorite JCL Memory: "My favorite JCL memory would be the car rides to JCL events! I really felt the unity and companionship of JCL during the moments with people arguing over who got to control the aux and studying for certamen at the last minute. I think the real JCL was the friends you made along the way,"

If You Could Be Any Classical God, Which One Would You Be?: "Aphrodite, because she holds a subtle control over people by way of her power, which in a way is more potent than Zeus' or Athena's. You can probably sway more people with love than the brute force of war,"

Most Interesting Thing About You?: "I unironically watch TLC (the tv channel with like Hoarders and 1000 pound sisters) in my spare time"



Class of 2023
Latin Level: V

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

Fall Forum!

Fall Forum is a staple of JCLs all over the nation. For Arizona, that means meeting at ASU, playing certamen, and listening to lectures from professors.

This year, it consisted of testing, among us, a spelling bee, and many more fun activities.

We had attendees from not just Arizona, but also Nevada and Southern California. Dozens of Arizona JCLers streamed in for a Zoom day that lasted from 10 to 5, full of prizes and laughs. Our officers pulled together and ran all of this smoothly. Our second VP, William, ran a spirit event that sent cards to St. Jude's hospital

This year, we had a lecture from Legio XX, a DC-area-based Roman Life re-enactment group who told us about Roman life and showed us amazing props. It was quite an experience.
Gratias Legio XX!

Pictured: a screenshot from the Among Us game

A big thanks to everyone who came to this event- As always, AZJCL can't run without you!



Congratulations!

We had many winners at Fall Forum:

Mukil (BTN), Mia (SPA), Krish (BTN), Sadie (SPA), Gregory (BTN), Priya (BTN), Isabella (SPA), Connie (GCA), Lorenzo (BTN), Theresa (BAH), and Charlotte (GCA)

What's Next

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

lo, Saturnalia!

December 4! This fun event will include not only Certamen, but also other fun activities- likely we will see a return of the oh-so-famous gingerbread house making! More information will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

Looking Forward

After the winter break, AZJCL will continue on its path of one event per month. In March, as always, we will do State Convention, which is the most fun event all year (maybe barring NJCL)- so make sure you stay involved!

What else is in the future?

Looking forward in the New Year, it seems overwhelmingly likely that AZJCL will stay online. But fear not! Opportunities for an in-person social event may arise and the AZJCL board will make sure online events stay fresh and fun.