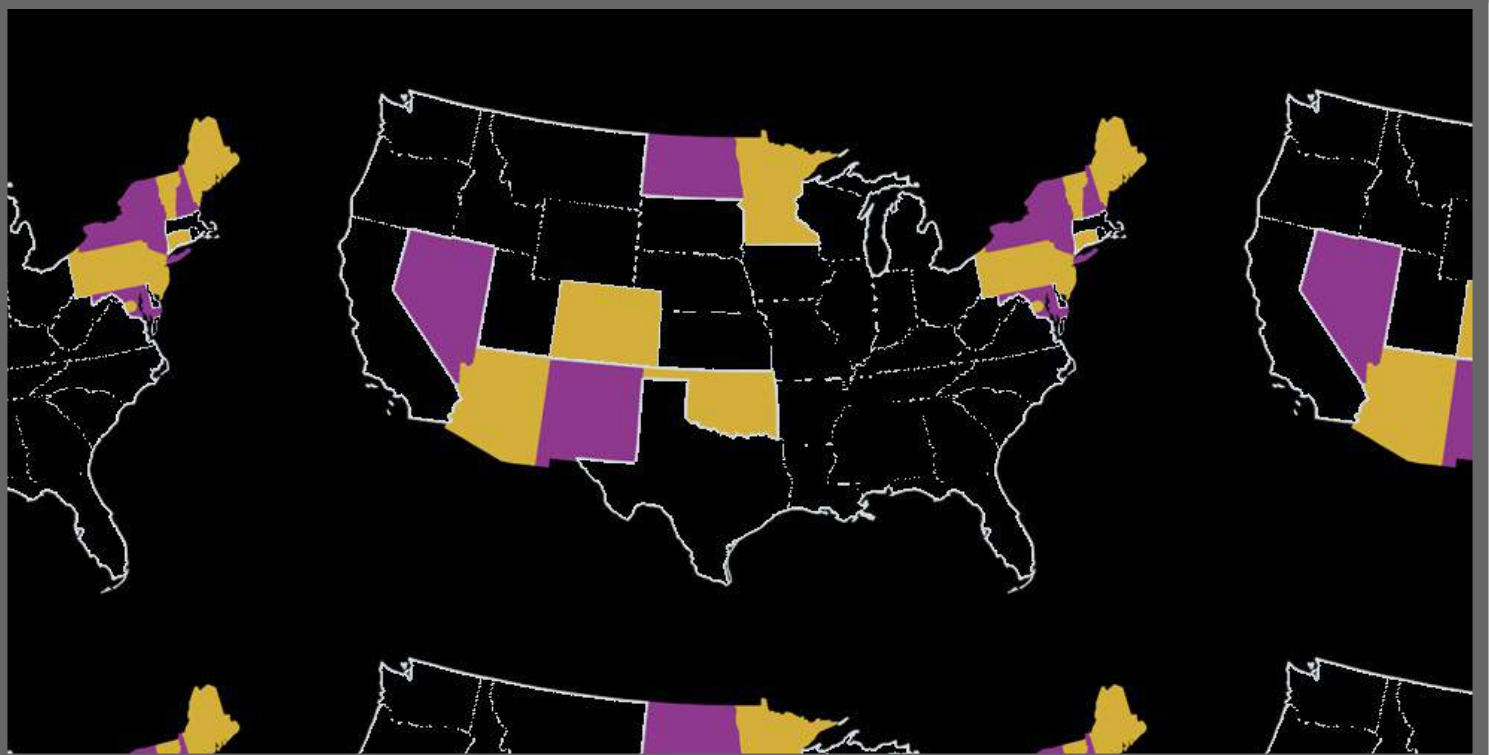


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Where JCLers from small
states share news, ideas,
and their enthusiasm for the
Junior Classical League.



From the Editor 2



Salvete, omnes!

Here it is: the second edition of the *Torch: United*. This is the last edition that I will edit. Although I am sad to give up such a fun task, I am excited to see the future of this publication.

In the future, students will volunteer to edit this publication. There will be several positions, each with a specific responsibility. If you are interested in working with other JCLers on this publication, please email me at zkatok@sageridge.org or DM our Instagram account (jclsmallstates). The deadline for expressing interest will be July 10; please see our Instagram account or website (jclsmallstates.blogspot.com) for more details on what the responsibilities will be.

I am so proud to have been a part of increasing communication between the small states, which I hope we can use to help each other. The sections in this publication where states share their JCL experiences are a great start, as I hope that other states will be inspired with new ideas that will help their JCL communities.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and photos for this edition! I couldn't have edited it without you.

I hope to see you at national convention!

Curate ut valeatis,
Zoa Katok (NV)



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State Updates

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Minnesota

The MNJCL had a fantastic time at the Minnesota convention in Fargo, North Dakota last month! It is hard to pick a favorite moment from convention, but some of our top picks are the spirit competitions, the dodgeball tournament, and Certamen.

The MNJCL has several awesome events coming up! We are currently planning a murder mystery dinner and a service project with the Minnesota Sandwich Project to make sandwiches for the homeless. We are also planning to go toga bowling, have a fundraiser with Culver's, and host our end of the year banquet! These last few months are going to be jam-packed with awesome events!

– Gillian Herbert, MNJCL President

Nevada

Nevada JCL hosted our own convention from February 23 through February 24 at the American Preparatory Academy in Las Vegas. It was very fun; we attended workshops, competed in ludi events, made art, and played Certamen. In April, Sage Ridge School took a delegation to the California State Convention, which gave students a chance to have a great experience at a much larger convention. All of the delegates were busy doing Latin-related activities, which are the best activities. They even placed first in spirit in the small high schools category. After conventions were over, JCLers all over Nevada celebrated Rome's birthday with cake and cupcakes. It has been a great year for Nevada JCL, and we are excited for Nationals! – Siena Hall, NVJCL Triumvir

New Mexico

The New Mexico JCL had our annual convention on April 21st, which just so happened to be Rome's Birthday as well! Our theme for this year's convention was "Odi et amo" ("I hate and I love"). We started the day at 9:00 am with a general assembly giving us a whole overview of the day. We then moved into testing, where our members were quizzed on mythology and Latin grammar topics. Then we had impromptu art and then lunch. All of our food was graciously donated from Il Vicino, a delicious Italian restaurant in Albuquerque. We also had custom themed cakes and cupcakes to celebrate Rome's 2771st birthday. We then had a colloquium, with 3 amazing presentations from grad students and one from our very own 2017-2018 President, Bryn Frye-Mason. We also had Certamen followed by awards and elections. The newly elected board is amazing! They are sure to shake things up and bring the NMJCL into the new year!

– Laura Lujan, NMJCL President

New Hampshire

The New Hampshire JCL has been actively growing. The annual NHJCL Forum was on Saturday, April 14th. Schools from all around the state came to Phillips Exeter Academy for a day packed with activities, including a Colloquium (a show and tell of Roman objects), Certamen, Agon, chariot racing, and gladiatorial combat! During the general assembly, two new consuls, Michaela Phan and Caleb Lee, were elected. On the same day, in the evening, we also hosted a gladiatorial combat booth at a Relay for Life event, helping raise money for the American Cancer Society. With the Forum as a kick-off, we celebrated New Hampshire Classics Week!

We are all excited for NH Classics Day in early May as well as attending the National Convention this summer.
– Erin Choi, NHJCLer

New York

On April 21, New York State held its Spring Certamen at Amherst Central High School. Schools from all across the state participated. There were sports contests as well as academic tests and a poster competition. In the Advanced Level Certamen, a coalition of students from the three different schools of East Aurora, Mendon, and Pittsford Sutherland took first place.

In other news, at the officer's meeting, the NYSJCL created a website (nysjcl.org) that is curated by Evan Roden (the New York treasurer). Thank you to all the students that attended the Certamen, to Amherst for hosting it, and to Evan for running our new website!
– Lizzy Javor, NYSJCL Consul

Maryland

In order to aid our community, Maryland JCL ran a year-round fundraiser. Following the footsteps of other members of the JCL family, we ran a competition to see who could make the most cranes and donated the proceeds and the origami itself to Johns Hopkins Hospital children's unit. Each school raced to contribute the most. Like a Certamen, the competition brought us closer together and to the community. Our friendship soared even though the paper cranes could not, enriching our total growth.

– Amelia Komisar-Bury, MDJCL Editor

Arizona

On March 2, AZJCL had some pre-convention fun with an escape room activity. The next day we had our state convention. We did a variety of activities – academic, athletic, etc. Some highlights were musical chairs, skits, and our service project, Project Linus.

– Catherine Xia, AZJCL 1st VP

See the next pages for some pictures of these awesome events!

Photos from YOU! 6



“What Does Music Sound Like?” – Josiah Sanders, MD



“The Death of Ajax” – Sarah McGuire, MD



Sage Ridge Latin I students are excited for their homemade Roman potluck, prepared in honor of Rome's birthday!

– Zoa Katok, NV

Maryland Convention



Maryland's convention theme was "*Aves Ubique*" to match their service project (read more about it in state updates)

The entire convention →



← The newly elected board

(pictures from Natasha Panduwawala)

Minnesota Convention



← The Minnesota-North Dakota board being sworn in.

Zamaria Demby, Elle Forsmark, Gillian Herbert, and Dorie Bixby with the trophy that they won at the Minnesota convention for Upper level → Certamen.



(pictures from Gillian Herbert)

Nevada Convention



↑ The entire convention.



← A colloquium in which students learned how to dance like the Greeks!

(pictures from Magistra Kiely)

Nevada at California Convention



Sage Ridge School goes to CA!



Taking first place in spirit!

New Hampshire Forum



← Chariot racing

Students compete in Agon →



← A colloquium



Vicious gladiator fight →



New Mexico Convention



← Intro to costume contest

Monte as NMJCL's part-time mascot with chicklets →



← Bosque School's Latin t-shirt

Opening announcements regarding the small states →

(pictures from Josiah Plummer)



New York Certamen



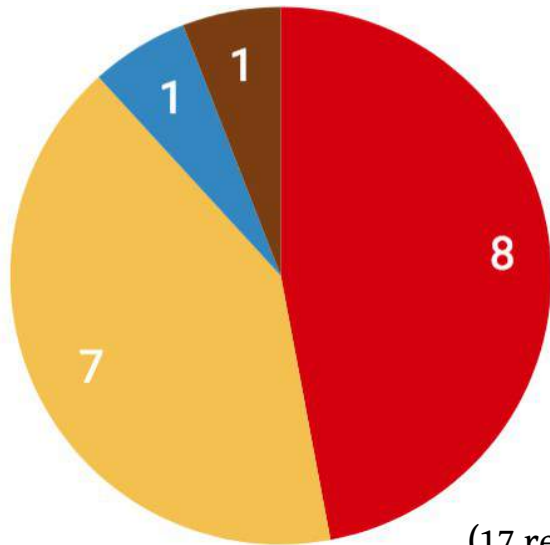
The cafeteria during orientation



Intermediate level competition

(pictures from Lizzy Javor)

Survey Says... 13



- Julius
- Augustus
- Gaius Iulius Caesar
Augustus Germanicus
- Little Caesars

(17 responses, options "Julius," "Augustus," and "Other")

"Who's your favorite Caesar?"

He conquered all of Gaul in 8 years. 'Nuff said.

He actually was a good emperor for the most part. Arts flourished during his reign and so did the economy. Also he was never stabbed.

I dislike Augustus more. Namely, because Octavian is clearly a way cooler name than Augustus, so I have no idea why he'd want to change it.

His death was incredibly significant for Rome.

Because I like caesar salad and he got stabbed 23 times

It's Caligula. Duh.

He's the original Caesar Salad and Dairy Queen drink.

He was pretty wild tbh

He better

HE'S CUTE

The fact that he got assassinated by his own friends makes me feel sorry for him.

He brought Rome into a time of peace while Julius Caesar during and after his life brought violence to Rome.

Because he did great things

They serve good pizza.

Peeps from some states write about their states

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Why is the New Jersey Junior Classical League board so big?

When first interacting with other states, the New Jersey Board often was asked one question: why do you have so many people on your state board? At first, our instinct was to respond, “That’s how it’s always been,” but upon further thought, we began to question it ourselves. In order to examine why the New Jersey Board is so large, we first had to realize each why we had each position. People like presidents and recording secretaries are found in any governing body, but why do we have multiple Certamen Coordinators or what is the point of having a publicity position? To these questions, we have answers.

The New Jersey chapter on the NJCL is often remembered for its rambunctious and rather interesting congregation. In order to comply with the demands of our various members, we feel that having a larger board allows for us to divide tasks into smaller sections, thus giving us more time to focus on doing our jobs to the best of our abilities. For example, the New Jersey board has four registrars: two for the south, one for central and one for the north. While this may seem excessive, it is, in reality, very reasonable. Each registrar position allows for us to focus on a section of the state and really get all schools registered involved. No school needs to drive two hours to get to a meeting, thus ensuring that those who are farther away are not left out. Similarly, we have many Certamen Coordinators. Given that Certamen is one of our largest events of the year, additional members on that committee ensures that no task is overlooked and that the event in question will run smoothly. This same concept was applied to our state convention committee. Lessening the number of people on either committee may result in disorder and issues arising during these very important events.

Although we do have a large board, it is important to note that the majority is from our Certamen and State Convention Coordinators. We have seven Certamen Contest Coordinators and six State Convention Coordinators. Given the importance of these events and many aspects that go into running the event efficiently, we believe that these additional members are essential to our success.

To conclude, the New Jersey State board is not just large for efficiency, it is also due to the dedicated students who wish to get involved. New Jersey is honored to have a congregation of Latin students who feel a passion for the NJCL and want to do what they can to get involved.

– Carley Brosovich, NJJCL Outreach Coordinator

Minnesota's Partnership with North Dakota

There is evidence that Minnesota once had a larger JCL presence. In fact, in 1959, MN even hosted a national convention. Somewhere along the line it fell by the wayside, until about ten years ago when Mrs. Jessica Bergeron came to an up-and-coming charter school (for states that don't have these, they're "publicly funded independent school[s] established by teachers, parents, or community groups under the terms of a charter with a local or national authority"). Mrs. Bergeron grew up in North Dakota and brought her knowledge of the JCL with her. Unlike Minnesota, North Dakota is fairly active, sending small delegations to nationals but having consistent participation overall. Our school launched a chapter, and a few years later we were contacted by the NDJCL, who invited us to a state convention. Mrs. Bergeron was out that year on maternity leave, so the advisor at the time accepted. I imagine they had a pretty rad time because, y'know, state convention. So rad, in fact, that we have gone back every year since, except for the year they let us host.

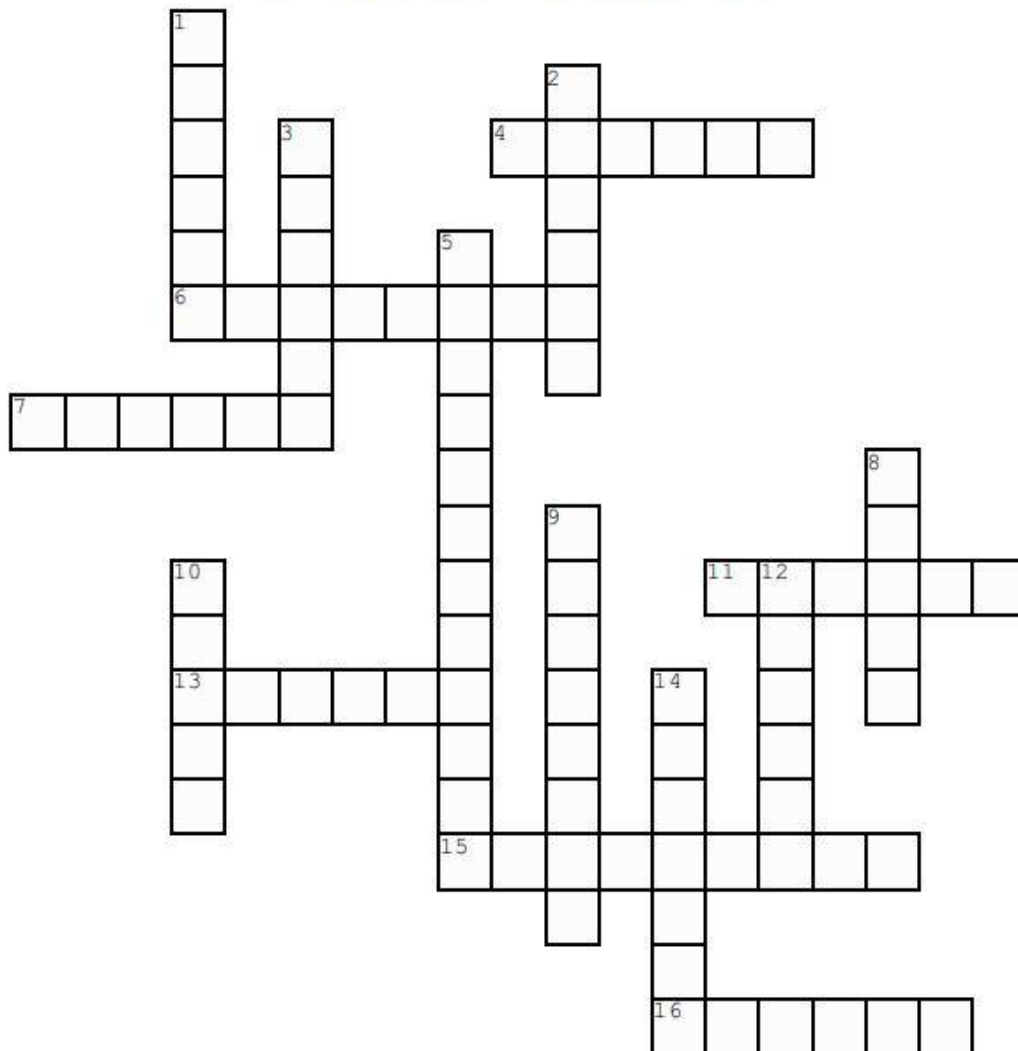
For the most part, our affairs are kept separate. Service projects, fundraisers, and non-convention social events are planned and executed individually by a separate Minnesota officer board. Of course, we can always consult with their more experienced chapters on new events, although we haven't needed a lot of that recently. We have one officer on their state board, the MNJCL representative, who is the only officer Minnesotans can vote for at convention. The MNJCL is hoping to go solo sometime in the near future when we have more chapters than the one school, but the partner system has served us pretty well, and is a good strategy for up-and-coming states.

– E. Bixby, MNJCL Parliamentarian

Just for Fun 16

Mythology Crossword

Test your mythology knowledge!



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Across

- 4. Son of Anchises and Aphrodite
- 6. Greek warrior; slain by Paris
- 7. Beloved of Eros; punished by jealous Aphrodite;
- 11. Beloved of Pyramus; killed herself at his death.
- 13. Son of Daedalus
- 15. King of Mycenae; brother of Menelaus
- 16. A youth of remarkable beauty, favored by Aphrodite

Down

- 1. Wife of Priam
- 2. Gorgon; slain by Perseus, who cut off her head.
- 3. Nymph pursued by Apollo; changed to laurel tree.
- 5. Wife of Agamemnon
- 8. went to Colchis and brought back Golden Fleece; married Medea
- 9. Blind soothsayer of Thebes.
- 10. Hunter slain by Artemis and made into a constellation.
- 12. Haemon: Son of Creon; promised husband of Antigone
- 14. Daughter of Minos; wife of Theseus

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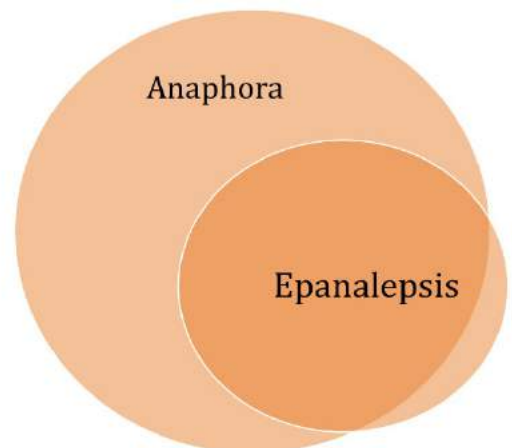
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Epanalepsis vs. Anaphora

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A speech given by Bryn Frye-Mason (then NMJCL President) at the New Mexico JCL convention:

Writers commonly repeat (or omit) words for a certain rhetorical effect. Epanalepsis and anaphora are closely related examples of this repetition. The key distinction between these two rhetorical devices is context. Epanalepsis is a repetition of a word where the word is particular to the context; that is, the actual meaning of the word is important to the repetition. Anaphora on the other hand does not emphasize the meaning of the word, but the repetition itself. For example, Anaphora can be as simple as a repetition of “to,” “to be” (“to be or not to be” (Shakespeare), “and,” or “it was,” e.g. “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair” (Dickens). On the other hand, this same quote has an example of epanalepsis as well in the repetition of “time,” which emphasizes the word itself and creates the common thread of time, which is continued in the repetition of “age,” “epoch,” and “season,” that continues throughout the sentence. In other instances, however, the distinction between these two rhetorical devices can be a bit harder to immediately grasp because it depends entirely on context, and not the type of word. Anaphora is not restricted to conjunctions, articles and other such simple words, but can also be used with verbs, nouns, etc. as long as the repetition is the key factor and not the actual meaning of the word. However, it is hard to tell if this strict rule is actually necessary, or if it is only necessary for epanalepsis, i.e., are all examples of epanalepsis anaphora, but not all examples of anaphora epanalepsis. This seems to be the case, particularly because whether the repetition of a word is for repetitions sake or for the sake of the word can, in some instances, depend on the interpretation.



(Answers to the crossword on page 16:
1. Achilles 2. Adonis 3. Aeneas 4.
Agamemnon 5. Clytemnestra 6.
Daphne 7. Haemon 8. Hecuba 9. Jason
10. Icarus 11. Orion 12. Phaedra 13.
Psyche 14. Thisbe 15. Tiresias 16.
Medusa)

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