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2018 GJCL CONVENTION

By Anika Park

Even after you leave state convention, the cruel reality that you're no longer in the comforting scopes of Rock Eagle doesn't really hit you in the gut until your Facebook feed starts flooding with Post-Convention posts and tags. The pain from the mixture of exhaustion from staying up late talking to cabin mates and the sadness from realizing that convention is officially over can be slightly alleviated scrolling through pictures and memories of the amazing times you spent at convention this year. While we wave our final goodbyes to seniors, most of us can look forward to next year's state convention to distract ourselves from the PCD. But as we think every year, a state convention as eventful as this year's will be difficult to come by.

Friday morning was unusually quiet. Students busied themselves by registering their artwork and signing up for various activities. It wasn't until a few hours in when the cheering steadily arose among the crowds, and each chapter's unique chants were added one by one as everyone filed into the auditorium for the first general assembly. Soon enough, it really began to feel like a GJCL convention. Lynn Ahrens, the NJCL Communications Coordinator and Georgia's first out-of-state visitor at convention, expressed her amazement at the level of spirit and enthusiasm within the GJCL.

After GJCL President Michael Banks banged his gavel to adjourn the assembly, students swarmed out of the auditorium, already knowing which workshops and sport events they wanted to attend that day.



Delegates from Marist High School join together in a medley of pop songs with a JCL twist!

Nervous candidates made their way to Nominations Committee while athletes competed in sweaty, intense games of Ludi basketball. On Friday night, many anxious GJCLers lined up outside of the auditorium for the That's Entertainment auditions; the long line of unique talents made passersby increasingly excited for the talent show to come the following day.

Meanwhile, many GJCLers hurried back to their cabins to change into their best Hawaiian t-shirts, sundresses, and leis for the Luau-themed dance. Middle-schoolers who are not allowed at the dances instead held their own ice cream social event, where they were able to socialize amongst themselves and also meet the GJCL officers and Lynn Ahrens. Overall, it was an exciting night for everyone.

The next morning was even more hectic than the day before. Some athletes rose early in the morning to compete in the

distance run while other scholars scrambled to the early testing block. GJCLers wolfing down their meals in order to make it to their favorite events is a common sight at convention.

Afterwards, all the local chapters convened once again for the annual Roman Procession, creating a long colorful line of togas and chariots. Even under the beating heat of the sun, the students' cheers never dwindled as everyone patiently made their lap around the small field.

Most students headed to the larger field for the long-awaited chariot races and tug-of-wars. The chariot race requires great performance from all four runners (and arguably the rider), and teamwork is one thing GJCL never lacks. Friends and teachers cheered enthusiastically from the sidelines while chariots of all different sizes and designs zoomed past the finish line. Soon after, the certamen finals were held where the three competitive teams, North Gwinnett, Northview, and Walton, battled it out. Eventually, Walton took home first, Northview got second, and North Gwinnett won third.

Later that night, majority of the teachers and students gathered at the auditorium to watch That's Entertainment where the wide range of acts impressed everyone. From dancing to stool percussion, the acts filled



Students from all different chapters cheer loudly while marching in the Roman procession.

the auditorium with smiles and ooh-aahs.

And then it came: the dreaded Sunday morning. As if the clouds knew of our mood, it was rainy that morning. Michael Banks delivered his touching farewell speech and adjourned the last general assembly. Students exchanged goodbyes, and one-by-one reluctantly filed into the buses.

It's common knowledge among convention-goers that this place has no room for any hesitation or judgements. Convention is for stepping out of comfort zones and shaking off reservations. It's for shamelessly indulging in your passion for the classics, for reconnecting with old friends from across the state, and for creating new friendships that will last a lifetime. Whether you are from a small or large chapter, whether you are a middle school newbie or an esteemed latin veteran, you will quickly find yourself immersed in the unique spirit, enthusiasm, and classics that can only be found here in Rock Eagle.



Officers Lucas Kuan and Kevin Fan converse with some middle-schoolers at the Ice Cream Social

2018 NJCL CONVENTION

by Vivi Lu

SUMMER HAS JUST BEGUN, BUT ANTICIPATION for this year's National Convention is only growing greater and greater. Get ready for a week of unforgettable fun at the 65th annual NJCL Convention!

From Olympika to Certamen to Colloquia, National Convention is the perfect way to end the summer and start the hype for a new year of JCL. Whether it's your first time or your fifth time attending, National Convention is always the best place to be at the end of each summer.

Form friendships and bonds with people across the nation through love for the JCL and the classics. Score points during nerve-wracking Certamen rounds. Audition for the famous talent show, That's Entertainment. Win athletic competitions like running or swimming. Cheer until your voice is gone for your state in a nationwide spirit contest. Take hard, hour-long tests on Mythology or Ancient Geography or

Latin Vocabulary. Party at dances with friends from thousands of miles away. Stay up late laughing at State Fellowships. At National Convention, you can do any or all of it while making everlasting memories.

The theme of the past year of JCL has been Cicero's "ego vos hortari tantum possum ut amicitiam omnibus rebus humanis anteponatis." This year and especially this convention, let's follow the advice of a Roman orator from over two thousand years ago and place friendship before all human issues.

Click [here](#) for a promotional video by the Ohio JCL and [here](#) for more information on National Convention. Let the countdown for NatCon begin!



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“

ego vos hortari tantum
possum ut amicitiam omnibus
rebus humanis anteponatis

”

- CICERO, DE AMICITIA 17



OFFICER F PRESIDENT

An Ode to My Love, members of the GJCL

Georgia, I'm not saying goodbye but rather a 'see you later'
Even when life got crazy, all I had to think about was the excitement of convention
Or the spirit each and everyone of you brought with full-force, and life was good.
Remember me as that wide-eyed ambitious kid with a binder and a dream
Getting to know all of you and your remarkable stories has been an honor
In all my years here, each and every one of you has shown me nothing but kindness
And I know all the endearing qualities you bring will continue after I'm gone
Just remember to take advantage and attend as many conventions and events
Utilize the time you have left in JCL to meet and grow close to as many people as possible
New friendships will form, and along with them new memories
I know some of the people I'm closest with I found from other schools like Wheeler
Or Walton, Walker, Eastside, Decatur, Chattahoochee, Northview, and anywhere in between
Remind just how great your Latin teachers are and how much you appreciate them
Cause at the end of the day they are the thing that makes your JCL experience possible
Learn as much as you can about Rome, Greece, and Ancient Civilization
And most importantly, do it with people who share the same passion for the Classics
Surprise yourself, and try something new, be it a sport, a graphic art, or a test
Surround yourself with JCLers who can make you feel like a part of a team,
In the end, they will be your biggest motivators, you will be their biggest resource
Conventions are a time to live your best life with some of the best people

And on top of that you get to do it at beautiful Rock Eagle
with 5-star food on-hand
Lead by example within your local chapters, and if you
have an idea, act on it
Learn from the bright minds that surround you, you
may just see them in the news one day
Every year has something new and exciting to offer
within your GJCL experience
Always be proud to tell people that you rep for a dead
language
Go all-out for the spirit and passion that is at the heart of
Georgia Junior Classical League
Utilize every opportunity you get to do something that's
a part of this amazing organization
Especially if it will bring you to people that will make it
so hard to say goodbye.

E corde,
Michael Banks
2017-2018 GJCL President



FAREWELLS

1ST VP

Salvete omnes,

I've had the opportunity and pleasure of serving as your first VP this year, but my time in the GJCL goes back much farther. I started Latin in 8th grade at Walton High School on a whim. I wasn't sure just how useful or interesting the class would be, but it couldn't hurt to try.

I'm so glad I did.

I went to Fall Forum that year at Marist under the presidency of Brendan Phillips. At Fall Forum, I found such a wonderful group of lovable nerds who were just like me. Back then, I was just a starry-eyed middle-schooler who had no idea what the JCL would mean to him in the coming years. But back then I already knew it was something special. Over the next couple years I met some lifelong friends, shared so, so many laughs, and created some unforgettable memories. The people in the GJCL really are a special crowd.

While my time in High School Latin is over, the impact that it has on my life will carry forwards. The time you spend with people is finite: you never really now when is the last time you'll say hi to someone. My time in the GJCL has come and gone, just like how hundreds of past students have done so before me. But I'm so glad I had the opportunity to be a part of something as big and wonderful as the GJCL.

Gratias tibi ago,
Lucas Kuan
2017-2018 GJCL 1st Vice President



OFFICER F 2ND VP

Hey, GJCL!

Another year, just like any other, has passed. Another Fall Forum, just like any other, has flown by. Another State Convention, just like any other, has concluded. Just like any other year, I was absolutely amazed by the spirit at State Convention, blown away by the talent at That's Entertainment, and still confused about the tune of the JCL Song. Thank you for an incredible year, GJCL. From all the preparing and planning and organizing, it was an honor to serve you as your 2nd Vice President.

To the sponsors, thank you for your constant support and dedication; the GJCL owes its success to all of you! To the seniors, thank you for being the leaders and role models of the GJCL. I hope this organization has given you wonderful memories, and please remember that you'll always have a home here with the GJCL! To my underclassmen, from wherever you stand, stay involved in JCL! You are now the rising leaders of GJCL who will create a legacy for the future. To the entire GJCL, whether you're a middle schooler or a senior, whether you're from a small school like Alpharetta or from a big school like Walton, whether you're a hardcore certamen nerd (me four years ago) or the kid who Christmas-tree'd all the tests (me now), each and every one of you are an integral part of the GJCL. So thank you to all of you for helping to shape me into the person I am today; I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to serve you this past year.

With JCLove, valetе omnes!

Michelle Cho

2017-2018 GJCL 2nd Vice President



FAREWELLS

PARLI

Valete,

Being parliamentarian has been truly a dream come true. The opportunity to serve the GJCL, in a position that truly fit my skills, was something I never envisioned from my seat in the back of the auditorium, in the back of the Walton chapter. Although I served on the board previously, nothing compared to the moment I was elected. I remember I was busy pinning the Webmaster nameplate onto Seong's shirt, and suddenly I heard my name called out and applause! The office of Parliamentarian can have quite a few curveballs (like Nominations Committee) but is so rewarding when you get to see the fruits of your labor, as the votes come in and you tally up votes for next year's officers. There's only so much said in the Articles, and so much of what I did was my own choice.

I would like to thank Mr. Ward, my favorite teacher, for pushing me to do my best at Wheeler and being a mentor, father-figure, and friend. Mr. Farnsworth, for convincing me to take Latin and continue with it through high school. And my Wheeler (and Walton) family for supporting me, whether through campaigning, offering advice, and being my friends.

To anyone who's thinking of running for office: step up! The JCL has helped so many people, myself included, grow, but is only as strong as its leaders.

E corde,
Kevin Fan
2017-2018 GJCL Parliamentarian



OFFICER F S E C R

Minutes of Mina Yu's GJCL Experience

Location: Oconee County High School, Rock Eagle, Indiana University, Troy University, and various other locations

Date: 2013 - Present

Time: For all time

Attendees: The Georgia Junior Classical League

AGENDA ITEMS

DETAILS

Commencement of GJCL Experience

1. Mina Yu, a short, nervous, and mythology-obsessed high school freshman, joined the Oconee County High School Latin Club.
2. During her first meeting, she leaned over and asked an older student what "salvete" means.
3. Having been unable to get into a Latin class freshman year, she proudly proclaimed herself to be a "Latin 0" student.

Taking Latin

1. Mina was able to take Latin I her sophomore year of high school.
2. She sat under a tree with Cornelia and Flavia, romped about the woods with Marcus and Sextus, and was amused by Uncle Titus's shenanigans until (SPOILER ALERT) his tragic demise.
3. She fell in love with translating. It felt to her like solving a puzzle that more and more opened her eyes to how ancient people thought, felt, and spoke.
 - a. She also found out about the existence of AP Latin, a moment which she would at once be grateful for and curse for all of senior year.

First GJCL State Convention

1. Mina did not know what to expect.
 - a. GJCL exceeded her expectations anyway.
2. She was initially confused by the following things:
 - a. all the screaming during Spirit
 - b. the way the president seems to be able to tell that a motion passed even though, to her ears, the volume of the YEA and the NAY were exactly the same
 - c. the single-clapping during the rules
 - d. the way everyone seemed so in tune with each other, and friendly, and passionate. She hadn't known that such a place existed. It felt like some sort of fantasy.
3. Quickly, Mina fell in love with GJCL.
 - a. she tried, unsuccessfully, to run for office, and gained something more important than an office
 - b. she took tests (for fun!), participated in creative arts contests, went around workshops, and got lost on the Rock Eagle campus about a thousand times.
 - c. she met so many people who seemed to be just the same kind of crazy at her and felt suddenly much less lonely and much less shy. Surrounded by all of her wonderful new friends on the last morning of convention, she knew that the place she was about to leave had become her home. Her life became engulfed with purple and gold..

FAREWELLS SECRETARY

First National
Convention

1. Mina had never imagined she would actually go to National Convention.
 - a. but it happened, and her intense obsession with the JCL solidified.
2. Going from one of the smallest delegations at State to one of the largest delegations at Nationals, Mina truly felt a part of the JCL community.
 - a. The last vestiges of her fear that she would not be accepted here, or that she did not belong here, vanished.
 - b. Incidentally, Mina learned how to run and walk long distances in high heels.

Bringing JCL Back to
OCHS

1. Unable to keep her JCL spirit contained any longer, Mina began to inflict her JCL spirit onto her local delegation: Oconee County High School.
2. With the help of others who had attended State Convention, she put together the first officer group to have existed for the OCHS Latin Club for many years.
 - a. with the help of the new officer group, OCHS JCL began to grow

Becoming Hostess,
then Secretary

1. By junior year, Mina was already keenly aware that she would not be the person who she was without the JCL. She began to think of how she could best give back to the organization.
2. She interviewed successfully to become Hostess and interacted, perpetually starstruck, with the already-established officer board.
3. At that year's State Convention, she decided to run for Secretary for the following reasons:
 - a. Mina was one of those nerds who enjoyed taking notes.
 - b. Mina had learned how to touch-type in elementary school and believed herself to be a rather fast typist.
 - c. Mina believed that she could help the role of Secretary to grow into a much more critical role that could foster the growth of GJCL
 - d. Mina could think of a lot of puns for "Secretary," which she believed made her extra qualified for the position.
 - These puns included "secretee," "SECRETary," and "secondary"; incidentally, Mina's puns are not as good as she believes them to be.
 - e. Mina wanted to give others a chance to grow the way she had. The very idea of getting to see new students' eyes turn wide at the sight of Spirit, as hers did, and watch as they blossomed into more confident confident, passionate, and engaged people made her want to cry. She knew this was what she wanted to do.
4. Mina Yu became the Secretary for You.

Second National
Convention

1. Mina felt so honored to represent the state of Georgia.
2. She also made many new friends, including some friends from outside of Georgia. She played a lot of Werewolf.
3. Even with the stress of staying up to write Midnight Reviews, attending emergency officer meetings, and dealing with the insane National Elections that year, Mina was so excited to be supporting GJCLers at Nationals.

OFFICER F SECRETARY

Second National Convention

Officer Meetings, Fall Forum, and the 2018 State Convention

The Aftermath

Adjournment

a. GJCLers, as usual, killed it at Nationals that year.
4. Mina completely lost her voice that convention and was sick for the next two weeks. Both Mina herself and her local delegation found this incredibly funny.

1. Mina met up with her new officer group. She felt less intimidated and soon felt right at home with her group of friends.
2. She became ambitious and began expanding the position of Secretary immediately. Some of her measures were more successful than others.
a. Nevertheless, she tried her best, and with the support of the GJCL behind her, none of her setbacks really felt like failures. She always felt so loved.
3. At Fall Forum that year, she passed on the torch of Host to one of the sweetest, most hardworking souls she had ever encountered.
4. She received a penguin, which was very nearly sacrificed at the 2018 State Convention Officer Skit.
5. As she pinned her successor at the close of the 2018 State Convention, it struck her that this was the very last time she would be attending a GJCL Convention.

1. Mina wrote a very long, but still incomplete, Post Convention (Depression) Post while sobbing.
2. She immediately began making plans for Nationals. She is determined to become a Slasher and come to cheer everyone on (secretly mostly for Georgia) every year.
3. She is someone the little freshman “Latin 0” student; or the sophomore stepping into a riotous, spirited auditorium; or even the junior accepting her position as Secretary; would have never believed they could be.

a. She was also frantically studying for the upcoming AP Latin exam.
4. Mina would like to give her wholehearted and tearful gratitude to the Georgia Junior Classical League. They are her family, her friends, her home, her passion, and her love all in one. She is passing on the torch, now, but the fire of the Classics within her has not yet, and will never, be extinguished.

There will be no adjournment.

N/A



FAREWELLS

HISTORIAN

It's not goodbye, it's see you later

From the moment I walked into my Latin 1 class and up until now, I have despised translating whether it be *Caecilius est in horto* or *arma virumque cano*. I may have lost hours of sleep because of Latin, but through it all, I gained a love for the JCL. Honestly, the only reason why I kept taking the course was because of this organization that is filled with so many types of people. Whether you're a ludi god/ess or a Bryan Wu, there's always something for you.

For four years, the JCL has taught me a lot of things; to yield not to misfortunes, but advance all the more boldly against them, especially when you're playing against Walton and Northview in certamen as a freshman. That where there is unity, there is victory, even when your ludi team is losing to Wisconsin, but the cheer team is still super lit. But not all art is an imitation of nature, because the JCL isn't "dead" like Latin, it's thriving like the deafening E-A-S-T-S-I-D-E cheers and the 2017-2018 GJCL Board. The JCL has taught me all of these lessons, however its most important lesson has been the value of friendship, so I urge you, as much as I am able, to place friendship above all human issues, because the people you meet in the JCL are incredible. The people that you've already met and will meet, will stick with you forever because you all are here for the same reason, your undeniable passion for the JCL.

I've been incredibly lucky to have worked on the state board this past year with my rivals and my peers, and to have come out of it with a second family. Also, to have been placed with the NGJCL that started with 32 classmates my freshman year that soon grew into 114 friends my senior year. I'm thankful for the four short years of memories that the JCL gave me, from my first Fall Forum where I got lost in the maze that's Northview with my certamen team to my last State Convention filled with late night ramen with my cabin and pulling pranks during pictures at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

I may be leaving you all, but I know the passion that ignites the JCL will not, because I've seen the passion and dedication y'all have. So please keep going to the events, maybe even come out to Nationals, because I can guarantee that you'll have the best time of your life. See y'all on the flip s(CL)ide!

Ab imo pectore,
Lucy Ku
2017-2018 GJCL Historian



OFFICER EDITOR

Changing meanings

Although I've always proclaimed that change excited me, I'd be lying if I said that it doesn't frighten me. If that's so, then this year should officially be the scariest year of my life, and in many ways, it was. My experience this year not only as a state officer but just as a more involved member of the GJCL forced me to redefine a lot of terms that are very prevalent in my life, which I thought I had all figured out.

Friendship is one of them. I met more people in the last year than I did in the rest of my life combined whether it was in person or through media. As a fairly introverted person, this really threw me off guard at the start of my term. I expected the communication among officers and other GJCL members to be fairly business-like, but I realized later that if it were that way, a successful JCL would be unachievable. Friendship is the basis of organizations like the GJCL, and its constant formation is what made the GJCL influential to so many people.

I personally also came to redefine what it meant for me to be an editor. Going into the job, I expected exactly what the title implied: editing. Instead, I was tossed the overwhelming responsibility (and so were many other officers) of creating. And this "creating" was not just limited to assembling an *Alae Mercurii* issue. It also referred to the unexpected friendships I would discover as I mass-emailed and texted students I had never talked to before for chapter submissions. It referred to the renewed excitement for past and upcoming JCL events that I could instill into students with an effective newsletter. I only realized these things several months into my term as state editor, and I can confidently say that I was both ecstatic and horrified.

These are only a few things out of many that changed in my life, and I'd like to thank everyone - both students and sponsors - in the GJCL for allowing me to have this enlightening

experience. The amount of relief I feel from realizing that my JCL journey is not yet over is always very comforting and encouraging to me. I may not have been the perfect, ideal state officer, but I'm eternally grateful to all who patiently waited and watched me grow throughout this year. Throughout all of my mistakes and flaws during my term, I was constantly only met with kindness and encouragement by everyone including my school friends, Mr. Farnsworth, the GJCL officer board, and the GJCL committee. I'm sure that without any of these people (and many more that I failed to mention), my year may have gone in a completely different direction, and I would not have learned as much. Thank you, GJCL, for all that you have given and taught me this year, and I promise that next year, I will come back as an improved, but still-learning member who will always try her best to contribute great things to this organization that deserves nothing less.

Semper,
Anika Park

2017-2018 GJCL Editor



FAREWELLS WEBMASTER

Seong's GJCL Experience in Tweets

14 AUG 2014

Started first day in Latin. On the board: salve, vale, quid agis. Teacher promises us this is our first and last day of speaking Latin aloud

20 APR 2015

First statecon! Tried out tests and Latin composition. Made a fleeting house of cards in the cabins.

21 APR 2015

The seniors have an emotional moment at Fellowship. I want to cry and finish my pizza at the same time.

21 APR 2015

After fellowship. I promise myself to dedicate more time to Latin. I want those "life-long friendships" they were talking about

13 MAR 2016

First foray into Certamen with a tourney at UGA. Doesn't go too hot. New goal: answer one toss up

13 MAR 2016

Met Lucy and Michelle at the tournament!

22 APR 2016

Trying out for state webmaster position. Should not have worn a dark gray shirt in this weather/

22 APR 2016

People file out of Hastings. Appointed officer interview time! I say "good luck" to this guy named Kevin

28 JUL 2016

Torrential rain at Nationals. Rivers in the streets! We take our next test soaking on the auditorium chairs.

20 DEC 2016

Mr. David farewell party at a clubhouse. Ippolito's catering, for the tradition. Many hugs.

20 APR 2017

Trying out for webmaster again. Hands are shaking. I try to calm my nerves by the beautiful lake. Geese give me the side-eye.

25 JUL 2017

Love Troy. The fellowships are so much fun, and the other officers are so cool.

26 JUL 2017

Met some wonderful friends from Maryland. In other news: I am terrible at Mafia

27 JUL 2017

The art gallery at Troy is a lovely, air-conditioned oasis.

20 APR 2018

Last state con...

20 APR 2018

Officers meeting at 1. I want to stay awake but my eyes are failing me

21 APR 2018

Are we going to have time to write the skit?? Panic. Lots of speedwalking. The fried ravioli here is good, though.

22 APR 2018

Lots of emotions on the stage.

22 APR 2018

Yay! Nay! The motion barely passes

22 APR 2018

Getting pictures with the other officers. Feels so different from last year. These fleeting years!



MEET YOUR N 2018 -



NEW OFFICERS

- 2019



M E E T

*Daniel Lee, President
North Gwinnett High School*



I'm super stoked for this year! I can't wait to get closer with the board so that we don't have ghosts in our groupchat. I'm really looking forward

to working towards the goals that all the officers wished to accomplish and give the GJCL its best year yet. I can guarantee that Fall Forum is going to be a blast and better than ever before! I know that we as an executive board have a lot to work on, and I'm looking forward to every second working with this great group of passionate JCLers. Meeting new people at this year's state convention was my favorite part so I can't wait to see them again and meet more people throughout the year. As my main goal this year is engagement, I hope to see you all at all of our events. I can't wait to see everyone at Nat Con!

O F F I

THE



*Anika Park, 1st VP
Walton High School*

Hi, everyone! I'm incredibly honored to serve as your 1st Vice President this year, and I look forward to another eventful year for the GJCL. I'm most excited about helping Praetoria run smoothly this year and meeting even more of you in person. I'll always fully devote my efforts to encouraging GJCL membership among local schools and publicizing all the amazing things that the students in the GJCL achieve. I look forward to working closely with many of you personally, and I can't wait to watch all the incredible things that unfold this year!



*Braxton Sizemore, 2nd VP
Thomasville Scholars Academy*

As second vice president, I am so excited to lead the state of Georgia in spirit, especially at national convention! I am also looking forward to organizing the service projects at Fall Forum and State Convention, and helping smaller schools become more active members of their respective communities. I will work my hardest, and I hope to meet as many people as possible at JCL events!

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*Albert Chen, Parliamentarian
Walton High School*

Hey Georgia! I'm Albert Chen and I'm incredibly honored and humbled to be serving as your GJCL Parliamentarian this coming year. I'm going to be a senior at Walton High School (Go Raiders!). I can't wait to get to know all of you GJCLers this coming year and hope to see y'all at Nats!



Hey Georgia! I'm Ann-Marie Abunyewa, and I am super thrilled to be your 2018-19 GJCL Secretary! This year, I am most excited to work with my fellow officers and share with you a most successful year by increasing our social media coverage to further update members with what is happening within our delegation. While in office, I am looking forward to continuing our newsletter program to allow all members to be posted on all things GJCL, updating a Google calendar to receive reminders about GJCL and NJCL events, and getting to meet even more people who share the JCLove!

*Ann-Marie Abunyewa, Secretary
Wheeler High School*

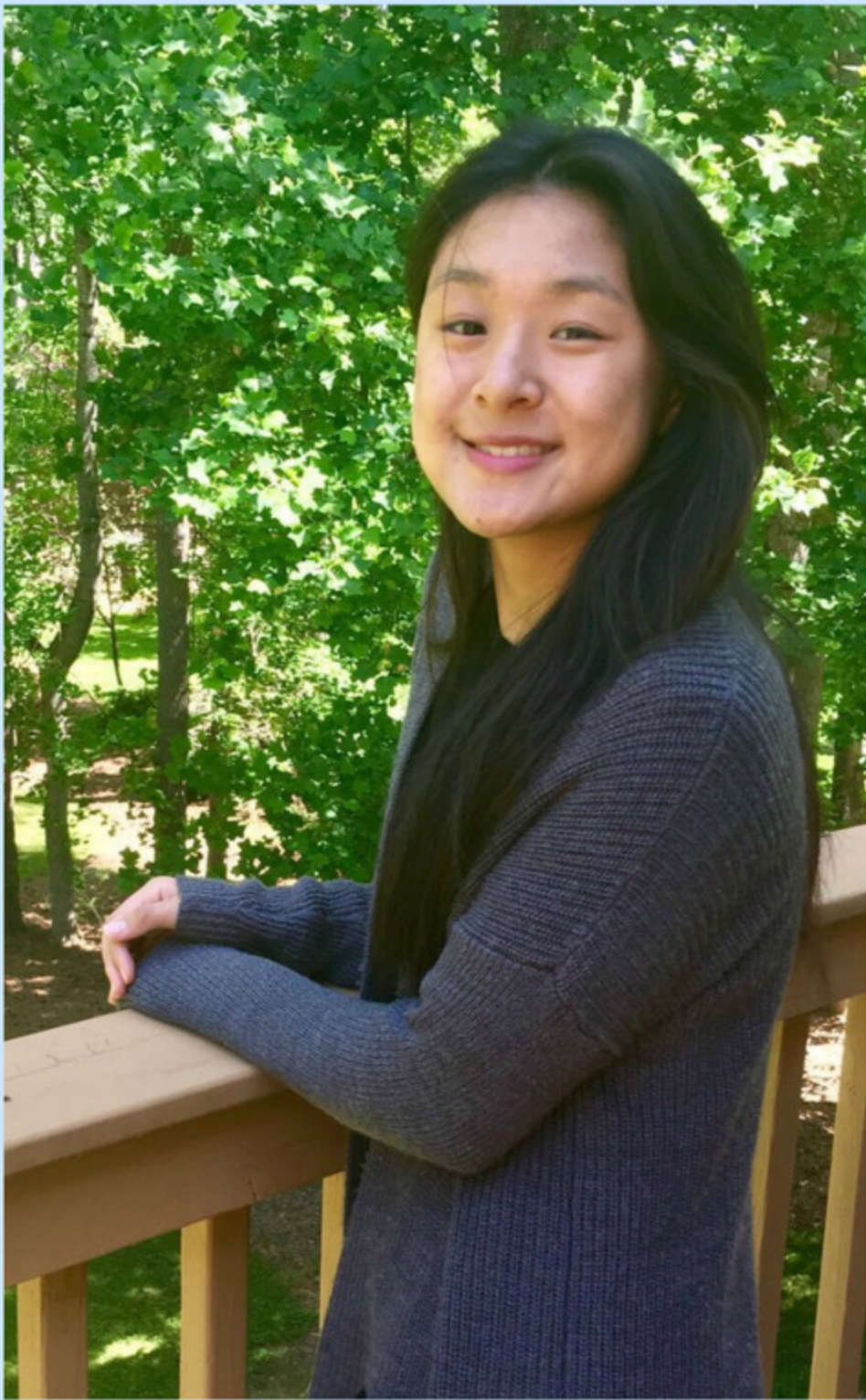
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*Jason Juang, Historian
Alpharetta High School*

I am very excited to my for term this year. I hope I can continue the legacy of what previous historians have done by doing new projects that incorporate more JCLers.



*Vivi Lu, Editor
Walton High School*

I'm looking forward to spread the Alae Mercurii and increase article submissions! With more Alae submissions, I expect that readership and interest will improve even more. I'm also excited to encourage participation in the GJCL as well as interaction between the state and local levels by creating a guide for up-and-coming JCL chapters. I'd like to work with the state board to make the upcoming year incredible.

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*Chase Chiang, Webmaster
North Gwinnett High School*

Though I might be a nerdy little webmaster, what I've been anticipating the most for this upcoming year has to be meeting new people. Whether it's state officers from across the nation or convention attendees from my home state of Georgia, I've always afforded some time for talking to people and learning their stories both in the JCL and outside of it. Still, I am the webmaster, so it wouldn't be right for me to not talk about the website. I'm really excited for the ideas that I have planned, so



stay tuned and watch out for some new pages. Managing the website will be an interesting challenge, and hopefully I can learn a thing or two along the way.



*Blaine Kantor, Hostess
North Gwinnett High School*

Hey Georgia! My name is Blaine Kantor and I am your 2017-2018 GJCL Hostess! I had the honor and privilege of planning State Convention alongside the 2017-2018 Executive Board. I am excited to begin working with the 2018-2019 Executive Board until the end of my term in October. I look forward to another semester with you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

July 23-28, 2018

National Convention

at Miami University, OH
[more information](#)

September 22-23,
2018

Praetoria

at Rock Eagle
[more information](#)

October 13, 2018

Fall Forum

at North Gwinnett High School
[more information](#)

April 12-14, 2019

State Convention

at Rock Eagle
[more information](#)

DEADLINES

July 14, 2018

Bus and spirit fees for National
Convention due

SUBMIT TO THE ALAE EDITOR@GJCL.ORG

1. Increase publicity for your local JCL chapter's events

Chapter Highlights

- 300 - 400 words long
- Include AT LEAST ONE photograph of the event (preferably with captions!)
- Summaries of chapter preparations for convention, member meetings, etc. are all welcome!

Specific Events and Projects

- 400 - 800 words long
- Include AT LEAST TWO photographs of the event (preferably with captions!)
- Summaries of special service projects, JCL socials, celebrations, ceremonies, etc. are all welcome!

2. Submit your creative content to be published in a statewide publication

Creative Content

- Must be related to the classics or JCL
- Must be school-appropriate
- Drawings, photographs, poems, short stories, etc. are all welcome!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT SOMETHING OTHER THAN THESE OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT EDITOR@GJCL.ORG