THE ALAE

NATIONAL CONVENTION AT LAS VEGAS

This year, the GJCL boarded the plane to the University of Las Vegas for the 60th Annual National Junior Classical League Convention! Georgia proudly represented as one of the largest chapters with over sixty delegates and chaperones. National convention granted the unforgettable opportunity to make new friends from all across the nation, compete in rigorous Latin events, and best of all, celebrate the JCL spirit that joins us together.

GJCL delegates earned over one hundred top five finishes in Olympika, Academics, Graphic Arts, and Creative Arts, including several national championships, making it the most successful National Convention in Georgia history. In particular, the Certamen team was outstanding this year. For the first time in decades, a Georgia team had advanced to the finals. The novice team made an amazing debut by placing second, and the advanced and intermediate also placed in the top ten.
JCL SPIRIT

Georgia delegates actively participated in each of the spirit day themes, which included: Retro ad Futurum; Cupid’s Little Purple and Gold Chapel; Can’t Help Falling in JCLove; Waking Up in Roma; and Diamonds are a Roman’s Best Friend. For its dedication and terrific spirit, the GJCL was lauded with a spirit award on the first day.

2014 NATIONAL CONVENTION AT EMORY

After twenty-three long years, the national convention will finally return to Georgia! The convention will be held on the beautiful campus of Emory University and will be from July 28 to August 2. Let’s make this the best national convention in the history of JCL!

“Omnium enim rerum principia parva sunt.”
-Cicero

“For the beginnings of all things are small.”
OFFICERS

Brendan Phillips was formerly the host and parliamentarian and is now in his third term of being a GJCL officer.

President: Brendan Phillips

Vice President: Marquice Wilson

Marquice is a senior at Grayson High School.

Akash Doshi, who majored in Latin at GHP this summer, is senior at Walton High School. His favorite hobbies are Certamen and Clarinet. He is a stud – js.

Parliamentarian/Host: Akash Doshi

Sarah Cover, who previously majored in Latin at GHP, is a senior at Walton High School.

Secretary: Sarah Cover
Lily Wang is a senior at Northview High School and has attended the past three State and National Conventions. She enjoys photography, working on art, playing the cello, and translating Vergil’s Aeneid.

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2013-2014 GJCL

After a successful National Convention, 2013-2014 is looking to be a very promising year for the GJCL! In a new year, fresh ideas and bright opportunities are presented. This year, a new section in the Alae, called the Chapter Highlight, will be featuring local chapters and what JCL activities are occurring at individual schools. We welcome pictures, videos, or articles from chapters that would like to share their progress! We will once again reunite as part of the JCL, the oldest classics organization in the world. Let’s make this year even better than the last!

FALL FORUM

Each year, Fall Forum is held at the school of the current president, and it is a day-long event of contests and competitions, Host/Hostess interviews and selection, workshops, Certamen, athletics, and a variety of activities! It will be held at the Marist School on October 19. If you are a first-timer wondering what the GJCL is all about, attend our first gathering of the year to become involved in the organization and participate in our events! If you are a returning delegate, be prepared to experience the returning sense of excitement for competing, meeting up with old friends from across the state, and the showcasing the JCL spirit!
CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

BROOKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Brookwood High School’s JCL has gotten off to a great start, already having hosted our Ice Cream Social and Fall Picnic. Membership has reached 105 students, and it continues to increase. Certamen practices have begun and the teams are preparing for Fall Forum. A joint event with Grayson’s chapter is currently in the works, and hopefully there will be more in the future. Our JCL has also teamed up with all of the clubs at Brookwood for the “Great Can Challenge,” a two-week service project of canned good collecting in competition with not only Parkview but also each club within the school. Last but definitely not least, one of our own Latin teachers, Mrs. Ashley Allgood, is Brookwood’s Teacher of the Year! We are all excited to continue expressing our Latin spirit and growing as a family this school year, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Forum!
~Maddie Pannell

ATHENS ACADEMY
The Athens Academy held its first Baklava sale to commemorate the eruption of Vesuvius. The baklava sold out, and there are more Baklava sales planned. Athens Academy is also beginning a “Lunch and Learn” series for its Upper School. There will be six days on which students will be able to bring their lunch to a lecture/hands-on activity related to the Classical World.
~Mr. Will Hunter

PARKVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
The Parkview High School JCL has already planned exciting Latin-themed activities to launch the new year! The annual Pizza Party welcomed both new and returning members to the spirit of JCL and entertained the crowd by hosting gladiator fights. Members of audience were invited to participate in the simulation and engage in combat. If students from other chapters are interested in gladiator fighting, Parkview JCL will be presenting a workshop at Fall Forum and provide the opportunity for delegates from across the state to contest in their own battles. Our NLHS has been providing tutoring to students to help reinforce their Latin knowledge and skills and obtain a firmer grasp of the lessons. As part of a service project, the NLHS will also contribute to the Relay for Life chain link to fight against cancer. Finally, Fall Forum is just around the corner, and Parkview is prepared to meet up with the other chapters and have a great time!
~Grace Xu
LECTURE AT EMORY UNIVERSITY
All students and teachers are invited to attend an upcoming talk at Emory University that will be featuring Professor Christopher Krebs of Stanford University. He will be speaking on “The Forgotten Intellectual: Caesar: Conqueror of the Word,” in the third annual Benario lecture, and there will be a reception to follow. Registration is not required and there is no cost to attend.

Time: Thursday, November 7th at 5 pm
Place: Michael C. Carlos Museum Reception Hall on the Emory University Campus (571 South Kilgo Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30322)
Recommended Parking: Oxford Road Parking Deck or Fishburne Parking Deck

If there are any questions regarding this talk, please feel free to contact Academic Department Administrator, John Black at jblack2@emory.edu.
GET INVOLVED

This year, the GJCL received second place nationally for publicity! We’d love to hear from you to be included in the Alae. Submit your local chapter activities and photos or anything you’d like to share with the GJCL to editor@gjcl.org and historian@gjcl.org.