



THE ALAE

October 2013
Volume 8, Issue 2
Georgia Junior Classical League

“In via ad
Forum
iocosum mihi
accessit...”

FALL FORUM

On October 19th, the GJCL held its annual kick-off event, Fall Forum, at the Marist School. Students from all across the state could meet up, enjoy the festivities, and partake in the multitude of activities, including a campus-wide Odyssey scavenger hunt, Certamen matches, and testing and essay competitions. Fall Forum featured special appearances by the NJCL officers and the Texas JCL President.



WORKSHOPS

Many entertaining workshops included the Roman Games Arcade, Certamen Boot Camp, and Green Screen Video-Making. Lively discussions and lectures featured Roman Engineering, Art and Eros, Harry Potter and Latin, Mythical Monsters, and Latin Speaking. The Star Lab, a yearly special feature, taught about mythology and the constellations in a portable planetarium. The crafts workshops provided students with the opportunity to create their own soap sculptures, signet rings, bullae amulets, Greek vases, Roman helmets, millefiori bowls, and wax tablets. The GJCL workshops also shared tips for publicity, running for office, and creating a successful GJCL chapter.



NJCL Officers



GJCL Officers

NJCL OFFICERS

As part of their Fall Planning Meeting, the NJCL Officers attended Fall Forum. GJCL prepared a surprise presentation for them. Each member of the audience held up a piece of paper, which collectively spelled out "J C L" in gold letters with a purple background. The GJCL Officers also prepared purple and gold letters to spell out "GEORGIA", all combining to form a magnificent display of the JCL Spirit. Fall Forum was truly a unique experience for all delegates.

"We are so excited that the GJCL is off to a fantastic start! It was a great pleasure to have you at Fall Forum and we hope to see y'all at State Convention! js."

-GJCL Officers



Welcome to the Marist School!



CERTAMEN TOURNAMENTS

The GJCL Certamen teams are working hard at drilling questions and memorizing Roman history factoids. As shown by their stellar performance at the National Convention, the GJCL Certamen teams are extremely competitive and hope to improve upon their performance even more. This year, there will be eight Certamen tournaments. Upcoming tournaments include the Georgia-Florida Invitational at Northview on January 11th, Blessed Trinity Certamen Tournament on February 22nd, North Gwinnett Certamen Tournament on March 15th, and the GJCL and NJCL Convention Tournaments.

STATE CONVENTION

The GJCL's Annual State Convention will be held this year from April 11-13th. At Camp Rock Eagle, be prepared to relive the excitement of three days full of JCL! Last year, over a thousand students resided at Camp Rock Eagle and participated in the many festivities. If you enjoyed Fall Forum, be prepared for three days jam-packed with activities including all that and more: the Roman Procession, That's Entertainment, Chariot Races, Bazaar, Rent-A-Roman, and more! As usual, there will be all your favorite tests, athletics, and contests. New features this year include the Essay Contests and the Roman Murder Mystery!



GJCL Spirit!



Odyssey Scavenger Hunt

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

DULUTH HIGH SCHOOL

The Duluth Chapter of the Junior Classical League has celebrated Saturnalia by having the officers bring home-cooked goods for the entire club to enjoy. The club had required that mandatory donations were to be made to GSPCA in order to attend the celebration. Continuing the annual tradition of donating supplies to a local no-kill animal shelter, donations were collected for the Georgia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals. Donated items included towels, food, trash bags, and other assortments.

~*Miriam Patrick*



ATLANTA GIRLS' SCHOOL

The Atlanta Girls' School had an exciting Saturnalia celebration, where we had a mock gladiatorial battle and sacrificed a pig cake as part of the festivities.

~*Melinda Burke*



MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Trunk or Treat at Mountain View High School featured each participating club as a favorite board game. The JCL chose to perform Operation for the local elementary students. Dressed up as doctors, they helped the little kids with their large tongs to remove body parts for candy. A fun part about the event: each time a child "hit the side" of the patient, someone in the car honked the horn! This was a great event for big and little kids as well as JCLers, who were all able to learn the Latin names for the bones of the body.

~*Dr. Jaime Claymore*



HOST AND HOSTESS

Each year, a host and hostess are appointed by the GJCL board after reciting a speech and giving an interview, all while dressed in traditional Roman garb. At the next Fall Forum, the current Host and Hostess run the contest and select the next duo. Congratulations to our 2013-2014 Host and Hostess!

2013-2014 HOST:

Name: Elton Lossner

Grade: 11

What do you do as host?

I do announcements at Fall Forum, get the Honor of serving our Latin teachers food, and get pencils for State Convention. Never forget the pencils.

Why did you want to be host? I wanted to help out and become a bigger part of an organization that has shaped me so much throughout high school; it's time I gave back and made sure others get the same legendary experience I have had.

What is your favorite Latin quote? "si vis pacem, para bellum." - Vegetius

If you could have lunch with any person (mythological, dead, or alive), who would it be and why? Aeneas. Maybe some of that pietas will rub off - but not his relationship skills.



2013-2014 HOSTESS:

Name: Ashley Choo-Hen

Grade: 10

What do you do as hostess? I greet the delegations and announce important information at GJCL get-togethers such as Fall Forum and state convention. I also help host the teachers' banquet at convention.



Why did you want to be hostess? I wanted to be more involved with the organization that's such a big part of my life! I love Latin and meeting all of the JCLers!!

What is your favorite Latin quote? "Vivamus atque amemus!" - Catullus

If you could have lunch with any person (mythological, dead, or alive), who would it be and why? Probably Narcissus. I can relate.

TEACHER FEATURE

Interview with Dr. Robert Patrick of Parkview High School



1. What interested you to pursue teaching Latin as a career?

“I have always been interested in languages. I was previously involved in ordane ministry, when I was able to get a job at a religious high school in the theology department. After the Latin teacher quit, the principle knew that I had some Latin in my background and asked me to take on the position, and I did. It’s what I’ve been doing ever since. It was just one of those moments where what I really love as a subject, which is Latin, and what I really love to do, which is teaching, coincided.”

2. Describe your teaching methods and philosophy.

“Well, my philosophy is very humanistic. It’s about who’s in the room, so how I choose to

TEACHER FEATURE

to teach any particular period varies slightly depending upon the students in the room and what they need. It's about building trust and developing your relationships. In my opinion, if you're not willing to do these things, then you won't become a very effective teacher. My methods are very specifically under a theory called comprehensible input. It's very simple in many respects. I show up every day and deliver understandable messages, then everybody in the room will make progress. It's one of the things that I attribute to our no-fail rate in the Latin program at Parkview. Every student is making progress, and all three of us who teach utilize comprehensive input. Our approach has lots of variations, but overall, it's fun for me and it's fun for the students as well."

3. What is your favorite part of teaching?

"It's probably the process itself. By taking the time to think back and reflect where we've been and we're about to go and thinking of the ways that I can deliver the language to my students so that they'll understand it is all part of the planning phase. The actual showing up today and trying what I've planned—well, one of two things happens. It either works or it doesn't, and I learn from both of those. If it doesn't work, then I have to make quick adjustments. If it does work, it's great and fine, and so we continue on with it."

4. What did it mean to you to be selected as the SCOLT Teacher of the Year?

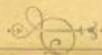
"It was just a great honor and it was very humbling because I'm learning with regional and national teachers of the year. Being thrown together with so many wonderful, gifted language teachers was great, and I'm learning from them and we're sharing ideas. Being selected by my peers, my colleagues and being a thrown into a much larger mix of really wonderful language teachers and it's been awesome and humbling at the same time."

5. Favorite Latin Word: "Magnificus. It implies great, beautiful, and wonderful things all at once. It's a fun word to say and it's a fun word to use to modify different kinds of nouns."

Favorite Latin Author: "Well it has to be Ovid! I did my dissertation on him."

Favorite Latin Phrase: "I like the greeting 'salvus sis/salva sis.' It's a gentle request and wish wrapped up in one. I love being able to greet someone with that sort of well-wishing."

Favorite Roman Historical Figure: "Cincinnatus, because he was given all the absolute powers of dictator, to fight the Carthaginians because Rome was in crisis. He did it so magnificently that the senate wanted him to keep powers of dictator for life, but he refused. That's heroic, for any politician to refuse absolute power. He did what was best for the republic and the common good, even when he could have benefited from it politically. His selflessness is a trait that is lost in even our own society these days. "



STATE CONVENTION CHECKLIST

Registration

- March 25: Regular Registration (\$130 per delegate)
- April 5: Late Registration (\$135 per delegate)

Scholarships

- April 1: Lillie B. Hamilton Scholarship
- April 1: Ralph H. Gavett Scholarship
- April 1: Richard A. LaFleur Scholarship

Pre-Convention Contests

- April 1: Modern Myth Contest
- April 1: Slogan Contest

State Office

- April 1: Papers of Candidacy
- April 1: Teacher Recommendation
- April 1: Picture to Parliamentarian

Recommendations

- April 4: Teacher of the Year Recommendation
- April 4: Student of the Year Recommendation



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.

THE ALAE

