

The Convention Ear

65 (Y)ears of Telling it Like it Isn't



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25 Hour Convention Coverage

From Your NJCL President, Lilia AitSahlia

Salvēte, amici!

WELCOME to the 72nd NJCL Convention at Miami University!!!

The National Junior Classical League officers have been meticulously planning this event all year long and cannot wait to share everything that lies ahead. From losing your voice at Spirit to cheering on jaw-dropping *That's Entertainment!* acts (keep an eye out for the Officer Skit ;)), convention will be sure to create lifelong memories.

After six incredible years as a JCLer, my parting advice to you is to take advantage of everything nationals has to offer. In my experience, the best memories happen unexpectedly. Try Ludi even if you've never played a sport or attend a Colloquia featuring a topic you've never heard of before.

With so much to offer, though, Convention can get a bit overwhelming. Make sure you take time to rest, hydrate, and fuel up for *carpe diem*-ing!

I can't wait to meet you all! If you see me around, please say "salvē"!

Lilia AitSahlia, NJCL President

From Your NSCL President, Jake Presson

SaLvēte, AmiCi!

The Senior Classical League is excited to welcome you to the 2025 NJCL National Convention! In case you don't know what the SCL does you can find us running *That's Entertainment!*, writing *The Convention Ear*, and officiating Olympika and Ludi. You can find out more about us at the SCloquim Wednesday, 11am in Upham 002.

For all our slashers (graduating seniors) you can come play games and eat snacks with us at our SCL mixer tonight at 6:30 in Armstrong Pavilion C. You should also come to our GAs (check Sched for times and location) to find out how to get involved as well as running for office if you are interested.

You should also follow us on Instagram @nationalscl.

SinCereLy,
Jake Presson, NSCL President



From Your NSCL Editor, Monet Shum

Salvēte omnes and χαίρετε πάντες!!

Welcome to the first edition of *The Convention Ear*! I am EARnestly excited to welcome you to Miami University, located in Ohio (which is a state known for leading in production of EARs of corn), for this year's convention. I hope you are ready for some EARly starts to Olympika and Ludi, and for keeping your EARs peeled during Colloquia for the vast array of fun facts coming your way.

Our rEARguard reporting team will be working around the clock to bring you news that will make your EARs perk up. We've assEARted our commitment to delivering news that's both EARudite and EARthshattering. Our staff have bared their souls to bring you content that's crystal cLEAR and never austEARe. We will remain omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and indispensable.

SinCe(a)rLy,
Monet Shum, NSCL Editor



NJCL Officer Reports

Lilia AitSahlia, President

Serving as your president this past year has been incredible! I loved interacting with so many of you, from friendly competitions at Zoom Game Nights to answering your questions during Officer Takeovers on the NJCL Instagram. From Fall Planning to Spring Planning to every meeting in between, I presided over plans for our entire year, including convention, and tried my best to master parliamentary procedure. Some of my favorite tasks this year were creating the Guide to Nationals, implementing Officer Logs, and serving on the Development Committee, as all of these focus on supporting the future of the NJCL.

Welcome to Nationals!



Yukiko Mitchell, First Vice President

I hope you all are having a great summer! Here are some of the major projects I have been working on. I have continued the Latin peer tutoring program and coordinated with Audrey to plan Classicalia and National Classics Week this spring! Classicalia's theme this year was The Odyssey and featured special appearances from Magister Craft, Joe's Odyssey, Dr. Emily Hausner, and two incredible student speakers. Our National Classics Week theme was "Our favorite things: What we love about the JCL!" I am currently working on publishing the 1st VP guide. I am so excited to see you at National Convention around the corner!



Audrey Lin, Second Vice President

Salvēte omnes & aloha! Serving as your Second Vice President for the NJCL has been the greatest honor. Over the past year, I have helped plan Classicalia and organize National Classics Week. I introduced the "First Time Delegate" or FTD tip framework to increase inclusion and accessibility in the Spirit and Service Guide. I organized the National Service Project, collected videos of spirit, and interacted with local 2nd VPs through the Club of the Month contest. Thank you so much to my fellow officers, my sponsor Dr. Pearson, and my mentor Mr. Wegenhart. Your passion inspires me daily! *Multas gratias vobis ago!*



Reesey Lai, Communications Coordinator

Salvēte amici! I'm so excited to get to see you all at the convention and chat with you all! This year I've connected with y'all, helped out my fellow officers (local, state, and national), worked on the accessibility of the website, taught about Non-Convention contests, and did the following:



- Posted for every Non-Convention Contest
- Added three new pages and updated all existing pages on the website
- Led 2 Legamus! Sessions
- Began NJCL Google Space
- Created bi-monthly flyers and newsletters
- Created a minute-taking and website-making guide
- Organized the NJCL FAX and made a deadline calendar
- Judged Website Contest
- and more!

Curāte,
Reesey Lai

Isabella Ochoa, Parliamentarian

I've had the most spectacular year as your Parliamentarian! I still struggle to believe how wonderful this experience has been! I've created Parliamentary resources like the Constitutional FAQs, the Campaign Corner, and an example local constitution all in an effort to make JCL constitutions and election procedures easier to understand. At the Fall and Spring Planning Meetings, I discussed the four amendments with the rest of the Board which will be presented at the Amendments Committee meeting on Wednesday. Finally, I've organized the election process of the convention (which is still the best part of Nationals).



Thanks for everything and warmest wishes,
Isabella

Philip Towbin, Historian

Salvēte omnes! My time as your NJCL Historian has been very productive! I fulfilled my campaign goal of creating zines (mini books) that highlight the JCL's submitted photos for the Photo of the Month contest. Everyone who has submitted a photo for the contest from July to March has their photo in one of the many zines. Additionally, I judged all months for the Photo of the Month contest and created the posts for them as well. Finally, I made sure to keep in touch with the Historians as we met monthly.



Valēte,
Philip

Felix Chen, Editor

Salvēte! Over the course of my term in office, I will have been a part of five *Torch: U.S.* issues, two of which are published in collaboration with preceding or succeeding editors. Collaborating with Jenny, the 2023-2024 Editor, on the post-convention issue got my year off to a running start. Things moved quickly from there: Fall Planning Meeting, the Winter *Torch: U.S.*, Spring Planning Meeting, and the Spring and now the Summer *Torch: U.S.* issues. Throughout, I've highlighted discussion surrounding the past, present, and future of the JCL, as well as the incredible work of JCLers around the nation.



Valēte,
Felix

LET'S GET PERSONAL!!!!!!!!!!!!

For \$1,
write a G-rated note to convention attendees of your choice (or send an ear of corn to *The Convention Ear*).

Send your note to editor@nscl.org with subject line "PERSONALS" or drop a scroll at the NJCL office. Pay at the NJCL office in Armstrong Student Union 1082.

MAXIMUM 250 characters (character count WILL be enforced!)

N.B.: The editor can edit or discard personals at their own discretion, so please be prudent.

Stay Hydrated! Bibe Aquam! Πίε ὕδωρ!

1. Drink copious amounts of water—bring a bottle with you wherever you go, especially if you are competing in Olympika or Ludi.
2. Cool down by staying out of the sun and wearing sun protection (hats, sunscreen, etc.). Go indoors to help regulate your internal temperature.
3. Avoid drinking too many sugary or caffeinated drinks.
4. Know the signs of dehydration, including but not limited to: 1) skin feeling dry, itchy, irritated, or sensitive, 2) headaches, 3) dizziness, 4) fatigue
5. Eat foods high in water content.
6. Get rest at night! Curfew exists for your well-being.
7. Make a sacrifice of three soft-serve cones to Zeus for good weather.

Competing in Olympika swimming?
You should bring Olympika swim gear (including a towel) to GA 1 and walk directly there at the end of the assembly.

Write for the Ear!



Email your submissions to
editor@nscl.org with the subject line:
"EAR SUBMISSION"
Graphics and articles welcome.



NSCL Events



Meet new and old SCLers (Slashers, those who just graduated high school, are also welcome to join!) TODAY at the NSCL Mixer, **Monday July 21, at 6:30pm in Armstrong Pavillion C.**
Don't know what the SCL is? Come to our SCoL-loquia on **Wednesday, July 23 at 11:00am in Upham 002.**

CERTAMEN PRACTICE

Which Roman Emperor had a mullet?

What zodiac sign was Trimalchio, from Petronius's *Satyricon*, born under? In Greek mythology, the creature that became this constellation attacked Hercules during his second task to distract him from killing the Hydra.

This Greek who brought forty black ships to the Trojan War is alleged, in Catullus 68, to have been "sacrificed" for neglecting a wedding-sacrifice during his wedding to Laodamia. Who is this Greek, whose name literally means "first leaper" as he was the first to leap ashore at Troy?

Identify the use of the genitive in the following Latin sentence: "*Cēnam ēdī dē pōculō pānis.*"

This civil engineer was actually quite a renaissance man, and though he was a *novus homo*, he served as consul three times. Who is this author of *De aquaeductu* and *Strategemata*?

The word 'syzygy' comes from the Greek prefix 'syn-' (meaning 'with' or 'together') and a Greek root from 'zeugnumi' (meaning 'I yoke' or 'I join'). What is an English noun that uses Latin roots with the same meaning—one meaning 'with/together' and another meaning 'to yoke/join'?

What are the four qualities of the SCL?

Will you wake up for Marathon?

Responde Latine: Quantum lignum suffossor suffodere posset, si suffossor suffodere posset lignum?

Answers will be revealed in tomorrow's *Ear*, but if you can't wait, buzz in to the editor at editor@nscl.org for big brownie points. They spent way too long writing these questions.