

# The Convention Ear



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



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### Florida JCL M.I.A.

Florida JCL showed up 6.7 minutes late for the FIRST day of spirit. Delegates Alyssa Sohns, Mary Beinemann, and Madeline Deitrich submitted a not-so anonymous tip that they have seen FJCL delegates inserting their AI spirit chips to download their spirit cheers, following orders from NJCL PresAIdent Lilia AItSahlia. FJCL was already spouting their spirit chants as they walked in sync. They came into the room. Not very mindful, not very demure; they were standing on business.

		
It's a bird...	It's a plane...	It's NJCL PresAIdent Lilia AItSahlia flying into GA II

### South Carolina Rebrands as Zouth Carolina to be last in Roll Call

Seeing the success of the rebrand, the *Ear* staff has heard rumors that other states are following suit in order to steal the coveted last spot in the roll call.

Though these have yet to be confirmed, we are hearing rumors of Zillinois, Zindiana, and Zentucky whispered clandestinely over bowls of soft-serve ice cream.

We interviewed some JCLers about this strange phenomenon. Rishi Shah and John Chu from Zarizona cryptically responded to our request for a statement, only saying that “zeugma is spreading.”

Our team of analysts have projected that by 2027 all states will be Z states; well except Texas apparently. We're not quite sure why.



### That's Entertainment! Audition Results

Congratulations to the following delegates for being selected to perform in *That's Entertainment!*

- Hayden Crane, ME
- Jack Czukas, WI
- Emerson Humphries, SC
- Aiden Hill, TX
- Ilina Joshi, WI
- Ishani Joshi, WI
- Mathew Morris, TX
- Laiba Nasir, FL
- Zoe Newton, IL
- Jonah Stahl, FL
- Becket Yowell, TX
- Xuxa Yuen, TX

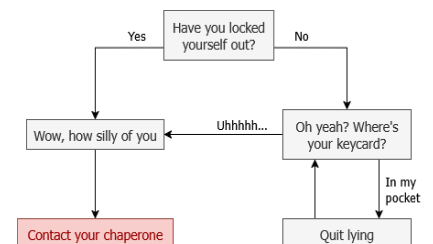
All acts must meet with *That's Entertainment!* staff directly after GA III in the front of the stage in Millett Arena.

### Ludi Napping Results

Congratulations to the following delegates for placing in Ludi Napping by sleeping through spirit and GA II!

- Dr. Arashi Shah, NH
- Peter Jennings, BC

Please take the liberties of sleeping in the back row of GA today.



# Candidates for NJCL Office

Some responses have been altered to meet length requirements—otherwise, they are as given by the candidates.

PRESIDENT

## Reesey Lai, Virginia

Number of National Conventions: 3

Favorite corn/corn-based food? Tortilla chips

What type of bug would you be, and why?

I'd be a ladybug! I get to fly around to all the fun JCL events, and they also represent happiness.

What could you yap about for hours?

All my favorite JCL memories

What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?

I'll work to make JCL more accessible through open forums and educational videos, and grow our community with Loquendas, Epistulae, and more! Learn more: [@reeseey4prez](https://bit.ly/reeseey4prez)



## Courtney Jolly, South Carolina

Number of National Conventions: 3

Favorite corn/corn-based food? Jiffy Cornbread

What type of bug would you be, and why?

A moth; they are majestic and chill and have clever defense mechanisms

What could you yap about for hours? Anything books or grammar

What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?

I hope to achieve nation-wide collaboration via monthly online gatherings and bringing more representation to smaller states



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

## Katherine Buescher, Kentucky

Number of National Conventions: 3

Favorite corn/corn-based food? Cornbread!

What type of bug would you be, and why?

I would be a weevil because they're the most muppet-ish bug and I'm a muppet-ish person.

What could you yap about for hours?

Medical history!

What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?

My goals are to revitalize states and chapters that have been inactive in recent years, as well as supporting stable growth in small and new chapters/states.



## Stella Anderson, New York

Number of National Conventions: 3

Favorite corn/corn-based food? Blue Corn Chips

What type of bug would you be, and why?

A leaf praying mantis! I really like the color green.

What could you yap about for hours? How great the JCL is!!

What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?

I'd like to increase (current and future) JCLers' engagement with the Classics, inside and outside of the organization, and make new friends :)



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

## Emma Kozubal, New Jersey

Number of National Conventions: 3

Favorite corn/corn-based food? Popcorn!

What type of bug would you be, and why?

I would be a ladybug! I'm terrified of all things bugs including ladybugs but from afar they are so cute.

What could you yap about for hours? The Summer I Turned Pretty specifically what team people are on

What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?

I hope to make spirit more accessible and as well have more opportunities for service including a service scavenger hunt and cheap spirit ideas!



## Sophia Kantsevoy, Maryland

Number of National Conventions: 3

Favorite corn/corn-based food? Corn chips!

What type of bug would you be, and why?

A firefly — It's rumored that a million of them inspire whimsy, and I aim to feel that much wonder!

What could you yap about for hours? Aeneid lines 6.309-6.312!

What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?

1. Foster connection between States through a service challenge and a Double-the-Spirit Day!  
2. Make spirit/service more accessible to smaller/newer States/chapters!



COMMUNICATIONS  
COORDINATOR

**Ameera Ramzan, California**

**Number of National Conventions:** 2

**Favorite corn/corn-based food?** Popcorn

**What type of bug would you be, and why?**

A roly poly! They have fun energy and are great companions (plus they can roll)!

**What could you yap about for hours?**

Sacred chicken stories

**What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?**

Accessibility and connectivity through more communication, transparency, and interaction: more info on my insta @ameer-a4coco and my website tinyurl.com/ameera4coco!



PARLIAMENTARIAN

**Kai Benton, Texas**

**Number of National Conventions:** 4

**Favorite corn/corn-based food?** Blue corn chips

**What type of bug would you be, and why?**

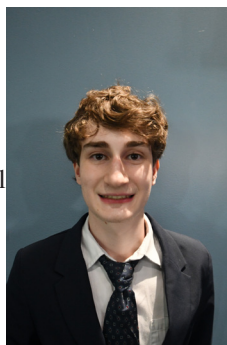
I'd be a praying mantis. They look super cool and don't eat you.

**What could you yap about for hours?**

Certamen!

**What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?**

Constitution in-depth reviews and NJCL candidacy notifications to states.



HISTORIAN

**Aanshi Patel, Georgia**

**Number of National Conventions:** 4

**Favorite corn/corn-based food?** high-fructose corn syrup

**What type of bug would you be, and why?**

I would be a dragonfly! I feel like dragonflies have the most artistic vibes.

**What could you yap about for hours?**

Ranking the 250 pieces in the ap art history curriculum

**What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?**

I want to move POTM due dates to month's end for consistency and create a centralized photo dump so delegates can easily access and share NATCON photos.



EDITOR

**Olivia Chen, Massachusetts**

**Number of National Conventions:** 3

**Favorite corn/corn-based food?** Cornbread

**What type of bug would you be, and why?**

I would be a whitefly so that I could be close to trees and plants and live peacefully with humans

**What could you yap about for hours?**

I enjoy bullet journaling.

**What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?**

I want to expand local and state publications by holding virtual workshops and add an Activities&Advice Corner to the Torch to increase student interaction.



Find out more about the candidates at the Candidates' Corner.

**Addison Drumm, Wisconsin**

[Information not provided in time]



**Joseph Nardo, Tennessee**

**Number of National Conventions:** 4

**Favorite corn/corn-based food?** Chicken Nuggets (specifically Chik-fil-a)

**What type of bug would you be, and why?**

Ladybugs! They seem (at least to me) to be the bug with the least predators. Ergo, I am safe.

**What could you yap about for hours?**

Warhammer 40K (Aeldari)

**What are two things you hope to achieve during your term?**

To create direct Torch Subscriptions and to add a Torch display so other publications are more accessible.



## EXTRA GA TIME

You may have noticed that the GAs have ended well in advance of their scheduled times. This is good news!! We are excited to offer some showstopping ideas to keep things moving.

Should today's GA end early, Todd Wegenhart, NJCL Committee Chair, will lead an impromptu colloquium on the nuances and proper execution of the single clap. Again. [Clap].

If tomorrow's GA does not run to its fullest scheduled extent, NJCL Communications Coordinator Reese Lay will predict the minutes of Friday's general assembly.

If on Friday, GA ends early, the NJCL officers will reenact a full suovetaurilia sacrifice to bring good fortune to the 2026 convention.

## Another Letter from the Disgruntled JCLer

Look, I know I'm not the only one seeing our DEER colleagues breaking the rules. They are out and socializing after curfew. I can't prove it but I'm fairly sure that the VAST majority are under 12 years old AND have left campus. AND WORST OF ALL!!! WORST OF ALL THEY ARE SNEAKING INTO CONSTRUCTION ZONES TO DESTROY CAMPUS PROPERTY! SO MANY other JCLers, like Julia Cox, Rishi Shah, and Jennifer Jones, are corroborating witnesses. Tell me that you haven't seen them TEARING up the grass and CHOMPING on it like the Texas Gorilla before the Texas-sized take-down. Yeah, sure they were probably "hungry" after showing up LATE to the dining hall and not finding food, but that's IRRELEVANT! WHEN WILL THESE GRAZING FIENDS BE SENT HOME AT THEIR PARENTS' EXPENSE?!? WHERE IS OUR JUSTICE AS CODE-ABIDING JCLERS?!?  
-Code-of-Conduct-ABIDING NJCLer

## Ludi Getting-Lost

In an unfortunate series of events, Marathon this morning did not happen due to every single delegate getting lost along the way. The 27-minute, 1.25 mile distance just to get the marathon course at the 7:15 a.m. start time may have deterred some JCL participants as well. Others may have gotten distracted by the nearby horse farm and established settlement there. We asked NSCL Vice President Maxine Mandt to comment on the matter:  
"The real marathon was the marathon we marathoned on the way to marathon."  
SCL members are said to be waving flags along the course in fleeting hope of someone finding their way.





## PERSONALS

Calling all social deduction fans and residents of Ravenswood Bluff!

At 7:30 PM Friday in the Red Zone (Armstrong!) I will be running a couple of games of Blood on the Clocktower. I travelled light, so unfortunately I am only going to be running Trouble Brewing, but if you're interested, drop on by!

Hope to see you there!  
— Czukas, WJCL/WSCL

**\*\*The Editor made an exception to the 250 character limit because BOTC is cool\*\***

I THINK I have found the VI in the Sudoku on page 23 of the Schedule.

Based on a row-by-row solving method with a top-row starting point, it appears to be the 3rd block from the right.

I could be wrong, however.

PS What's the Venmo

PPS Copy this verbatim

Don't forget to

JCLive

JCLAugh

and JCLove

I JCLove you :3

Emma, Oliver, Naomi, and Katy, I hope you are having an amazing convention! Keep up the great work!

- Mrs. Haworth

Anyone know where I can buy a pillow?

- Jake?

Berkeley: I'm so excited to have so many of you at NJCL this year. Keep making memories and making me proud (zeugma!).

- Nora's 2nd Mom

Latin Wife: Perhaps one day NJCL will realize that we are nothing but trouble together. That day is not today. FL<3IN

Vobis gratias ago, Hailey & Rainee from Louisiana for offering the friendly hand of JCL to help us with our bags on Sunday! We appreciate your kindness!

- Mrs. Gagliano from TN

Uxor,

I'm so happy to be reunited with you for the week! Thank's for being a great friend!

- BH

HEY WISCO!

proud of you

Deer fellow NJCLeer,  
[HOooOOoooOooONK. Honk.]  
Sin-deer-ly the Deer Colleagues

JP, you are my favorite official exile.

- MN



# Mullett Arena

## COMPETITIVE CERTAMEN SCORES ROUND 1+2

Novice Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2
Massachusetts Purple	230	175	405
Florida	155	235	390
Texas Gold	245	95	340
Wisconsin Purple	140	190	330
Virginia	210	100	310
Tennessee	60	245	305
Indiana	240	60	300
Wisconsin Gold	60	185	245
Wild Card Gamma	60	100	160
Illinois	60	85	145
New Hampshire	70	60	130
Massachusetts Gold	90	20	110
Maryland	35	35	70
Texas Purple	60	0	60
New York	35	10	45

Intermediate Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2
Wisconsin Purple	80	355	435
Massachusetts Gold	170	250	420
Florida	115	275	390
Massachusetts Purple	130	240	370
Georgia Purple	150	200	350
Virginia	210	115	325
Texas	95	155	250
California	130	85	215
Wisconsin Gold	140	60	200
New York Purple	135	50	185
New York Gold	105	60	165
Indiana	75	35	110
New Hampshire	55	55	110
Tennessee	95	0	95
Ohio	55	40	95
Maryland	35	30	65
Georgia Gold	45	15	60
Illinois	30	0	30

Advanced Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Rounds 1+2
Virginia Purple	345	270	615
Florida Gold	220	240	460
Texas Purple	250	150	400
Georgia Gold	140	225	365
New York	225	130	355
Wisconsin	160	165	325
Tennessee	190	120	310
Georgia Purple	125	170	295
Massachusetts Gold	155	105	260
Texas Gold	155	105	260
California Purple	140	120	260
Massachusetts Purple	110	100	210
Virginia Gold	110	80	190
New Hampshire Purple	90	95	185
Indiana	85	95	180
California Gold	35	120	155
New Hampshire Gold	110	35	145
Maine Purple	85	55	140
Wild Card Alpha	50	55	105
Wild Card Beta	40	65	105
Florida Purple	85	15	100
Ohio	30	20	50
Illinois	10	35	45
New Jersey	10	30	40
Maryland	10	25	35
North Carolina	10	20	30
Maine Gold	0	0	0

## Open Certamen

Curious about Certamen, but intimidated by the intensity of Competitive Certamen? Try Open Certamen—a more laid-back experience welcoming players of all levels of Certamen experience, including none at all! Sign up at this QR code.



JCLers interested in playing should register via this QR code.

## NSCL/ACL Raffle

To help raise funds for NSCL scholarships, the NSCL Publicity Committee is hosting a giveaway with two fabulous grand prizes for JCLers and sponsors alike. Both virtual and in-person attendees are eligible to win signed stage crew shirts, walk-on roles in *That's Entertainment!*, the Iron Fist of the SCL, and more. Thanks so much for your support of the NSCL!



The NJCL is raffling off 100 JCL stress balls for free. Please scan the above QR code (one [1] entry per person) in order to participate for a chance to win.



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# With Every Bear Deer Colleague

