

UVAE VITIS

President welcomes attendees to state competition

Jane Darby Menton

FJCL President

Salvete omnes discipuli linguae latinae!

It's that time of year again. Right after the Ides of April, we Latin students congregate at the Ramada Orlando for a weekend of testing, cheering, studying, and general classicizing. Each year, this is a weekend filled with adrenaline, exhilaration, caffeine, and of course no party would be complete without a good dose of Cicero. This is it! The studying is over, now it's time to compete, and most of all, to enjoy yourselves. You will have many opportunities to both learn and make

new and interesting friends here. I encourage you to participate in Ludi, in Olympica, in certamen. Reach out to those from other schools; you never know when you might form a life long friendship.

We officers have put a great deal of effort into planning this convention so that it might be special for each and every one of you, and it is our dearest ambition that you all have so much fun that even Zeus will be envious (while still adhering to convention rules of course). So study hard, cheer loudly, and decline those nouns!

This convention is going to be replete with insanity, but as Seneca so aptly said, "Nullum magnum ingenium sine mixtura dementiae fuit," there has been no great talent without an element of madness! I hope your forum is fantastic, and I cannot wait to meet you all!

Ab imo pectore,
Jane Darby Menton
FJCL President



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Convention rules posted

Lack of adherence to these rules will result in punishment. Consequences range from, but are not limited to: public humiliation, getting sent home early, discipline meetings, disqualification, and eternal hunger/thirst.

1. Do not make FJCL President, Jane Darby Menton blush.
2. Stay on hotel grounds.
3. Be respectful of other guests.
4. Attend all fellowships.
5. No covisitation.
6. Participate in spirit.
7. First years are friends, not food.
8. Do not harass hotel staff.
9. Spirit checks may not occur between the hours of 10 am and 10 am.
10. No freaking.
11. Do not disrupt a bromance (Gabriel/Connor or Andino/Jackson) in its natural state.
12. Wear modern clothing beneath all *togae*.
13. Do not touch Satriano's head.
14. You must wear a bathing suit in the pool; NO skinny dipping.
15. We ask that you leave your windows open at night for the Friendly Hand of JCL. (kidding!)

JCL Fever hits Orlando, FL

Amber Houston

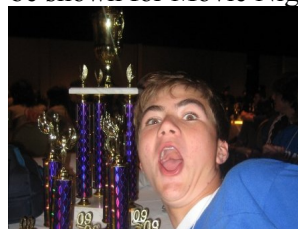
FJCL Historian

Latin students across the state congregate in Orlando, FL to enjoy competition, brotherhood, and a bit of madness.

Students prepare by dressing in *togae* for the opening assembly scheduled for Thursday, April 15. Said FJCL Vice President, Janaki Perera, "I'm looking forward to judging many spirited clubs."

In addition to spirit competitions, students will have the opportunity to participate in testing, Ludi, creatives, scavenger hunts, and mystery tests. The officers and sponsors encourage scholars to review their programs, and attend all events they are signed up for.

Sale of Latin-related goods will occur at the Bazaar. Additionally, all students are encouraged to attend Certamen matches, and officer-organized fun. The dance theme this year is the Mad Hatter's Ball, and the movie to be shown for Movie Night is Disney's *Up*.



Courtesy Photo
Maclay won State 2009.

Students are also encouraged to embody the FJCL theme, *nullum magnum ingenium sine mixtura dementiae*, though they are warned to stay within reason as other guests and other conventions are present.



MEET THE 2009-2010 FJCL STATE OFFICERS



President: Jane Darby Menton



Area of Dorkiness: Anything studiable
Academic Tests: Mythology, Latin Lit
Symbol: Gavel
Quirk: Bakes for every JCL event
Level of Latin: IV
Hates: Spirit at Nationals

Vice-President: Janaki Perera



Area of Dorkiness: Harry Potter
Academic Tests: Latin Literature, Customs
Symbol: Pompoms, Inflatables
Quirk: Plays with hair obsessively
Level of Latin: VI
Celebrity crush: Dr. Who

Secretary: Connor Harrison



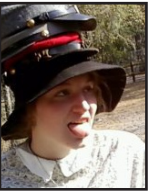
Area of Dorkiness: Mr. David Jackson
Academic Tests: Hellenic History, Empire
Symbol: Shutter Shades
Quirk: Obsessed with Kanye West
Level of Latin: V
Passion: Acting

Parliamentarian: Gabriel Molina



Area of Dorkiness: Science Fairs
Academic Tests: Mythology, Latin Lit
Symbol: Constitution
Quirk: Never smiles
Level of Latin: IV
Doppelgänger: Jacob Black

Historian: Amber Houston



Area of Dorkiness: The American Civil War
Tests: Mottoes, Declamation
Symbol: Camera
Quirk: Spontaneously bursts into song
Level of Latin: III
Hardcore Addicted To: Coffee

Corresponding Secretary: Hillary Clark



Area of Dorkiness: Soccer
Academic Tests: None
Symbol: Waldo Suit
Quirk: Terminally sarcastic
Level of Latin: V
Future: Elementary teacher

Treasurer: Whitney Mendez



Area of Dorkiness: Fashionista-ism
Academic Tests: Prose Comprehension,
Dramatic Interpretation
Symbol: Treasure Chest
Quirk: Always wears matching hair bow
Level of Latin: Advanced
Named After: Whitney Houston

Technology Coordinator: James Chang



Area of Dorkiness: Music
Academic Tests: Greek Derivatives, Greek Lit
Symbol: Laptop
Quirk: Perfect pitch
Level of Latin: VI
Natural Habitat: The Matrix



2010-2011 CANDIDATES

Nota bene: All errors-- grammatical, syntactical and otherwise-- are the products of the candidates' imperfections, and not my own.

Ex Animo, Editor

PRESIDENT

Gabriel Molina



Salve! I'm Gabriel Molina, a junior at Oak Hall, and I am running for 2010-2011 FJCL President. Since my inception as a Latin student in 7th grade, my love of the classics has grown exponentially. I can honestly say that Latin has bettered my life and shaped me into the person I am today. I have proudly attended and competed in every Regional, State, and National Fora since 2006 and plan to attend my 5th National Forum this summer. So much of my time and effort has gone into this wonderful organization and yet I feel as if it has not been enough. This year, I had the honor of serving as FJCL Parliamentarian and this experience has fostered a desire to continue to give back and to serve this program once again. And because of that, I write this, as a candidate for next year's FJCL President.

GPA: 4.0

Course Enrolled: AP Latin Vergil

Conventions Attended: FJCL Convention 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009; NJCL Convention 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

VICE PRESIDENT

Amber Houston



Last year, I humbly approached the masses of FJCLers and asked to serve as Historian, for Latin has so wonderfully served me; unchallenged, FJCL allowed it. I have well enjoyed the position, and have worked relentlessly on our scrapbook over the past year.

It is with the same humble spirit that I ask to serve in a greater capacity—as FJCL Vice President. As I promoted enthusiasm at Nationals 2009 for the sake of good photography, I found my true calling—spirit—and came to be known as “the Spirit Nazi.” I promise to bring fresh ideas, new cheers, and stiff competition for Virginia and Texas.

GPA: 3.5

Course Enrolled: Latin IV

Conventions Attended: FJCL Convention 2008 and 2009, NJCL Convention 2008 and 2009

Richard Wheeler



I wish to serve as an FJCL officer because I have the Leadership Skills and other qualities that are required. I believe it is time for the members to be the ones who decide where the club is headed; without them there would be no FJCL. I am a Boy Scout and currently only two merit badges away from my rank as the highest honor of Eagle Scout; in my troop I have served positions that require leadership and great communication skills. Current statistics show that for every 100 scouts who join, only two ever obtain the rank of Eagle. My path on becoming an Eagle, being a Varsity Swimmer, Sailor, and Runner with my active participation in many other clubs truly show that I have the determination and leadership skills to get things done. Becoming an officer is a duty that I am more than qualified to fulfill.

GPA: 3.47

Course Enrolled: Latin II

Conventions Attended: FJCL Convention 2009

VICE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

Mukundha Sastry



I would love to serve as your officer for the 2010-2011 year simply because I love FJCL and I want to be a part of the immense spirit we create as a community every year at our state fora. Fostering this spirit is an integral part of the Vice President role, and I am willing to take on this challenge whole-heartedly! As a leader in my own community, I am fully confident in my ability to serve in this position. I have no doubt in my ability to break out in the banana dance or call out a spirlt check at any time. With my fun and charismatic personality, I hope to bring a new direction to FJCL and create a fun experience for all of you at state fora!

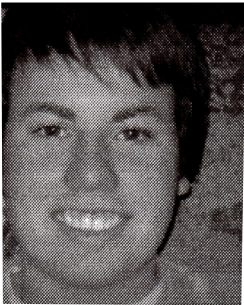
GPA: 4.0

Course Enrolled: AP Latin Vergil

Conventions Attended: FJCL Convention 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, NJCL Convention 2006

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Will Addington



One of the main reasons I want to serve as an FJCL officer is because I think that I could help the FJCL community with my leadership skills. I show my leadership ability during school every day because I am vice president of Melbourne Central Catholic's student government and I am also a Pole Vaulting captain for my schools track team. Another good reason that I should be the 2010- 2011 FJCL Parliamentarian is because I know all the Roberts Rules of Order so I will be able to conduct the business at the FJCL meetings. If I was to be chosen as this year's Parliamentarian I would uphold the FJCL name in my school and throughout my day. I hope that you will support me while I run for this year's Parliamentarian officer position.

GPA: 4.0

Course Enrolled: Latin I Honors

Conventions Attended: FJCL Convention 2009

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mary Kathryn King



It was said of Julius Caesar that he could dictate seven different letters to seven different secretaries, all at the same time. While Julius Caesar was not, perhaps, a perfect role model, his strong will and leadership have always inspired me to challenge myself and to serve others. When faced with a difficult task, I strive to undertake it in such a way as the most famous Roman would have done. For these reasons, and to honor the memory of Julius Caesar, I desire to serve this year's FJCL convention as the State Recording Secretary. I am extremely organized, I have always been a leader, and I love JCL. As Recording Secretary, I will take my job extremely seriously, as I do everything in which I am involved. My organizational skills are outstanding, and I will serve with diligence.

GPA: 3.95

Course Enrolled: Latin II

Conventions Attended: FJCL Convention 2009, NJCL Convention 2009

RECORDING SECRETARY (CONT.)

Madeliene Hanley



To be a part of the Florida Junior Classical League would be considered a high honor to any student who holds a fondness for Latin. I'm experienced in the different responsibilities that are required for an officer to take, due to my own experience as the secretary of the Classical Club at my school. Though this is the first time I've held a position, I've always participated in events that had to do with promoting our club. Despite all the events that weren't successful I still had fun when participating in them, and have always showed up to meetings when it comes to discussing issues that needed to be addressed as a club and asked important questions that pertained to the subjects we were talking about while showing respect to the other club members and club supervisor. I also love working with other people and getting to know them individually especially when we all share a common interest!

GPA: 3.7

Course Enrolled: International Baccalaureate Standard Level Latin

Conventions Attended: First Time State Attendee

HISTORIAN

Alexis Ercolani



Salvete FJCL Members! ! My name is Alexis Ercolani and I have been taking Latin since 2007. I have been eager to seize the opportunity to become a leader in FJCL from the time when I began studying the Roman language. I am vice- president of the JCL MCC Club. I have the leadership ability and potential to grow as a person if elected into office. Above all else, I have the enthusiasm and drive that is needed to keep FJCL on the right course. Please considering voting for me, and if there are any questions please feel free to ask!

GPA: 4.0

Course Enrolled: Latin II Honors

Conventions Attended: FJCL Convention 2009

NATIONAL OFFICE: EDITOR

Amber Houston



While I am also running for Vice President, I should like to enter the fray for National Office. I understand that, if elected to both, I would have to relinquish my position as VP after Nationals, having already served the major components of the position. I have chosen this because I feel it is the best way I can serve the Junior Classical League, neither Florida nor National above the other, but to serve JCL as a whole. I ask that you would bestow upon me the honor of representing Florida in the National Officers and promise that I would do so to the best of my ability and beyond. As Historian I have shown skill, eagerness, persistence, and initiative in the Uvae you read before you. I ask the opportunity to bring those traits to the National stage. Thank you.

GPA: 3.5

Course Enrolled: Latin IV

Conventions Attended: FJCL Convention 2008 and 2009, NJCL Convention 2008 and 2009

Effort, confidence contribute to success at NJCL Convention 2009

Amber Houston

FJCL Historian

During 2009 NJCL Convention, Florida strove, struggled, and shone in all areas of competition.

In the Academic arena, Florida Competitive Certamen teams placed highly.

The Novice Certamen team, consisting of players Mary Kathryn King, Henry Schott, Amanda Evans, and Josh Pincus, won their level.

The Intermediate Certamen team placed 4th, having been shut out of the finals by Texas who went on to take the win. Player, David Stupski said, "We were only one question from beating them in the semifinals." Other players were Jane Darby Menton, Kade Needham, and Bradford Sherman.

The Advanced team faced even more struggle. Said player, Benjamin Van Gelder, "We were against Wisconsin and Virginia, and nervous; Wisconsin had beaten us the year before." Despite the apprehension, the team won their division. Players included Matthew Byrd, Benjamin Van Gelder, and brothers Gabriel and José Andrés Molina. "The Molinas are the goods," said Van Gelder, "They are fantastic Certamen players, and fantastic people.

In Ludi, Florida also placed well. The FJCL Ultimate Frisbee Team made it to the semifinals, and placed 4th. The Volleyball team placed 3rd, and the Coed Relay team placed 8th. In a viciously competitive match against Wisconsin, Florida soccer won.



Photo by Amber Houston
Students bear Florida letters to Spirit.

In State Publications, the 41st issue of the *Uvae Vitis* placed 5th. Volume 41 was created by 2008-2009 FJCL Editor, Jodeci Richards.

Spirit competitions, too, were successful. Lead by FJCL Vice President, Janaki Perera, who introduced themed cheers, Florida won the daily spirit competition the 3rd day of Nationals.

Said FJCL member, Will Warden, "By that very last day, we were still confident; we had a feeling it would be our turn to win-- tired voices and tired bodies included." According to Perera, the cheers were both cleaner and better memorized by the third day.

Warden also said he believes the state keeping confidence was instrumental. "It was amazing how even after the first few days, we still went in there just as loud and spirited as we

were the first day."

Individuals also preformed above an average level. Matthew Byrd, alone, scored 86 points in 18 total contests. Other high-scorers include: David Stupski with 60 points, Mary Kathryn King with 58 points, Jane Darby Menton with 58 points, Jose Andreas Molina with 56 points, Benjamin Van Gelder with 50 points, Lynn Killea with 40 points, Gabriel Molina with 38 points, Ernest Theurer with 34 points, Matthew Anderson with 34 points, and Maurice Boetger with 32 points,

This effort resulted in a good year for Florida, according to Warden.

SHOUT-OUT BOX!!!!!!

Meet Mr. Adam Mize. Not only is he the teacher at Satellite High School, he's the Vice President of the Classical Association of Florida. What does that mean, though? Mize (read: babys-ficers, keeping ductive, and all issues that during an venton, too, everything manages Aca-Creatives in-the people in-that informa-translation? He is basically running this convention, as you read this. Demi-god? At least. So if you happen to see him in the hallways, tell him "gratias tibi ago," from the bottom of your hearts.



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--The Officers

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