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A message from your
State Editor.

Salvete amicii!

My name is Alex Morgan, and I am your new LJCL State Editor. I am sure that most of you haven't met me, but I hope to meet all of you. I am very excited to be editor, and I want to make the torch as orderly and reader-friendly as possible. I also encourage all of you to subscribe to the Torch LA for the exclusive subscriber-only content such as board the members' bios.

Anyway I hope you enjoy reading the Torch LA!

A Message from your LJCL President

Salvete, Omnes! This is Ann Nguyen here, and I am honored to be serving as your 2017 – 2018 LJCL President. I simply cannot wait to see what the future holds for us this year! As president, I plan to pump up JCL spirit and increase love of the classics all across the state, and I believe that with your help, we can make this the best year in LJCL ever! The first favor I ask – the first step to an amazing year – is of newly elected presidents to email me, so we can get started on communications. All of you are, of course, welcome to email me anytime about any questions or concerns you may have at ljclpresident@gmail.com. Thanks for subscribing to the Torch and reading these words of mine. I am so excited to see all the amazing things we can do!

Vos amo, amici, et videbimus vos
mox!

National Convention and The LJCL Side Trip

Nationals will go from July 24 to July 29. The LJCL side trip to state convention will be from July 21 to July 24.

The side trip will consist of fun activities like swimming at the Gulf Islands National Seashore, touring the Jasmine Hills Gardens, visiting the Montgomery Museum of Fine Art, and spending a day at a water park.

The deposit for the trip is due to Mr. Gilchrist by May 1st, and the balance payment is due July 1st. Email Mr. Gilchrist for more information at:

robertgilchristlatin@gmail.com

Upcoming events

National Classics Week– April 21 to April 27

Nationals Spirit meetings– June 17 & 24, July 8 & 15 (for everyone going to nationals)

National Convention– July 24-29 (July 21– 29 if you go on the LJCL side trip)

It's almost time for National Classics Week!

National Classics Week is an event held every year by the National Junior Classical League. The goal of National Classics Week is to help raise awareness for both the Classics and JCL while having a great time with your fellow JCLers!

Throughout the seven days of National Classics week there will be a different theme based off of this year's motto, "Omnis ars naturae imitatio est", each day. The overall theme this year is the celebration of the nine Muses, excluding Polyhymnia and Erato.

Each task completed will be worth 150% of the publicity points at convention.

There is also a challenge to Post a picture of some members in your delegation holding up a National Classics Week sign to Instagram with a creative caption using the hashtags, #jcl and #ncw2017 and tagging @louisianajcl. The winners will be reposted to the LJCL instagram and featured on twitter and facebook

Friday, April 21

Theme- Clio, the Muse of history.

-Publicity

Hold a party or celebration in honor of Rome!

Plan an event that teaches classical history.

Share your chapter's history over the years with your school.

Saturday, April 22

Theme- Euterpe, the Muse of music, song, and lyric poetry.

-Publicity

Write a song in Latin, Greek, or English to promote the classics.

Visit a local middle or elementary school to present your song and the joys of studying the classics.

Put on a skit or puppet show to teach mythology.

Let students draw their favorite mythological figure or write their own song about National Classics Week.

-Service- Hold a fundraising activity at a local bookstore or coffee shop. ☑

Donate the proceeds to a local school's music/fine arts department or an organization like Musicians without Borders.

Sunday, April 23

Theme- Terpsichore, the muse of dance.

-Publicity

Visit a nursing home and put on a dance for the residents.

Put on a classical play as an event at your local library to engage children's interest in the classics early on.

Monday, April 24

Theme- Thalia, the muse of comedy, Pastoral poetry, and Idyllic (rustic) poetry.

-Publicity

Create classics-related cartoons, and post them around your school or submit them to your local newspaper.

Hold a caption contest using mythological statues and art on social media

-Service- Hold a workshop after school to write get well cards for patients at a local children's hospital.

Tuesday, April 25

Theme- Melpomene, the muse of tragedy or lyre playing.

-Publicity

Hold a creative writing contest that continues a classical myth, such as one creating a thirteenth labor of Heracles.

Make social media posts to raise awareness about the tragedy of our environment.

-Service- Plan a day of tree-planting at your school or local park.

Clean up your school, a local park, or a community garden.

Visit your local animal shelter to help.

Wednesday, April 26

Theme- Urania, the muse of Astronomy.

-Publicity

Make posters explaining the links between our solar system and the classics. Add the JCL logo and post them around your school.

Invite an astronomy Professor to lecture and publicize it to the community.

-Service- Hold a student-led astronomy lesson at a local school to teach the names of the planets, moons, and constellations, and how they are related to the Roman gods and goddesses.

Teach the myths behind the constellations

Thursday, April 27

Theme- Calliope, the muse of epic poetry.

-Publicity

Write to your mayor, governor, and senators to give a government proclamation to recognize National Classics Week.

Explain what your chapter did to promote the classics, and how studying them and being in JCL has impacted you.

Publicize all the fun of National Classics Week to encourage participation next year!

Service- Hold a book drive in your community: novels and short stories, ACT/SAT prep books, AP review books, and books from English class.

Donate all the books to a local public library to pay it forward for others!

State Convention Highlight Gallery



Classical Trivia and Jokes!

Answer These Classical Questions to reveal a hidden message from the editor!

Who was Rome's most Senecal poet?

1 9 5

During what Roman festival do patricians and plebeians alike run wild with goat hides?

20 2 6

Which Roman emperor's fiddle music was so bad that Rome caught on fire?

 14 11 16

Apart from Octavian and Lepidus, who was the third member of the second Triumvirate?

 17 21 12

What is the Latin name for the Greek god of wine?

3 18 13


Who was the Greek goddess of hearth and home?

19 4 10

Who was the second emperor of the Julio-Claudian Dynasty?

15 7 8

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a chapter Torch email me at:

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LJCL website at:

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