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**NATIONAL
CONVENTION:**

JULY 27TH -

AUGUST 1ST

**TRINITY UNIVERSITY,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

THEME FOR 2015:

TU NE CEDE MALIS,
SED CONTRA
AUDENTIOR ITO.

*(Yield not to
misfortunes, but
advance all the more
boldly against them.)*

SALVETE, OMNES!

Hello to all Latin students out there, my name is Jacob Summerville, and I am your Editor for the 2015-2016 LJCL. I thank all of you for electing me for this position, because I strive to use creative writing when I'm talking about the classics.

This year, I want to connect with every school throughout Louisiana, from my own school to smaller schools around the state. I'll try to see what I can do to help everyone feel like they can be a commitment to our state Torch (*see page 18 for more information*). I'll see what I can do through my creative writing and my heavy passion for Latin to try and make this year one of the best years that our state has ever had. I know that the state officers and I are more than excited to spread the works of the classical figures of the past, and we hope our enthusiasm can reach out to you too.

Other than that, I hope you enjoy the rest of this school year, enjoy the ancient languages, and enjoy the rest of this Torch!

INTRODUCING THE OFFICERS

Name: Aastha Gupta

Office: President

School: Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Current Level of Latin: III

Taking Latin IV next year

Why do I love Latin?

Latin is super cool and where else do you get to read poems about failed love attempts and stories about people turning into trees?

My favorite movie is...

Big Hero 6 :D

I can't live without...

Chocolate chips pancakes because they are awesome

What Hogwarts house am I in?

Gryffindor. I'm not brave in that I like to do daring things, but I'm brave enough to go out of my comfort zone and do things like run for LJCL president XD

What bender am I?

Water bender





Name: Natalie Bush

Office: 1st Vice President

School: St. Joseph's Academy

Current Level of Latin: Latin III

Taking AP Latin next year

Why do I love Latin?

I owe my friends, knowledge, well-roundedness, appreciation for history, love of art, and motivations to Latin. This wonderful language is so classic (*no pun intended*) and will truly remain precious for generations to come. No other culture matches its richness in every aspect, making Latin one of my passions.

My favorite movie is...

Forest Gump

I can't live without...

Coldplay because their diverse music can always match my mood and every song tells such a vivid story. Music in general...

What Hogwarts house am I in?

Slytherin (*please don't hate*)

What bender am I?

Water bender

Name: Rachael Edmonson

Office: 2nd Vice President

School: Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Current Level of Latin: Latin III

- *Taking Latin IV next year*

➤ **Why do I love Latin?**

- It's the bomb.com

➤ **My favorite movie is...**

- Forest Gump, Princess Bride (*the book is better*), The Lion King, and Saving Private Ryan (*sorry there's a lot... I love movies*)

➤ **I cannot live without...**

- The beautiful mind of Agatha Christie and her superb mysteries because they are some of my favorite books, and they always keep you guessing!

➤ **What Hogwarts house am I in?**

- Ravenclaw

➤ **What bender am I?**

- Air Bender (*because a test told me so, and they have lots of spirit!*)





Name: Krystyna Gotberg

Office: Secretary

School: C.E. Byrd

Current Level of Latin: Latin III

Taking Latin IV next year

Why do I love Latin?

I love Latin because you can completely be yourself with these people and you don't have to worry about being judged. It's sort of, well is, amazing.

My favorite movie is...

Breakfast Club

I cannot live without...

My phone... I do have a social life

What Hogwarts house am I in?

Slytherin because they like to "slytherin" to drama... like me

What bender am I?

So I apparently look like a water bender

Name: Thiru Vinayagam

Office: Parliamentarian

School: Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Current Level of Latin: Latin III

Taking Latin IV next year

Why do I love Latin?

Latin helps you academics; it helps you understand other languages, and it brings people together.

My favorite movie is...

Titanic

I cannot live without...

Technology because it keeps us interconnected and able to communicate with people who are nowhere close to where we are.

What Hogwarts house am I in?

Ravenclaw

What bender am I?

Fire bender





Name: Alicia Briones

Office: Historian

School: Hahnville

Current Level of Latin: Latin II

Why do I love Latin?

It was the building block to the world today and because I feel like I fit in with the people who love it too.

My favorite movie is...

The Lion King

I cannot live without...

Art because it is my passion and hobby, and I would be lost without it

What Hogwarts house am I in?

Ravenclaw

What bender am I?

Fire bender

Name: Jacob Summerville

Office: Editor

School: Catholic High School

Level of Latin: Latin III

Taking Latin IV next year

Why do I love Latin?

Latin runs in my family because all of my siblings took Latin. I think it has something to do with the red hair...

My favorite movie is...

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

I cannot live without...

Muse (*UK band*). I know every song and can name a song if you only play 5 seconds of it. They inspired me to do what I love; one of those things is Latin.

What Hogwarts house am I in?

Ravenclaw

What bender am I?

Earth bender





Name: Joseph Sotile

Office: Technology Coordinator

School: Catholic High School

Level of Latin: Latin II

Why do I love Latin?

Latin is so universal. From the structure of our government to the literature we read, the rote can almost always be traced back to the civilizations that used Latin.

My favorite movie is...

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 (*I saw the midnight premiere and 5 times in theatres; the book was better*).

I cannot live without...

Adele and cookies because honestly, without them, what would be the point?

What Hogwarts house am I in?

I am in Ravenclaw: "*Wit beyond measure is a man's greatest treasure*" (*Yet another reason why I took Latin*).

What bender am I?

Earth bender, not because of my personality, but because who wouldn't want the nickname "*Earth-Shaker*"?!



A Message from you LJCL President,

Aastha Gupta

Salvete omnes!

My name is Aastha Gupta, and I'm your 2015-2016 LJCL President! First of all, I'm so honored and grateful that you elected me. I can't wait to make this year the best one yet! This year, one of my goals as president is to work with the state and chapter officers to help our LJCL delegation grow. I truly believe that love for the Classics promotes enthusiasm, inspires dedication, and enriches our total growth. With your help, we will make our LJCL the biggest it has ever been. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to email me at ljclpresident@gmail.com.

Gratias vobis ago!

Board of INSPIRATION

*Inspiring past and present
generations since the origins
of Greece*

**Faber est suae quisque
fortunae.** *(Every man is the
artisan of his own future.)*

Appius Claudius Caecus

**Aequam memento rebus in
arduis servare mentem.**

*(Remember when life's path is
steep to keep your mind even.)*

Hoarce

Forest fortuna adiuvat.
(Fortune favors the brave.)

Terence

Serva me, servabo te. *(Save
me, and I will save you.)*

Petronius Arbitr

Si vis amari, ama. *(If you
wished to be loved, love.)*

Seneca

A Message from the Technology Coordinator, Joseph Sotile

Hey guys! My name is Joseph Sotile, the 2015-2016 LJCL Technology Coordinator, and I feel like it has been forever since I have seen your sleep deprived faces at Convention. I look forward to seeing everyone's faces at all of our LJCL events thought the year! Oh, you don't know when/what the events are you say? That's ok! On the new LJCL website it has all of that information and more!

Our website address is louisianajcl.com. Also, while you're on the web, like our Louisiana Junior Classical League Facebook page! For any suggestions, ideas, or comments please email me any time at technologycoor@gmail.com

Gratias!

Quick Reminder from LJCL Parliamentarian, Thiru Vinayagam

Anyone who wants to be on the constitutional committee can still sign up by contacting me at roman.vinayagam24@gmail.com.

LOUISIANA CLASSICS WEEK CYBER CHALLENGE

From April 19th - 25th, schools in Louisiana can participate in the first ever National Classical Week competition. The purpose of this upcoming week is to spread appreciation for the classics. For each day, there will be a specific task the participant(s) will have to complete. To earn points for your school, a picture should be taken that includes everyone participating in that activity. It is encouraged strongly for different schools to work together. **If two schools do work together, one person can submit that picture for each school** (*just include the names of both schools*). To submit a picture, you have three choices for submission:

1. *(Preferred)* Upload the pictures onto the LJCL Facebook Page using **#LouisianaClassicsWeek2k15**
2. *(Preferred)* Upload the pictures onto your personal Instagram using **#LouisianaClassicsWeek2k15**
3. ***(Last resort)*** Email the pictures to the LJCL President, Aastha Gupta at ljclpresident@gmail.com

The winner of the challenge will receive a **super special secret prize** at Fall Forum (*Trust me, you want the prize!*)

THEMES FOR LCWCC

(Louisiana Classics Week Cyber Challenge)

Monday: **Get the word out!**

- Use poster around school, school announcements, or some personal and very very legitimate testimony about the awesomeness of Latin, Greek, or the classics in general from a club member or teachers.
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Tuesday: **Birthday Party!**

- Sing songs in Latin, celebrate a day by decorating cakes or cupcakes with classical undertones. You could also write cards, but do something birthday related as well as classics related.
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Wednesday: **Recruitment!**

- The purpose is to tell anyone unaware of the enthusiasm and grand effect of Latin about why they should take Latin when they are in high school. This can include your siblings or any elementary school.
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Thursday: **Games Day!**

- Host a mini-olympika, or simply play board games with you Latin friends
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Friday: **Service!**

- What this calls you to do is to pick up trash in a toga, or walk the dogs in a toga; do something for the community in a toga!

Grading Criteria

Five points for each event:

- Relation to classics/theme of the day
- Creativity
- Practicality of activity/how well did it show off the classics
- Percent of the club involvement (*based from the entirety of the week*)
- Participation with other schools

TOTAL POINTS PER DAY: 25

TOTAL POINT FOR THE WEEK: 125

PHOTO GALLERY FROM LJCL CONVENTION



Who can forget 'shark man'?



Gaven acting like a bold, belligerent butterfly.

IN KNOWLEDGE, TRUTH, AND FELLOWSHIP, WE'RE GROWING EVERYDAY..... THE FRIENDLY HAND OF J. C. L. AIDS IN EVERY WAY.....



Arkansas, we will remember you!



Cream of the crop!

-Randy Savage

SOME MEMORIES FROM OLYMPIKA AND PROCESSION



One last thing I want to add in future additions of the Torch is a section dedicated to the readers, you guys. You can submit anything from pictures, poetry, short stories, cartoons, etc. that you yourselves made. Don't submit anything that you didn't make, that is plagiarism! I don't know how well this will work out, but if you have something you want to be in here, email it to me at ljcleditor@gmail.com.

THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TORCH COMING SOON THIS SUMMER IN JUNE 2015!

VALETE OMNES!

