

# TORCH: LA

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**NATIONAL  
CONVENTION:**

**JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> -**

**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:roman.vinayagam24@gmail.com).

## LOUISIANA CLASSICS WEEK CYBER CHALLENGE

From April 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:ljcleditor@gmail.com).**

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

**VALETE OMNES!**

