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THEME FOR 2015-2016:

UBI CONCORDIA, IBI
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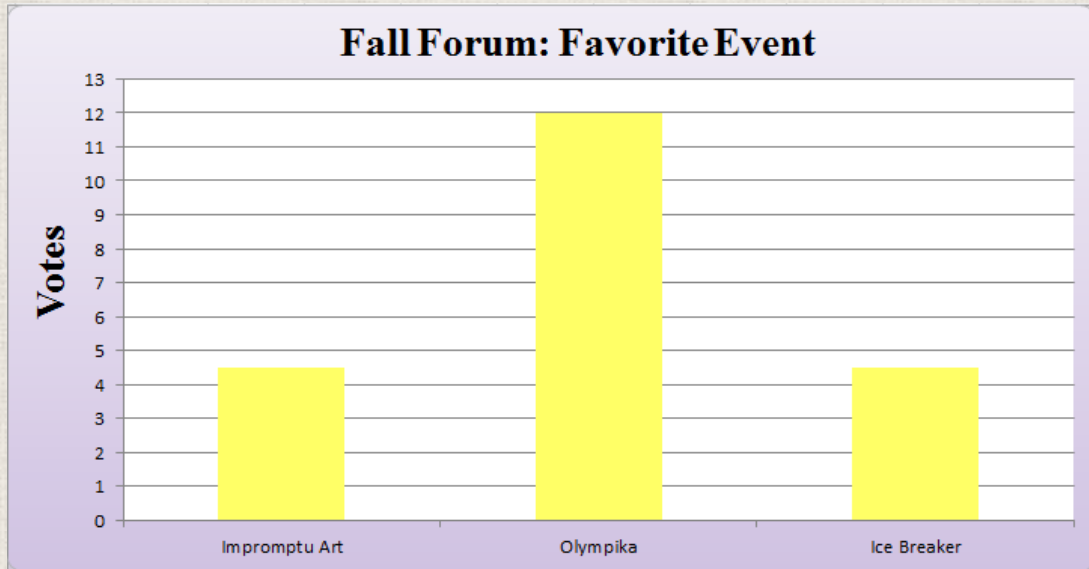
*(Where there is unity, there is
victory.)*

SALVETE, OMNES!

So it's time for exams, time for the holidays, and time to decide what the New Year's Resolution is going to be, but is there a place for JCL? Of course! Although there are no major up-and-coming events, it's never too early to start getting prepared for convention, and it's important to stay up to date with other side events happening during this time. Things like the Jean Drive, State of the Season, and the Individual Publications Contest are currently open for competition, and it's so easy to get your delegation involved. Believe it or not, Convention is exactly 90 days away. That might seem like a long time from now, but it's going to be here before you know it!

FALL FORUM POLL

So as some of y'all remember, I sent out a poll asking what your favorite part of Fall Forum was. Given the options of Impromptu Art, Olympika, and the Ice Breaker, y'all gave me the feedback to create this graph. This is a good collection of what y'all thought of it:



Q: Why is there a half vote for Impromptu Art and Ice Breaker?

A: Because there was 'That Guy' →



CLUB OF THE MONTH

As a state, we want to win State of the Season. Since it's nearing winter break, a good idea for promoting the name of JCL is to work for the less fortunate this holiday season. Not only will you be promoting the name of JCL, but you'll also bring happiness to someone in great need! Submissions are due by December 20th, and I will send out the link for submissions once it becomes available. Bring joy to someone this holiday season!

REMINDER FOR DELEGATION PRESIDENTS

If you have not done so already, please send the name, email address, and the offices of all officers in your delegation to Aastha Gupta at ljclpresident@gmail.com!

INDIVIDUAL PUBLICATIONS CONTEST

Wake up JCLers, it's time to show off your enthusiasm for our Individual Publications Contest (*loud applause*)! For those who aren't familiar, this contest invites all of you to write a fun and creative poem or essay about Latin, Greek, JCL, or the classics in general. The guidelines are simple:

- Must be about 200-400 words
- Must be typed and double-spaced
- Must have title at the top of the first page
- Must have a bibliography
- Requires a works cited page (*if information was taken from another source*)

This contest will count as a pre-convention contest, and those who place first through fifth will receive points that go towards the Creative Arts Sweepstakes contest.

Along with your writing, there should be a cover page that includes the following:

- Paper's Title
- Name of student, sponsor, and school
- Grade level of student
- Level of Latin in which student is enrolled
- Signature of JCL Sponsor

There will be more information on how this contest will be graded in the next edition of the Torch: LA. As long as you make sure that your grammar's correct, there are no typos, and you put your heart and mind together to write this, then you have a great chance of seeing yourself as the winner!

If you write a publication for the contest and send it to me at ljcleditor@gmail.com, please indicate whether or not you want your submission to be in a later version of the Torch: LA.

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The most useful piece of learning for the uses of life is to unlearn what is untrue. *Antisthenes*

No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man. *Heracitus*

We have two ears and one tongue so that we could listen more and talk less. *Diogenes*

JEAN DRIVE

Our Jean Drive is still active! Get your delegation to start collecting used jeans to donate to your local Aeropostale for points at Convention. More information will come in a later edition of the Torch: LA.

POETRY SLAM

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There are only two people who can tell you the truth about yourself- an enemy who has lost his temper and a friend who loves you dearly. [Antisthenes](#)

Wellbeing is attained by little and little, and nevertheless is no little thing itself. [Citium Zeno](#)

I know that I am intelligent, because I know that I know nothing. [Socrates](#)

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for. [Epicurus](#)

A JCL Experience *(By: Jacob Summerville)*

Pulse racing, energy filling,
everyone cheering, stress
releasing, agony
decreasing. Everyone sits,
and I do as the Romans do.

Here a creed, a song, a
story of the year that's
passed. Meeting others,
and greeting our Roman
brothers. Test takers,
athletic players, and talent
performers, all are here.

Dancing, jumping,
moshing, talking, laughing,
and sleeping. Get up.

Running,

cheering, sharing, caring,
awarding, remembering,
and crying. The person
next to you seems
irreplaceable; like the
sound of the 'I's and the
'nay's that we so long to
hear. And the roll call skits,
and the certamen, and the
art show, and the
Olympika, and especially
the spirit. Big surprises
come in little packages;
open these packages, and
make them into an
unforgettable experience,
a JCL Experience.

Growth *(By: Jacob Summerville)*

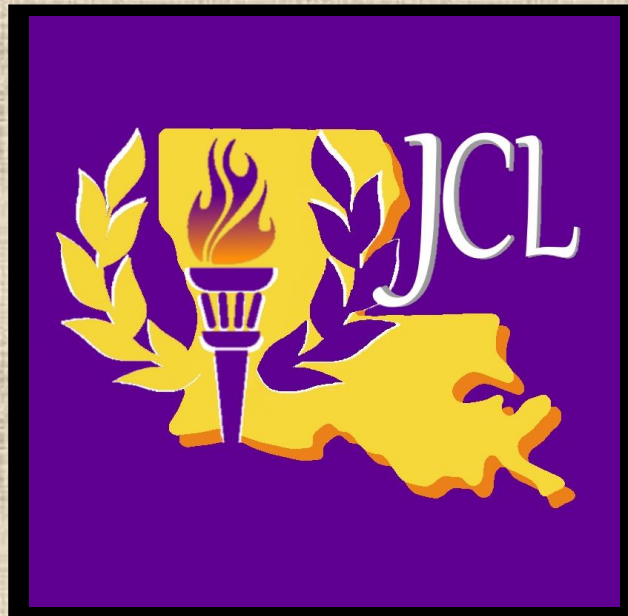
I will be real; this is me. As I
observe the earth beneath my
own feet, I will fight for what I
am and will not pity my
character till the day I pass. My
beliefs, which are rooted
deeper than the city of
Pompeii, have risen from my
mind, and have changed all
who wished to be changed;
healed all who were hurt; found
all who were lost. The ground I
stand is not the turf given to
me, but the ground that I can
be at peace with. Firm roots
cannot grow on fake ground; a
true fruit, such as the one that
comes through literature,
cannot be grown in inept

conditions. Henceforth, the
fight for a clearer mind
remains germane. As I
strengthen this ground, my
own philosophy starts to
unfold; the fruit formed from
my ground nourishes those
around me, and my true self
emerges from the deepest
roots of this authentic soil.
And with no regrets, I let my
words linger, knowing that
one day, beneath the ashes,
my flame will remain small but
active. When I pass, the ashes
recycle itself for the success of
something bigger, something
better.

I WISH EVERYONE THE BEST OF LUCK FOR THE UPCOMING EXAM STRUGGLE, BUT DON'T WORRY; THE HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO VISIT US ON TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM @LOUISIANAJCL AND LOUISIANA JCL ON FACEBOOK.

VALETE OMNES!



If you would like to submit an original piece of poetry, literature, or art for viewing in the Torch: LA, contact me at ljcleditor@gmail.com.