



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT!

This Year's theme is:

Just Keep Swimmin'



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Fall Forum— The Vesta Edition

An Address from Your NCJCL President— Aislinn Niimi

Dear NCJCLers,
As colorful leaves and pumpkin flavors abound, we gather for Fall Forum at the beautiful UNC Greensboro campus. For some of you, this is a familiar routine. For others, it is your first time. Fall Forum always brings me joy because it is the start of the JCL season.

After we explore Classics Day, feast in the UNCG cafeteria, play some certamen, and reconnect with friends, we return to our clubs, inspired to have a great year and looking forward to State Convention.

I remember my first Fall Forum seven years ago, when I was in fifth grade. Spirit was overwhelming, and the JCL creed and song

didn't mean anything to me yet. As the day went on, I was impressed by everyone's enthusiasm and knowledge. My team was destroyed in certamen, and I was so disappointed. But now I look back on that day with fondness, because it was my first exposure to the game of my dreams.

I encourage you to make the most of Fall Forum this year, whether it's your first, your last, or any number in between. I hope you explore the wonderful Classics Day booths that the UNCG Classical Society has worked so hard on, and maybe challenge your friend to a gladiator fight.

In addition, your NCJCL officers are hosting workshops to help familiarize you with some aspects of JCL. I sin-

cerely hope you attend one and learn more about the man opportunities JCL offers. My workshop, "How 2 JCL", will cover ideas for service and publicity projects, as well as social activities for your club.

Last, but not least, I hope you try participating in the Mock Certamen competition, a just-for-fun round of Latin quiz bowl. If you are disappointed, like I was my first year, keep in mind this wisdom from The Aeneid: "forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit" (perhaps it will please us one day to remember these things).

Thank you for coming to the 2019 Fall Forum. Let's have a great year!

Ex animo,
Aislinn Niimi

Did You Know?

Every year on October 4th, the Romans celebrated a harvest festival named Cerealia, which they dedicated to Ceres, the goddess of grain. They would often give their first harvested fruits and meat to the goddess as a sacrifice. In a way, this was the first Thanksgiving in history.

The word "autumn" is derived from the Etruscan root "autu," which references a passing year; later the Latin word *autumnus*. It suggests the "drying-up" of a season or the "waning of summer."



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cerealia>

<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autumn>

<https://www.etymonline.com/word/autumn>

Our Scrapbook of Memories from... 2019's National Convention

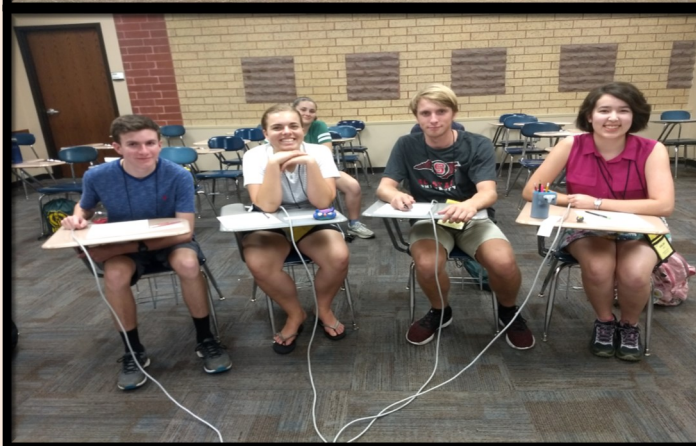
“Nationals in Fargo North Dakota was my favorite so far, for many reasons other than the wonderful mid 70's weather. The North Carolina delegation screamed their heads off in spirit, ate an excessive amount of ice cream in the cafeteria, went to a Viking museum in Minnesota, and so much more. But it's not just the NC delegation that makes the JCL the amazing organization it is, it is the whole JCL. From Garrett in New Mexico to Carina from Massachusetts, the JCL is one big family full of JCLove. Every year I learn to hold my JCL brothers and sisters even closer to my heart, and I want that experience for each and every one of you reading this, which is why I hope you look into attending national convention next summer in Richmond VA. Nationals won't be this close to home for a while, don't miss out on the chance of a lifetime.”

-Harper de Andrade



“Nationals is a five-day event packed from morning to night with awesome events. There's everything State has (testing, certamen, Olympika, graphic arts, spirit) and so much more! There are dances, team trivia, karaoke, and That's Entertainment, a wonderful talent show. You'll get to discuss and vote on the National JCL officers. Even though it's a Latin convention and you will meet incredibly dedicated Classicists, there are people from all different backgrounds with a wide variety of interests and you're sure to make friends from all over the country. You'll also really get to bond with your State delegation. Nationals with the NC delegation is an unforgettable experience and the 2020 Convention at the University of Richmond promises to be an amazing convention. I hope to see y'all there!”

-Aislinn Niimi



“I have so many great memories at NDSU this year, from sitting in the Fargodome for GA and spirit to playing cards in the Memorial Union. I got to see friends I only see a few times a year, including friends from other states. I played Certamen on the NC Intermediate team. Mr. King, I'm sorry for those 6 am practices. I can't wait to attend Nationals next year at Richmond! “
~Brice Niimi



Come to National Convention next year at the University of Richmond in Virginia

July 24-29, 2020

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“Omnes...summa ope niti decet, ne vitam silentio transeant.”

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RICHMOND

Meet Your 2019-2020 JCL Officers!

Aislinn Niimi– President

Salvete, my name is Aislinn Niimi and I'm a senior from Master's Academy. I am thrilled to be your 2019-2020 NCJCL President! A fun fact about me is that I am taking Greek this year! My favorite mythological creature is Pegasus, because it's the only one I wouldn't be afraid of, as long as I had a golden bridle.



Graham Curtis– 1st Vice President

Hi, my name is Graham Curtis and I'm your NCJCL 1st Vice President. I'm currently a senior at Riverside High School. An interesting fact about myself is that I have 5 chickens. My favorite mythical creatures are probably the Children of the Hydra's Teeth (aka the screaming stop-motion skeletons from Jason and the Argonauts) because I always feel empowered by their battle cry (look up the scene on YouTube).

2nd Vice President– Brennan Letham

Brennan is a senior at Enka High School and also your 2nd Vice President.

Parliamentarian: Katherine Buchanan

Hello! I am Katherine Buchanan and I am your 2019-2020 NCJCL Parliamentarian. I am a junior at Reagan High School in Pfafftown NC right outside of Winston-Salem. I love to play flute and my favorite mythological character would probably be the Empousi, basically Ancient Greek magic vampires... enough said on that! I love to play the flute and I can't wait to serve you as best I can this year!



Secretary: Nolan Heinrich

Salvete, Amici! I'm Nolan Heinrich, and I'm a Freshman in latin level II at Thales Academy Rolesville. I am your 2019-2020 NCJCL Secretary! When I'm not studying for certamen, I'm playing Tenor saxophone, guitar, or ukulele. Euterpe is by far my favorite mythological creature because music is such a huge part of my life.

Torch Editor: Anna Trejo

Salvete Amicii! My name is Anna Trejo and I'm so excited to be your TORCH Editor for this year! I am a junior at Master's Academy and am taking Latin III. An interesting fact about myself is that I have been taking French since kindergarten and am placed in French V at my school. My favorite mythological creature is a siren, because I love music and if I were to be a villain in a fairytale or comic book, music would be my superpower.



Historian: Harper de Andrade

Salvete Omnes!

My name is Harper de Andrade, and I am your 2019/2020 NCJCL Historian. I am currently a sophomore at Riverside High School in Durham. I am taking Latin III and this is my fourth year in the JCL. Outside of the JCL, I am a Zebracorn on FRC team 900 and I run on my high school's Cross Country team. My favorite mythological creature is Cerberus because of an adorable t-shirt sold at the NJCL convention, based on a meme that reads: "puppy Cerberus guarding the gates to heck." Come talk to me about all things Historian related, and if you have any questions about making scrapbooks don't hesitate to reach out.



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Publicity Officer: Brice Niimi

Salvete omnes! My name is Brice Niimi, and I'm a sophomore from Master's Academy. I'm excited to be your Publicity Officer. An interesting fact is that I've been to 46 states! My favorite mythical creature is the Nemean Lion because it's a cat!



Middle School Representative:

Hi, I'm Jillian Slade! I'm in eighth grade and I go to Thales Academy Rolesville. I am this year's Middle School Representative on the NCJCL Board. I love singing, books, and mythology. My favorite mythological creature is a Phoenix because they never truly die. And also they're really marvelous-looking.



Want to *dig deeper* into JCL? Follow Fall Forum's Instagram Scavenger Hunt to enrich your experience!

1. Reenact the death of Achilles
2. Get a picture at a Classics Day event
3. Take a selfie with a group from another school
4. Take a picture at a workshop
5. Snap a picture of your favorite food from the UNCG cafeteria
6. Find any NCJCL officer and take a selfie with them

Use #ncjclfallforum19, tag our Insta page, and include the name of your school to participate! Prizes will be given to the winner at 3 in the Moore Humanities building.

Announcements

Certamen!

Watch for Regional Certamen's dates and stay updated on all the happening of certamen through JCL's website, northcarolinajcl.org.

Get Hyped for State Convention!

State Convention is **April 3rd-4th this year at Wake Forest University**

Now is the time to mark your calendars and sign up for contests! Be sure to submit your work **by February 21st, 2020.**

Any questions? Email State Convention coordinator Danetta Genung at dgenung4jcl@gmail.com for more information.

Officer Workshops

Drop by the officer-lead workshops to hear the scoop on JCL and the amazing opportunities it offers! Workshops run from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Running for Office Workshop (Nolan Heinrich and Katherine Buchannan): At this workshop, you can learn what it takes to run for office and to be a board member. You can learn about what Meet the Candidates, Speeches, and Positions are all about!

Scrapbook (Harper de Andrade): Are you a seasoned historian who has made national ranking scrapbooks for your JCL chapter, a creatively minded person from a freshly started chapter, or somewhere in between? Then this is the workshop for you! Come learn the do's and don'ts of scrapbook making and gain some tips on how to make your scrapbook a winning one.

How 2 JCL (Aislinn Niimi): Want to get ideas for service, publicity, and social activities? Come to this workshop and learn how to make your club a more active chapter! Ideal for club presi-

Membership (Graham Curtis): Want to increase size and involvement in your chapter? Come and learn some tips and tricks to get more people involved in the JCL at your school!

Spirit and Service (Brice Niimi and Brennan Latham): This workshop will cover how to create great publicity projects and a publicity binder. The workshop will also include spirit ideas and a guide to NCJCL spirit.

**WANT TO RECIEVE NEWS
ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS &
CONTEST INFORMATION?**

**JOIN THE NCJCL
EMAIL GROUP FOR
CLUB PRESIDENTS!**

**JOIN WITH THE LINK BELOW TO
RECIVE MONTHLY UPDATES
FROM NCJCL PRESIDENT
AISLINN NIIMI**

If you are interested in joining this mailing list, use the QR code below:



BEST OF SHOW FROM 2019'S STATE CONVENTION

Poetry– 1st Place

Daphne's Fall– Iris Henry (8th Grade; Lakewood Montessori Middle School)

Why does he dote on me?

His very presence is repulsive,
And mine remains placid towards his odious self,
gargoyle atop a mountain of egotism.

Why does she loathe my nature?
A lovely doe poisoned, turned against me,
But oh, my love is ethereal,
Bruning at my chest, threatening to break.

Spare me your twisted lyrics!
Lies so deep cannot cut my heart!
Chasmic calls from delusional fantasies;
This is but infatuation led astray!
Daphne, do not call it infatuation, no,

It is a passion so blind-
ing, so wretchedly cru-
el,

I wish it upon none but
myself, for it aches,
Unrequited love carves
itself, and has left a
mark.

It is a mere annoyance
you have dramatized!

What decline of frivo-
lous requests

Have your ears distort-
ed into warm ac-
ceptance?

I realize now you are
nothing if not obsti-
nate!

Don't flee, precious ray,
it shall wound me so!

To go would be to tear
my heart from my
chest,

and I would plummet
From my perch of
sweet admiration!

f only that were so,
Apollo, thou vexatious
wretch!

I am gone, I have left,
my air glides behind,

Zeus alone under-
stand what I would
give

To rid the world of
your repugnant form!

I am yet upon you,
dear, hesitance shall
unite us,

A hand reaches out as
branches do,

Heart and palm with
once again connect,

A fusion so brilliant, a
bright, jocund beam!

Oh, Peneus! If ever
succor has been re-
quested,

Grant me this as I flee
his calls!

Display it was his own
undoing,

That which led to
Daphne's fall

**Look like fun?
Enter a Crea-
tive Arts con-
test and you,
too, could
have your
work dis-
played in the
TORCH!**

*Whether it's a
Modern Myth, an
Original Myth, or
Poetry, we'd love to
read your work!*