

ALL THINGS VJCL SERVICE & SPIRIT



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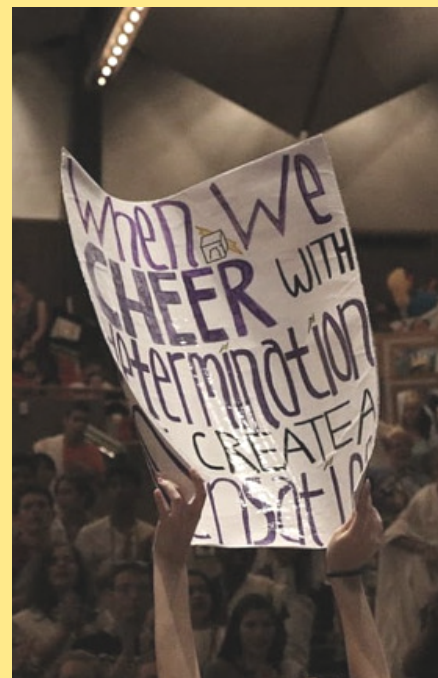
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SERVICES

A GREAT WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME
EMBARRASSING YOUR VJCL OFFICERS!

ABOUT THE COIN WAR

Every year, the VJCL holds a Coin War at state convention. This is a light-hearted, fundraising competition among the VJCL officers to see who can raise the most amount of money throughout convention.

Officers each have a bucket that they carry around with them at all times, and JCLers get to choose whichever officer they want to donate to. **But here's the catch:** bills count as negative points while coins count as positive points. And at the end of convention, the officer with the lowest score is punished with a rather amusing dare.

As always, all proceeds go to charity. This year, the VJCL officers have chosen **Best Buddies**.

ABOUT BEST BUDDIES



With the VJCL's donation, we hope to help Best Buddies in its efforts to support those with intellectual and developmental disabilities worldwide.

The following information was taken directly from the organization's "About" page:

"Best Buddies® is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)."

**Click on the image above
to learn more about Best Buddies.**

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SPIRIT

A FUN AND EXCITING EXPERIENCE,
FILLED WITH THE COMPETITIVE, YET
FRIENDLY SPIRIT OF THE VJCL!

ABOUT SPIRIT

The Spirit Competition at the VJCL Convention is an opportunity to show your true animus et amor of the Classics outside of the very serious academic and arts competitions. This is also an opportunity to win hilariously ridiculous prizes for your school!

In this competition, you can (and should) cheer your head off without any judgment, as 2000+ other Classics-loving students who will be cheering right alongside you.

Usually delegations prepare for this competition by developing cheers, props, T-shirts (or unified clothing), and even a banner that all have to do with the school and/or the theme of convention. This year's theme is "**ubi concordia, ibi victoria**" (Where there is unity, there is victory.).

SPIRIT RULES

Below are the rules you must follow in order to avoid suffering from a deduction of points or being disqualified from the competition:

- **No glitter or confetti.**
- **No face paint or masks.**
- **No noisemakers** of any kind (including paper props that make noise when waved around).
- **No standing on chairs** or holding people off the floor.
- **No vulgar, inappropriate, or offensive materials.** Should you choose to ignore this rule, your school will immediately be disqualified from the competition. Please remember that you are representing your school, so let's keep it clean! If you have any questions as to what is considered inappropriate, please do not hesitate to ask by emailing the VJCL 2nd Vice-President (2ndvp@virginiajcl.org). **It's better to be safe than sorry!**
- Submit a video of your school's themed cheer to the VJCL 2nd Vice-President via email (2ndvp@virginiajcl.org) by **Saturday, November 21st at 11:59 PM.**

SPIRIT RULES

Below is the rubric, by which you will be evaluated:

QUALITIES	POINTS EARNED
Enthusiasm	+5
Adherence to Theme	+5
Creativity	+5
Unity	+5
Overall Effect	+5
Participation	+2
Theme-Based Cheer	+3
TOTAL	30 POSSIBLE POINTS

N.B. Your score for the Roll Call Competition will be scaled down to 15 points and added to your school's score for the Spirit Competition.

SPIRIT RULES & RUBRIC

Enthusiasm:

- This is the major point of the Spirit competition.
- Do you actually appear to enjoy the Spirit competition?
- Do you look happy and willing to compete?
- Are there any people who obviously do not appear to be participating?

Adherence to Theme:

- How well do your school's props, clothing, themed cheer, and banner connect to the theme of convention?

Creativity:

- How creatively did you interpret the convention theme?
- Is your interpretation interesting?
- What is the "WOW" factor?

Unity:

- Do you all have the same props?
- Is everyone familiar with your school's cheers?
- Are you all dressed similarly?
- Are you all on beat with each other/choreographed well?

Participation:

- Regardless of size, what is your presence like as a school delegation?
- Are you noticeable?

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ROLL CALL

A CREATIVE, INTERESTING, AND SLIGHTLY UNCONVENTIONAL WAY TO GET YOUR SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AT CONVENTION!

ABOUT ROLL CALL

Roll Call is a very **informal, creative, interesting, and slightly unconventional** way to get your school's delegation recognized at VJCL convention!

Each school prepares a **mini-performance** -- anything from a song to a skit, from a poem to an interpretive dance -- that includes certain pieces of information about its delegation in a **fun 45-second act**. These performances usually, but not always, include **popular culture or Classical references** that make them even more entertaining and hilarious.

Click on the image to the right to watch Virginia's roll call from national convention this past summer.



ROLL CALL RULES

In order to have a successful roll call, please follow all the rules listed below:

- Each school can send **up to 2 students** to perform and may only submit **1 performance**.
- All performers must be **students**.
- Students running for VJCL office may **not** participate.
- There is a **45-second limit**. If your roll call is longer than that, you will be escorted off.
- Keep your roll call **free of any vulgar, inappropriate, or otherwise offensive material**. Should you choose to ignore this rule, your school will immediately be disqualified from the competition and will suffer a deduction of points from its Spirit Competition score. Please remember that you are representing your school and will be held responsible if any problems arise regarding the appropriateness of your performance.
- You must **provide any music or props** used in your act.
- Submit the script of your performance to the VJCL 2nd Vice-President via email (2ndvp@virginiajcl.org) by **Saturday, November 21st at 11:59 PM**.

ROLL CALL RUBRIC

Each school's point totals for this competition will be scaled down to 15 points and will be added into its Spirit Competition score, so make sure you cover all aspects of the rubric!

Here is the rubric, by which your roll call will be evaluated:

CONTENT	POINTS EARNED
School's Name	+1
School's Location	+1
Number of Delegates (JCLers)	+1
Number of Teachers	+1
Number of Sponsors	+1
Number of Chaperones	+1
Number of SCLers	+1
Creativity	+10
Presentation/Style	+5
Overall Effect	+10
Time Remaining	+2 if safe (5 or more seconds left) +0 if close to 45 sec. (less than 5 seconds left) -2 if over 45 sec. (escorted off stage)
TOTAL	34 POSSIBLE POINTS

ROLL CALL RUBRIC

Facts that must be included:

- School's Name
- School's Location
- Number of Delegates (JCLers)
- Number of Teachers
- Number of Sponsors
- Number of Chaperones
- Number of SCLers

For creativity, ask yourself:

- Is your performance original? Or has it been done before?
- Is it truly a performance? Or is it just a list of facts?

For presentation and style, check for:

- Coherency, ability to be understood.
- Stage presence.
- Loud and clear speech.
- Clear actions.

For the overall effect, ask yourself:

- How well have you made your performance stand out?
- Is it memorable?
- How did the audience react?