

# THE FORUM

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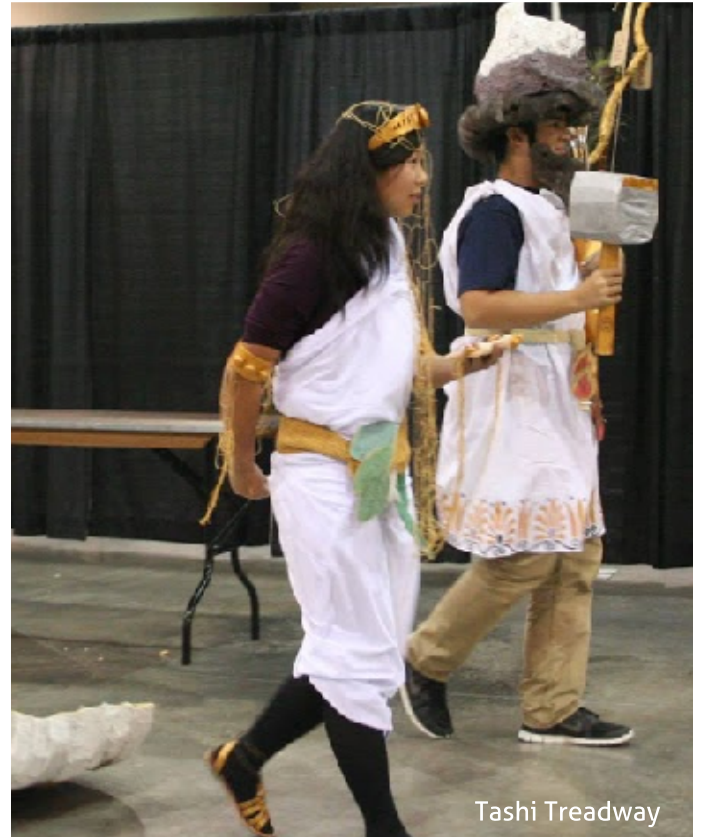
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Tashi Treadway



The St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School VJCL Delegation

# WHAT I LOVE ABOUT CONVENTION

Will Siegmund





Finding friends in the Latin community is ultimately a rewarding experience that has allowed me an unfathomably positive experience. For many of those more gregarious, meeting new people isn't a problem, however, for those, like me, who are more taciturn, this can quickly turn into a daunting prospect. Meeting new people is an

"Meeting new people isn't a problem"

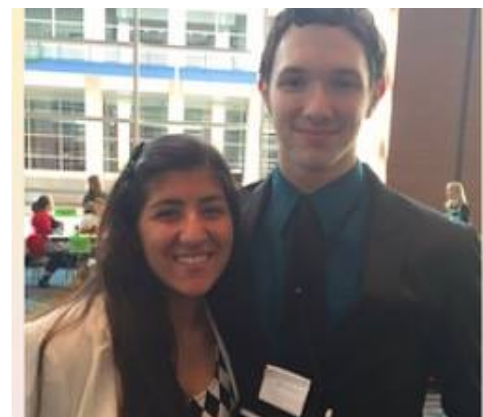
idea I often shy away from and generally just don't like the concept. But there is light at the end of the metaphorical tunnel for the reserved, and it comes through something I didn't appreciate until after my final state convention last November. It came as I reflected upon my own experiences in Latin and realized that despite my own introversion I was able to meet others through participating in an activity. For me, this was certamen, however for those less scholastically inclined, there are a myriad of other options to choose from and still facilitate finding a wondrous group. These ideas require you to still in some way approach others, but they should create far less unease if you are having doubts inside.

Ludi, which I frequented for a few years, was a superb way to meet others. There is little that bonds people like stabbing each other with swords, or even just watching others do so

(they built the Coliseum for a reason). Art competitions are also a wonderful way to meet those with whom you share a passion for expression (or who just wanted to get a good grade on an art project). For those going to Nationals (which should be everyone) extra ludi games are available, such as chess. Also at nationals are scheduled Olympika, where you can meet your fellow runners, swimmers, soccer players, and frisbeers. There are also casual games going on constantly, and if you are athletic, this is a great option.

If you have already made the step to attend a convention then the process is largely over. There will be others who share your interests, and they are quite likely to reciprocate your conversation. If just walking up to someone isn't your forte, then don't fret, just find something you want to do, and go for it.

-Will Siegmund



Trini Kechkian & Will Siegmund

# OFFICER BIOGRAPHIES

Your New 2014-15 Officers



# PRESIDENT

Wyatt Joyner, Classical Cottage School

Vobis omnibus legentibus salutem dico  
plurimam Wyatt Joyner,

My name is still Wyatt Joyner, I've attended Classical Cottage School for about ten years, and am presently endeavoring in the joys of Latin V! It is an overwhelming joy and honor to serve as your next VJCL president. I can assure you all that, over my term, improvements will be achieved, moments of absolute despair at NJCL will be had, and a copious amount of

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hesitate to ask me."

blunders will be made.

If there's anything you should know about me, seeing as this is a biography, there are but a few important facets. I'd first like to get out of the way that, yes, I positively adore the classics. I'm studying Latin and Ancient Greek (and eventually Proto-Indo-European!), I've attended five state conventions, four national conventions, certamina-past-counting, Governor's School for Latin, and numerous other classics-related events.

The second thing to know about me is that I am vehemently willing to help VJCL, both on the large scale and even the individual. If ever you have any questions about anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask me. I remember my very first convention. It's a scary thing to reach out to someone with whom you've never had any interaction, but I implore you all that, if



you've any question, statement, complaint, exclamation, imperative, or even if you just want to scream in ancient languages at somebody, you are always welcomed and encouraged to direct said actions toward me.

Those are actually all the important things about me... I will now proceed to list facts about myself: I am relatively tall, I enjoy juggling, I want to learn Russian, I am proud of the fact that I know what quantitative metathesis is, I have memorized Banana Phone by Raffi, I can play a mean kazoo, I used to play baseball and basketball, I am not particularly fond of donuts, one of my favorite pastimes is programming (Python and certain derivative languages from Java), I can recite the first five lines of the Iliad in Ancient Greek, I like to perform theater, I have a dog named Scout.

And with that redundant list of gratuitous factoids, I bid you all adieu, and cannot wait to see everybody at NJCL at Trinity University.

Valete!

## 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Alex Smith, John Champe High School

Hello! My name is Alex Smith and I am glad to be your 2014-2015 VJCL first vice president. I am currently a sophomore at John Champe High School. As 1<sup>st</sup> VP, I encourage publicity, work with

the second vice president to complete service projects, strengthen Virginia's participation in JCL events, and help run the state conventions that everyone loves so much. After attending four state and three national conventions, I felt it was necessary to give back to the JCL community that has shaped me into the person I am today. I will make the VJCL awesome just like my predecessors did. Thank you! Hope to see you at Trinity University for national convention, and the Richmond Convention Center for the next state convention!



## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Trini Kechkian, Flint Hill School

Salve, familia!

My name is Trini Kechkian and I am your VJCL Second Vice President. I'm currently a sophomore at Flint Hill School in Latin III. I've come a very long way since my beginnings as a certamen player on the FHS team in seventh grade. The Classics have greatly shaped my growth as a person; now, I not only take Latin, but I also take Etymology and Mythology, and I'm planning on taking Greek I next year.



The JCL has also been a huge part of my life, as I have attended four state conventions and three nationals. My first state convention in 2011 ignited an unquenchable passion for the Classics within me, and now as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, I will try my best to build upon Virginia's amazing spirit and service.

I am so excited for this year! I cannot wait to serve the VJCL alongside my fellow officers, and to lead our delegation in spirit and service this year! Thanks for this incredible opportunity! Hope you can make it to (Trini)ty University in San Antonio, Texas for national convention this summer and to Richmond Convention Center for state convention next year!

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Andrew Zazzera, Princess Anne High School

Salvete, VJCLers!

I am Andrew Zazzera, your new VJCL Parliamentarian. As the officer with the coolest-sounding title, it's my distinct honor to serve you this year. I'm currently in IB Latin VI at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, and an avid student of the best languages ever (Latin and Greek, of course) even outside of school. This past summer, I was a student at the 2014 Gubernatoris Latina Academia at Randolph-Macon College, and since then have taken every opportunity I can to practice my Latin as it was intended— by speaking! Although I have only been to two state conventions, I am unbelievably excited to get to know all of you and work with you to ensure the proud and successful future of our magnificent VJCL! My personal motto is "rem tene, verba sequentur" and I'm always happy to answer your questions to the best of my abilities. See you around!

Maximas gratias,

Andrew Zazzera





## SECRETARY

Ann Bailey, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School



Salvete, VJCLers! My name is Ann Bailey, and I am thrilled to be your VJCL secretary! I'm currently a junior taking Latin IV at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. I have loved all the experiences that I've had thus far with the JCL, from state convention to certamen to national convention, and I'm really excited to take my love for the JCL to the next level by serving as your secretary.

I've definitely come a long way from my first convention as a freshman, and Latin has been a huge part of my high school career ever since. Crazy as it may sound, I really do love decoding the exact words that Catullus and Cicero wrote thousands of years ago, and I get a rush of excitement when I recognize Latin roots in our current English language. Without the influence of the VJCL, I'm not sure I ever would have found the love that I have for Latin, and I can't wait to spread that love to current and future VJCLers!

## HISTORIAN

Jessica Hu, Westfield High School



Salvete!

My name is Jessica Hu, and I am your 2014-2015 VJCL Historian. I am currently a senior at Westfield High School, and am taking Latin IV.

As Historian, I am mainly responsible for creating the Virginia state scrapbook which will be judged at NJCL. I have attended four state conventions, and 2 national conventions; I positively cannot wait for the 2015 NJCL in San Antonio, TX! The VJCL has been such an exciting and positive experience/organization throughout my high school career, and I am so happy that I can serve as your historian.

Wishing you all success in all your classical endeavors, and I hope to see all of you at NJCL this summer!

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
& RESULTS





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NJCL Convention

**Trinity University, San Antonio TX**

**July 27-August 1, 2015**

Registration has opened for the 62nd National Junior Classical League Convention. Spots are limited and registration quickly fills. You can follow this link ( [dev.etclassics.org/index.php/click-here-for-njcl-convention](http://dev.etclassics.org/index.php/click-here-for-njcl-convention) ) to begin the registration process.

### Council Meeting Notes

The notes from Executive Board and Officer Meeting can be found on either VJCL site ([virginiajcl.org](http://virginiajcl.org) ) or VJCL Students site ([students.virginiajcl.org](http://students.virginiajcl.org) ).



# RESULTS

## Sweepstakes

GRADE LEVEL	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
6th Through 8th	Jocelyn Robertson Classical Cottage	Brooke Miller Wakefield CDS	Kristen Schatz Classical Cottage
9th Grade	Douglas Griffin Wakefield CDS	Zoe Porterfield Classical Cottage	Ryan Klopp Classical Cottage
10th Grade	Tim Bennett Classical Cottage	Lucas Dumez Wakefield CDS	Catherine O'Keeffe John Hanley HS
11th Grade	Wyatt Joyner Classical Cottage	Emma Clifton Classical Cottage	Daniel Chae TJHSST
12th Grade	Tashi Treadway John Handley HS	June Ge TJHSST	Neeta Singh Flint Hill School

## Best In Show

### Academic

**Maureen O'Donnell Latin Grammar**

**Priya Gill, Flint Hill**

**Bob Parks Mythology**

**Tashi Treadway, John Handley HS**

**Hughlings J. Himwich Academic Award**

**Merritt Schwartz, Flint Hill**

*Roman Life*, Merritt Schwartz, Flint Hill

*Roman History*, Will Siegmund, SSSA

*Geography*, Merritt Schwartz, Flint Hill & Connor Wood, Maggie Walker Governor's School

*Vocabulary* Wyatt Joyner, Classical Cottage

*Mottoes, etc.*, Wyatt Joyner, Classical Cottage

*Latin Literature*, Will Siegmund SSA

# RESULTS

## Best In Show

### Creative

**Susan Schearer Creative Arts Award**

**Jocelyn Robertson, Classical Cottage**

*Storytelling* Sallie Blanks Brookville      *Latin Oratory* Wyatt Joyner, Classical Cottage

*Modern Myth* Reza Aktar Flint Hill      *Costume* Tashi Treadway, Handley, with Arjun Golding, TJHSST

*Dramatic Interp* Grace McIntire, Riverbend; Bradford Case, TJHSST      *English Oratory* Ben Lewis, Brunswick Academy

### Graphic

**Anne Covington Mosaic Award**

**Tim Bennett, Classical Cottage**

**Mary Julia Pomfrey Graphic Arts**

**Wyatt Joyner, Classical Cottage**

*Textiles* Ellen Losen, Manchester MS      *Sculpture* Douglas Griffin, Wakefield CDS      *Poster/Charts/Maps* Wyatt Joyner

*Jewelry* Wyatt Joyner      *Pottery, Sculpture* Tashi Treadway      *Art* Devin Kin TJHSST

**Annie Aldridge Award for the overall top winner: Jocelyn Robertson**

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