

UVAE VITIS



State attendees return victorious from Convention

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For schools from the farthest West of Florida to her lowest South, 2009 State Latin Convention was a source of tears, triumphs, and togae.

Students not only competed in all of the standard academic tests designed to pit their minds against their fellow classicists, but in other events as well. Ludi not only tested physical strength and agility, but the ability to humiliate oneself, as shown in the annual Venus & Adonis competition, whose three rounds included team limbo, musical chairs, and a three legged race. Despite a loss there, St. Francis Catholic School placed first in Senior Division Ludi, followed by Lincoln High School, Lakewood Ranch High School, Melbourne Central Catholic High School, and Northeast High School, respectively. Top 5 Junior schools were as follows: Cornerstone Academy, Holy Comforter Episcopal, St. John's Episcopal School, Berkeley Preparatory School, and Windermere Preparatory School.

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Athletics, it seems, have no correlation to Creatives. First in the Senior division was St. Francis Catholic School. It was followed by Escambia High School, Satellite High School, H.B. Plant High School and St. John's Country Day School. Junior division ranked with Cornerstone Academy in first, followed by St. John's Episcopal School, Holy Comforter Episcopal School, Windermere Preparatory School and Berkeley Preparatory School.

In Overall sweepstakes, the Junior division results placed Oak Hall in first. Following was St. John's Episcopal School, followed by Holy Comforter Episcopal, Cornerstone Academy and Berkeley Preparatory School. Senior division experienced a dramatic victory by Oak Hall School, which was followed by Maclay School, Leon High School, Escambia High School, and Satellite High School.



Courtesy Photo
Some students take spirit very seriously, such as Florida High student Caleb Dalton (pictured above)

New State Chair appointed; former Chair bids farewell

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Maclay teacher Ken Andino has recently been awarded the position of State Chair, following the resignation of Marie Girardeau.

Girardeau, a teacher at Fletcher High School, has recently been battling cancer, and dropped the position due to the immense workload.

Andino was nominated to fill the position on an emergency basis, and simultaneously elected for a term of office at the 2010 State Latin Convention.

The position requires much work just before National convention. "State Chair is



Photo by Amber Houston
Girardeau (above)

charged with offering an official FJCL Trip, coordinating everyone's travel, taking care of any discipline problems at Nationals, and working with the officers at Nationals," said Andino.

Courtesy Photo
Andino (below)

Having previously been in charge of Academics, Andino said, "I think the new position is awesome. Previously, I did not get the chance to work with the students as much, and I really enjoy it."

To accommodate this promotion, David Jackson is now Academics Chair, and Gen-erosa Jackson is Certamen Chair.



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NATIONALS 2010

Students face long journey to Fargo for National Convention 2010

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Braving long flights, longer layovers and about 1,590 miles, students prepare to attend 2010 National Latin Convention.

“Nationals is amazing. You get to meet a lot of new people with the same interests and make new friendships that will last a lifetime. Even with a distance,” said Advanced Certamen player David Stupski of Maclay High School.

The Advanced Certamen team won first at 2009 Convention. This year, they will have to return with the “Traveling Trophy” to fight for possession of it again. “I think Texas will be our fiercest competition,” said Stupski. “They made a very good showing last year, and there is definitely rivalry between our states.”

Even considering the rivalry between Texas and Florida in Certamen, no veteran Nationals attendee can dispute the spirit rivalry between Florida and Virginia. Said JCLer, Lynn Killea, “We fight hard to compete with them. A lot of FJCLers lose their voices over spirit.”

Killea also supports academics, as she intends to take all tests she is eligible for. “I study for almost all of them,” Killea said. “I have a lot of time, especially over the summer, for studying.” These tests include every one that is offered at Regionals and State, but without the restrictive two contest limit of those conventions.

Another element of convention that is unaffected by limits



Photo by: Amber Houston
Students pass out spirit supplies before the procession to General Assembly at Nationals 2009.

is the Creative arena. JCL member Julianne Humphreys is an artist. “Nationals is wonderful, because you can bring as many art pieces as you can get on your bus or plane. They don’t have limits on the number of contests you can enter,” said Humphreys.

Many people enjoy Ludi as well. Contests range from early morning marathons to competing in Ultimate Frisbee tournaments at nearly midnight. Swimming, soccer, relay races, and many other sports are also available. “Ludi kids have to be pretty hardcore to play so much,” said Killea.

To participate, a JCLer must have turned in a form concerning potential injuries. This relieves NJCL from any liability, and allows them to offer medical assistance to the student to whatever extent needed.

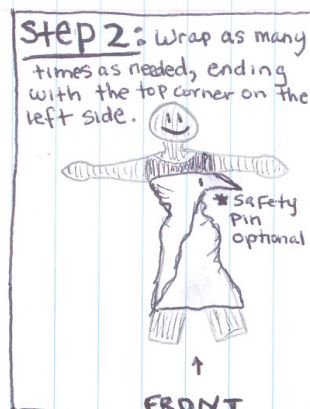
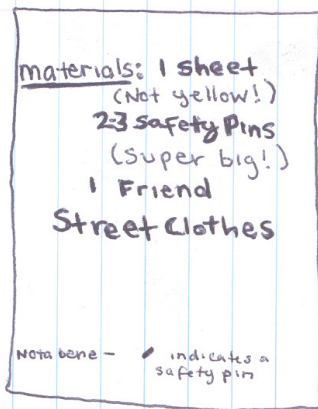
While State offers only one dance, Nationals offers many as an opportunity for students to socialize with each other. While students may have their niche in Academics, Certamen, Creatives, Ludi, or even Spirit, they can all agree that Nationals is designed for networking.

“Absolutely go,” advised Killea. “The people you’ll meet are fun and smart, and they enjoy friendly competition with absolutely no jealousy. And if you’re not competitive, people still love you. They’re the most accepting people I’ve met.”

Humphreys said, “Nationals definitely emphasized the realization of just how many people are in Latin.”

How to assemble, tie, pin, complete a toga in three easy steps

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Nota Bene:

FW: To all Nationals attendees

You will be required to bring certain spirit supplies to National Convention. These should be as essential to your packing list as hygiene products and underwear. While a complete list has yet to be released, please be on the lookout for an email from FJCL State Chair Ken Andino. IT IS NOT SPAM; any computer that thinks so is lying.

Ex Animo, Editor

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FW: To all Nationals attendees

As current Historian Alexis Ercolani is not able to attend Nationals, she asks that electronic copies of photos be sent to her. You may upload photos to the FJCL Facebook group (Florida Junior Classical League) or simply tag her in the first picture of every Nationals album on Facebook. Any student performing such a valuable feat gets brownie points but no brownies.

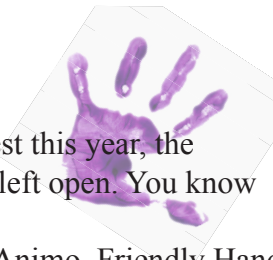


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While NJCL may not forward this request this year, the Friendly Hand has asked all windows to be left open. You know why.



Ex Animo, Friendly Hand

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FW: To all FJCL members

A technology coordinator is required for the 2010-2011 term. To apply, contact Adam Mize.

One must be skilled with computers, web design, and quick troubleshooting. One must also be willing to work closely with a team, and especially the FJCL Historian, in order to create a scrapbook to be viewed online, and FJCL Editor, in order to provide the Uvae Vitis the same accessibility.

Please be prepared to fill out an application and provide a paragraph concerning why you wish to be Techie.



Ex Animo, Editor

Nota Bene:

FW: To all FJCL members, teachers

Attached is a copy of NJCL Parliamentarian Elliot Wilson's cry for help. A Florida candidate has already been declared, so you, yourself, may not run. However, if you know any qualified candidates from other states, please contact either the FJCL Editor or the NJCL Parliamentarian via Facebook and parliamentarian@njcl.org respectively.

Ex Animo, Editor

"We're approaching convention faster than most of us can believe, and with it the election of the 2010-2011 NJCL student officers. A number of well-qualified and outstanding juniors and sophomores have already registered as candidates for the upcoming elections at the national convention. However, there are still open positions. Currently, we are in need of candidates for the Tech. Coordinator, Historian, and Torch Editor positions. Please, if you know of any JCLers in your state who are capable of performing the duties of these positions and have been to a national convention before, suggest that they consider running for office and ask them to contact me. My e-mail address is parliamentarian@njcl.org. For information on these specific offices and the others, please see the Officers' Newsletter, which I released on the NJCL website recently. I recommend that you share it with as many JCLers as possible.

Elliot Wilson
NJCL Parliamentarian 2009-2010"



FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

Editorial: Surviving AP Virgil from survivor's experience

Jane Darby Menton

Special to the *Uvae Vitis*



On AP Vergil, Odi et amo. Since translating the Aeneid may seem a daunting task, we JCL veterans

Jane Darby Menton have put together FJCL Member everything that you need to survive your year and dominate your AP test!

List strange vocabulary words that appear more than once. Oftentimes they reappear later in the text and this will keep you from having to pull out a dictionary each time. This also will help you remember more challenging words, which comes in handy for translation on the AP test.

Be prepared for book 4; Dido goes crazy (for a long time) and by the end of it, you'll be ready for her to die. Trust us. But don't neglect to translate these parts, because frequently Dido's freak-out appears on one of the essays.

Pay careful attention to verb forms. AP graders are very picky about this in the translation section, so make sure to keep up with grammar throughout the year.

As you translate, keep a running list of major characters. This will help with quick review come test-time.

Read the English version. We know it seems superfluous, but there is an essay based only on the English! You do

not want to wind up trying to read the entire thing the night before the test; it's really not fun.

Make sure you have books 10 and 12 down before the exam. The AP test writers try to include something from each book, and since these have the least material to translate, they take little time to study and are almost guaranteed to show up on the test.

The Aeneid is truly beautiful work, filled with interesting stories and unique characters. Enjoy it! Keep up with your translating, don't neglect your grammar, and always remember your JCL enthusiasm. You will blow the AP graders away.

How to enjoy Classics-inspired movies, shows, literature

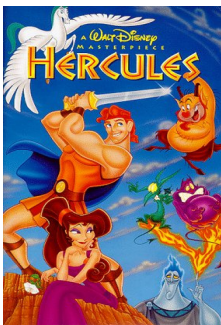
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We've all seen them-- the Disney movies and paperback novels that attempt to portray Classics themes, eventually butchering every aspect of truth to the story.

While it can be more than difficult for the myth student or history guru to bear the weight of their fallacies (like Atlas!), we are often put into situations where we must be subjected to them. Here are a few tips for overcoming the challenges they pose:

It is often difficult to put down a book-- good or bad, correct or false, so when you have to get to the end, get



Courtesy Photos
Disney's Hercules

there. Read quickly, absorbing the plot alone to get to the end and through the torture as fast as possible.

For the movies that seem to last forever, there's only one escape: remember that it's just a movie. Often we must take these poorly-executed references as simple entertainment. Whether or not they atrociously portray Hades as a blue crazy man is of no consequence. Comfort yourself with the words, "They're nothing but actors in costumes." It works for scary movies, too.

SHOUT-OUT BOX!!!!!!!

While your parents may take credit for getting you to Nationals if you plan on attending, they really aren't the ones to thank.

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Inveni Verba in Lingua Latina!

- Astra
- Heracles
- Terra
- Pegasus
- Caelum
- Mollis
- Hera
- Zeus
- Minotaur
- Ladon
- Paris
- Priam

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