



**Ramblings of a Caffeine-Riddled Nationals
 Delegate on the Ride Home From Ohio
 By: PJ Rivera, FSUS**

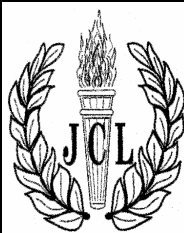
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Spirit Check!!! Boy are we enthusiastic H A P P Y Florida Rules!! Yeah, you guys know what I'm talking about. If you have ever been to Nationals, then you know you have found yourself from time to time saying the cheers in your head. Basically, Nationals is all about spirit and we even got third place this year. Which is great. So for you guys, who didn't get to go to the 55th Annual National Junior Classical League Convention, you missed out on a lot of great stuff.

One of the great things about Miami University in Oxford, Ohio compared to the Nationals held at the University of Tennessee was the food. Seriously guys the food was amazing at Miami and there were like five different mess halls. Besides the good eating Florida did a bit of eating of its own when we rode through Certamen winning the Intermediate level in a very hard final round.

In addition to Certamen, Florida also showed its dominance in the Ludi and Olympika. We took 2nd in soccer, 3rd in ultimate Frisbee, and also had Floridians place in other individual events such as swimming. I feel the highlight, just like at every National Fora, was *That's Entertainment*. Remember *That's Entertainment* at State Forum, but now imagine that 20 times better. That's exactly what *That's Entertainment* at Nationals is like. This year we had three acts representing Florida with the most notable being the Thriller dancers.

Along with all the great fellowships and dances, California left their mark on us JCLers with their video advertising for Nationals next year at UC-Davis, especially with how dramatic things are in California. Do you remember singing journey randomly whenever Ethan and Danielle were nearby? Well guys, honestly there aren't enough words to sum up Nationals, it is more than an event -- it is an experience. Well guys, I'm out and I'll see you in Orlando at State Forum. Pax!



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National's Results

Jennifer Murray Berkeley Prep	2 nd Small Models 10 4 th Impromptu Art 10 4 th Maps 10	Nadia Saeed Berkeley Prep	5 th Classical Art II	Taira Salahuddin Berkeley Prep	4 th Black Ink 10
Jesse Walker Duncan U. Fletcher High	1 st Acrylic/Oil 10	Ben Woodruff Duncan U. Fletcher High	3 rd Multimedia 7-9 4 th 800 Meter Jr. Boys Track 5 th 400 Meter Jr. Boys Track	Dana Hunt Escambia High	4 th Essay – 12 th Grade Girls
Katelyn Murphy Escambia High	4 th Modern Myth – Middle Division	Jessica Reed Escambia High	1 st Mottoes I	Matthew Byrd FSUS	1 st Mottoes IV 1 st Grk. Life IV 1 st Hellenic IV 3 rd Class. Art IV 3 rd Grk. Deriv. IV 4 th Geo. IV 4 th Lat. Deriv. IV 5 th Lat. Lit. IV 5 th Roman His IV 5 th Certamen: Adv.
Robert Lane FSUS	4 th Classical Art I	Ashten Mays FSUS	4 th Greek life and Literature V+	PJ Rivera FSUS	5 th 100-yard Medley Sr. Boys 5 th 200-yard Freestyle Sr. Boys
Maurice Boetger Forest High School	2 nd Greek Derivatives II 3 rd Hellenic History II 3 rd Mottoes II	Niketu Patel Hillsborough High School	3 rd Roman Life II 4 th Mosaics 10	Monica Shah Hillsborough High School	2 nd Decorative Stitching 10 3 rd Mixed Media 10 5 th Black Pencil 10



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Vidhi Shah Hillsborough High School	1st Charcoal 10 3rd Colored Pencil 10	Julianne Hum- phreys Holy Com- forter	5th Reading Comprehen- sion ½ and 1 I 1st Black Inc 7-9 5th Colored Ink 7-9	Sarah Sha- haw Holy Com- forter	4th Reading Comprehen- sion ½ & 1 ½ 1st Computer Photo 7-9 5th Traditional Photo 7-9
Thomas Blevins L. Chiles High	2nd Hellenic History III	Catherine Liu L. Chiles High	1st Sculpture 7-9	Diana Zheng L. Chiles High	1st Classical Art II 4th Read. Comp: Level 2 II 5th Roman life II
Caitlin Barrett Leesburg High	3rd Decorative Stitching 10	Taylor Brown Leon High	3rd Geography III 5th Class. Art III 5th Hellenic III	William Doran Leon High	5th Geography V+ 5th Class. Art V+ 5th Certamen Adv
Mary Dunkel- berger Leon High	4th Class. Art III 5th Impromptu Art 11	Kade Needham Leon High	4th Mythology I 3rd Certamen: Novice	Kirsten Ohlsen Leon High	5th Impromptu Art 12
Robert Palmer Leon High	3rd Reading Comprehen- sion	Jackie Van Laningham Leon High	3rd Mottoes III	Jessica McCarron Lincoln High	2nd Mottoes IV
Kathleen Wade Lincoln High	1st Grk. Deriv. IV 2nd Grk. Life & Lit. IV 4th Class. Art IV	Jane Darby Menton Maclay School	2nd Class. Art II 2nd Mottoes II 5th Lat. Vocab II 5th Reading Comp: 2 II 1st Certamen Int.	Ethan Rosen- blum Maclay School	2nd Marathon Sr. Boys
Alexandra Scanameo Maclay School	2nd 800 Meter Sr. Girls Track	Bradford Sherman Maclay School	3rd Hel. Hist. I 3rd Rom. Hist. I 5th Latin Lit. I 3rd Certamen: Novice	David Stupski Maclay School	3rd Mythology I 3rd Certamen: Novice



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<p>India Watkins Maclay School</p>	<p>3rd Certamen: Novice</p>	<p>Forrest White- house Maclay School</p>	<p>1st Latin Deriv. IV 2nd Geography IV 2nd Reading Comp: Poetry IV 4th Heptath. IV 5th Certamen Adv.</p>	<p>Amanda Ev- ans Oak Hall School</p>	<p>2nd Aca- demic Hep- tathlon ½ 2nd Mythol- ogy ½ 3rd Grk. De- riv. ½ 4th Grk. Life & Lit. ½ 5th Mottoes ½</p>
<p>Connor Harri- son Oak Hall School</p>	<p>3rd Hellenic His- tory III</p>	<p>Lucas Mar- siske Oak Hall School</p>	<p>2nd Rom. Life ½ 4th Lat. Lit. ½ 4th Mottoes ½ 5th Mythology ½</p>	<p>Gabriel Molina Oak Hall School</p>	<p>1st Lat. Grammar 2 II 1st Mythol- ogy II 2nd Heptath- lon II 3rd Lat. De- riv. 3rd Lat Vo- cab. 1st Certamen: Int</p>
<p>Jose Molina Oak Hall School</p>	<p>1st Lat. Deriv. III 1st Lat. Gram. III 1st Lat. Vocab. III 1st Read. Com. III 2nd Rom. Life III 4th Mythology III 5th Mottoes III 5th Certamen: A.</p>	<p>Josh Pincus Oak Hall School</p>	<p>2nd Lat. Lit. ½ 2nd Rom. His. ½ 3rd Heptath. ½ 4th Geography ½ 4th Grk. Deriv. ½ 4th Mottoes ½ 5th Hel. Hist. ½ 5th Rom. Life ½ 3rd Certamen: N.</p>	<p>Hyejin Roh Oak Hall School</p>	<p>3rd Lat. Vo- cab. ½</p>



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<p>Henry Schott Oak Hall School</p>	<p>2nd Grk. Deriv. ½ 2nd Lat. Deriv. ½ 2nd Lat. Gram. ½ & 1 ½ 2nd Lat. Lit. 3rd Mottoes ½ 3rd Mythology ½ 5th Hel. Hist. ½ 5th Lat. Vocab. ½ 3rd Certamen: N.</p>	<p>Ben Van- Gelder Oak Hall School</p>	<p>2nd Heptath. IV 2nd Lat. Gram. Adv. IV 3rd Latin Lit. IV 3rd Lat. Voc. IV 3rd Rom. Hist. IV 4th Read. Comp: Prose IV 5th Certamen: Adv.</p>	<p>Alvin Wang Oak Hall School</p>	<p>4th Lat. Vocab. II 5th Lat. Deriv. II 1st Certamen: Int.</p>
<p>Jonathan Wang Oak Hall School</p>	<p>3rd Read. Comp: Prose IV 4th Lat. Deriv. IV</p>	<p>Casey DeHaan St. Francis Catholic High</p>	<p>5th Costume Sr. Boys 3rd Charts: Constructed 11</p>	<p>Seonag Do- herty St. Francis Catholic High</p>	<p>1st Large Mod-els 10 4th Charts: Constructed 10</p>
<p>Stephen White St. Francis Catholic High</p>	<p>3rd Games 12</p>	<p>Carson Gra- ham St. Johns Country Day</p>	<p>1st Lat. Deriv. ½ 2nd Grk. Deriv. ½ 2nd Lat. Vocab ½ 2nd Read. Comp. ½ & 1 ½ 3rd Latin Lit. ½ 4th Class. Art ½ 5th Grk. Life & Lit. ½ 1st Cos. Jr. Coup. 4th Computer Photo 7-9</p>	<p>John Henning St. Johns Country Day</p>	<p>4th Latin Grammar ½ & 1 ½</p>



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<p>Allison Killea St. Johns Country Day</p>	<p>2nd Mythology ½ 3rd Class. Art ½ 4th Heptathlon ½ 5th Hel. Hist. ½ 1st Cos. Jr. Coup. 2nd Dramatic Interp. ½ Girls 5th Small Mod- els 7-9 3rd Marathon Jr. Girls</p>	<p>Lynn Killea St. Johns Country Day</p>	<p>1st Mottoes II 1st Roman History II 1st Certamen: Intermediate 4th Dramatic Interpretation II Girls</p>	<p>Rachel Robi- son St. Johns Country Day</p>	<p>1st Costume Sr. Girls</p>
<p>Amy Amorn- marn Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>3rd Grk. Deriv. II 5th Lat. Deriv. II</p>	<p>Michael Car- penter Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>5th Lat. Deriv. III</p>	<p>James Chang Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>1st Grk. Deriv. III</p>
<p>Paul Huang Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>5th Mottoes V+</p>	<p>Rebekah Kitto Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>4th Lat. Lit. III</p>	<p>Sam Leach Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>4th Lat. Deriv. II 4th Read. Comp: 2 II 5th Lat. Gram – 2 II 1st Certamen: Int.</p>
<p>Leighanne McGill Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>4th Essay – 12th Grade Girls 3rd Maps 12</p>	<p>Tina Ng Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>2nd Grk. Deriv. III 4th Impromptu Art 10</p>	<p>Jessica Yeung Stanton Col- lege Prep.</p>	<p>2nd Mottoes III 1st Acrylic/Oil 10 3rd Impromptu Art 10</p>
<p>Lauren Hemp- stead Winter Springs High</p>	<p>2nd Classical Art IV 3rd Grk. Life & Lit. IV</p>				



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The Mostly-potent, Mostly-present, Mostly-scient Forum Planning Committee

**Mr. Geoff Revard
CAF President**

If captured by the Romans, what type of gladiator would you like to be? Dimacharius of course! Wielding two weapons at once is the only way to go.

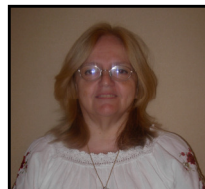


What type of god would you like to be? Cinematicus, God of Movies. I want to be able to make anything I want to see on the screen happen with a glance through the magical camera lens.

Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? Arnold Schwarzenegger and Ken Andino. I think Ken would take him.

Who is the greatest hero of all time? Gilgamesh. He is such an original kinda guy!

**Mrs. Aurelia Ogles
FJCL Financial Director**
Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? FJCL Officers vs the FSCL Officers



What made you first get involved with Latin? My 8th grade English teacher insisted that anyone named Aurelia must take Latin. My parents wanted me to take French which I did later.

How long have you been practicing and/or teaching Latin? 30 years + 8 years of school

**Mrs. Marie Giraudeau
NJCL Florida State Chair**
What type of god or goddess would you like to be? My Facebook quiz said that I was Zeus.



Are you excited about going back to Orlando for State Latin Forum? As Dorothy the Meek and Mild said, "There's no place like home".

What made you first get involved with Latin? A vacuum cleaner salesman—no joke!

**Mr. Adam Mize
CAF Vice President**

How long have you been practicing and/or teaching Latin? This is my 2nd year teaching high school and my 12th State Forum.



What aspect of ancient culture would you want to bring into today's society? One word: togas

Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? Hillary vs. Obama

What type of god or goddess would you like to be? I would be Neptune so that I could breathe underwater.

Who is the greatest hero of all time? Aeneid is the man.

**Mr. Alan Blessing
Facilities Liaison**

What do you hope to accomplish this year as a Forum Planning Committee member? Nirvana.

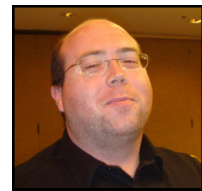


How long have you been practicing and/or teaching Latin? Since 1971.

Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? The Florida Latin teachers.

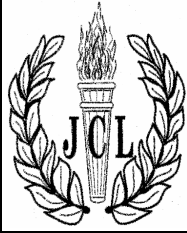
Who is the greatest hero of all time? Julius Caesar

**Mr. Jeffrey Satriano
FJCL Registrar**
Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? Barack Obama and Sarah Palin



What made you first get involved with Latin? Good question. Madness?

Who is the greatest hero of all time? That's a tough call, and it's above my pay grade.



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**Mr. Ken Andino
Academic Coordinator**

What do you hope to accomplish this year as a Forum Planning Committee member?
I hope to administer tests. And grade tests. And rank tests. It's gonna be AWESOME!



What type of god or goddess would you like to be?
Question makes no sense. I have achieved divinity.

What aspect of ancient culture would you want to bring into today's society? Mr. Jackson said my answer was not printable.

Who is the greatest hero of all time? David Jackson

**Mr. Craig Bebergal
Speech/Costume Co-Chair
Advisor to the Editor**

What made you first get involved with Latin? My eighth grade Spanish teacher called me the "gringo" in the second row. I wanted a language with NO native speakers.



What aspect of ancient culture would you want to bring into today's society? Jodeci Richards told me I couldn't say my answer but that it was better than Jackson's and Andino's.

Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game?
Brittany Spears, Lindsey Lohan, Paris Hilton, and some very hungry LIONS!!!

**Mrs. Cathy Sturgill
Creative Projects Co-Chair**
If captured by the Romans, what type of gladiator would you like to be?
Me a gladiator?

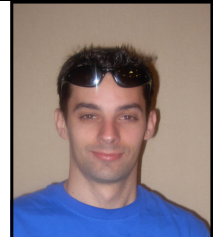


Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game?
Not me as you can see by question 1. Hmmmm...Daniel Robie and Craig Bebergal would be amusing.

What type of god or goddess would you like to be? A Roman one?...hmmmm...this is a weird question...I actually would rather be a camelopardalis!

**Mr. David Jackson
Certamen Coordinator**

What type of god or goddess would you like to be? One that buzzes in fast and answers all the questions correctly.



What made you first get involved with Latin? The chicks of course.

What aspect of ancient culture would you want to bring into today's society? Mr. Andino said my answer was not printable.

Who is the greatest hero of all time?
Kenneth R. Andino.

**Ms. Leslie Peebles
Speech/Costume Co-Chair**
What's your favorite facet of Roman culture?
Using crushed bugs for mascara.

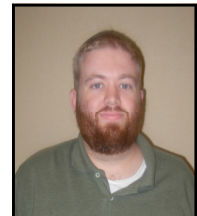


Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? Ken Andino and David Jackson

What type of god or goddess would you like to be?
Vespilla (I was attacked by a zillion yellowjackets on Labor Day.)

Are you excited about going back to Orlando for State Latin Forum? Not so much.

**Mr. Matthew Yates
SCL Liaison**
Are you excited about going back to Orlando for State Latin Forum? Absolutely. I miss Mickey.



Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? Nancy Pelosi and Sarah Palin

What made you first get involved with Latin? A kid by the name of Phil Bell, whom I deemed cool at the time. I was way too impressionable.

Who is the greatest hero of all time? Cinncinatus



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Mr. Tait Pollard
SCL Vice President

Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? Ken Andino and Jeffrey Satriano.

If captured by the Romans, what type of gladiator would you like to be? Essedarius, I would definitely want a chariot.

What aspect of ancient culture would you want to bring into today's society? Eating lying on couches.

Who is the greatest hero of all time? Odysseus, intelligence over brawn.



Ms. Sierra Garrett
SCL President

What type of god or goddess would you like to be? An omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent one.

What aspect of ancient culture would you want to bring into today's society? Roman holidays! I highly recommend a big Lupercalia BBQ with a ritual sacrifice of a goat cake.

Who would you like to see compete in a gladiatorial game? Tom Cruise and Will Smith—clash of the Sciencetologists!



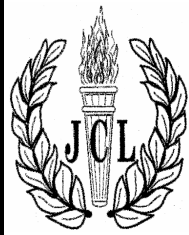
Certamen Results From Nationals By: Mr. Jackson

The Florida coaches and delegation would like to congratulate our certamen teams for a job well done at the 55th annual NJCL Convention in Oxford, Ohio. Team Florida Novice finished in 3rd place and consisted of David Stupski, India Watkins, and Bradford Sherman from The Maclay School; Henry Schott and Josh Pincus from Oak Hall School; and Kade Needham (captain) from Leon High

School. Team Florida Intermediate won Florida's sixth national championship in that division in the last 11 years and consisted of Jane Darby Menton of The Maclay School; Alvin Wang and Gabriel Molina of Oak Hall School; Sam Leach of Stanton High School; and Lynn Killea (captain) of St. Johns Country Day School. Team Florida Advanced finished in 5th place and consisted of Matt Byrd of Florida State University School; Will Doran of Leon High School; Forrest Whitehouse of The Maclay School; Jose Molina and Benjamin VanGelder (captain) of Oak Hall School.



2008 Level II Team



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On the NJCL Scholarship By: Lauren Hempstead, FSU

Going to the opening general assembly at my first National Junior Classical League Forum, I had no idea what to expect except the endless boring administrative matters about which many of the students had warned me. The large amount of crazy Latin students, all excited about being at competition during the summer, caught me off guard. To find myself in the company of so many like-minded students was one of the best experiences of the summer. However surprised I was about the spirit of those around me, it was nothing compared to how I felt when the director of scholastic services for the National Junior Classical League, Mr. David Volk, announced the recipient of the NJCL Latin Honor Society scholarship. Having been completely overwhelmed by the size of the National Junior Classical League, I had failed to look at the program of speakers for the assembly. I did not realize that one of the scholarships for which I applied would be called so early in the week, I was dumbfounded through the announcement of my name as the recipient. It was a great honor and pleasure to receive the award and I would like to personally thank all of the members of the Florida delegation that supported me.

I highly suggest that any high school senior who has been a part of the NJCL for the past three years and who plans to major in the Classics (studies or language) apply for this scholarship. The qualifications are limited. As outlined in the application on the NJCL website (www.njcl.org/activities), applicants must have been a member in good standing of the NJCL for at least three years, be a member of the NJCL Latin Honor Society for the current academic year and at least one preceding year, and be planning to teach Latin or the Classics. The application requires an essay on 'what honor and excellence mean to me' as well as a transcript and three recommendations (Latin teacher, school administrator, and person in the community). There are very few scholarships for future Latin teachers that have such few requirements as this one does, especially one that is worth \$1500. Every little scholarship you get adds up. Apply if you can!



Upcoming Events

Oct 18th: Maclay Certamen, Tallahassee

Oct 31st: CAF Dues & FJCL Dues Due

Dec 1st: NJCL Dues Due

Jan & Feb 2009: Regional Fora TBA

April 16-18, 2009: Orlando



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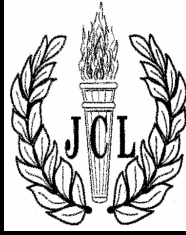
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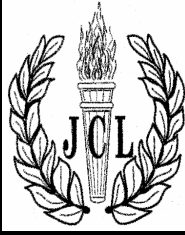
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Keep Believing...





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...Don't Stop Believing!!!



A Message From Your FSCL President

SalveteOmnes!

I hope you all had a great summer, whether you had a blast at Nationals or spent a few hours reading Harrius Potter. For all the fun I had this summer, I'm just as happy to be back at college, which means back to learning Greek and Latin. As you make the transition back to school, whether you're just starting out in Latin, finally figuring out fourth conjugation, or plunging headlong into the AP syllabus, I hope that you're not only learning but also revving up your JCL activities. As your SCL president, I'm hoping to make your experiences at State this year as exciting and effortless as possible, but we SCLers can't do it alone. We need you as JCLers to bring your brains to Certamen and the creative competitions, and your energy to Olympika. We are also always seeking seniors to join SCL as slashers, because we can always use more help.

Also seniors, as you continue through the college application process, don't forget to highlight your JCL involvement on your resumes and consider continuing your Classics courses in college. If you're visiting colleges this year, don't forget to ask about language prerequisites, placement exams (you may be eligible for several semesters worth of credit), or extra curricular clubs such as Eta Sigma Phi, the Latin and Greek national honor society.

But whatever your goals may be for this year, I hope that you're able to achieve them, and I look forward to seeing all of you in April.

PaxVobiscum,
Sierra Garrett
FSCL President

Hey, Are You A Senior? Do You like Free Money?

Students who are seniors and plan to study Latin in their freshman year of college are eligible to take the FJCL Scholarship exam. The exam consists of two passages to translate and questions (grammar and comprehension) relating to those passages. After February 1st, 2008, students may request the application. They must return the completed application form to Linda Mishkin (see below). The exam will then be sent to a guidance counselor at the student's school. Students must take and return the exam by March 17, 2008. The winning student (and an alternate) will be announced at State Forum. This scholarship is worth \$500. Students may request an application from Linda Mishkin at: lmishkin@saintstephens.org or by mail at:

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