

ZACH ATKINSON – PRESIDENT

Salvete! My name is Zach Atkinson and I am your 2009-2010 MDJCL President. This past year I was an officer in my school's local JCL and for the past 5 years I've been a Certamen team captain. Speaking of Certamen, one of my largest goals is to create greater interest and bigger participation in these events. The more often they are held, the more opportunities Maryland schools will have to communicate, compare Latin-based experiences, and build anticipation for the Maryland State Convention. I attended this year's National JCL Convention in California to learn new ideas for both the Spring State Convention and for schools to use for their own JCL meetings. I hope to make JCL more enjoyable all over the state and to send more Marylanders to next summer's National Convention in North Dakota.

TIANHAO HE – VICE PRESIDENT

Salvete everyone! As vice-president, I have two main goals for MDJCL this year: increasing membership and improving communication. Last spring, I was amazed at the student turnout and the diversity of schools represented at our annual state convention. But I firmly believe that we can expand our membership by spreading the word about MDJCL in local school districts. To ensure that our efforts are organized, we will be publishing a quarterly newsletter, which we hope will serve as an instrument for facilitating communication between local chapters. This newsletter will contain updates about the latest events, news about the activities of local chapters from around the state, and much more. The upcoming school year abounds with potential and opportunity, and I sincerely hope that all of you will take the initiative to be active members of MDJCL!

SOPHIA GAUTHIER – VICE PRESIDENT / WEBMASTER

Salvete fellow MDJCLers! My name is Sophia Gauthier and I am your Vice President/ Webmaster for the 2009-2010 school year. I had the fantastic opportunity of attending the National Convention this past summer and have returned with a multitude of new ideas to spruce up MDJCL for the upcoming school year. I plan on incorporating spirit into our annual spring convention and hope to hold a Meet the Officers Banquet where school officers can come together and swap ideas. It's going to be a great year- keep the Latin spirit alive!

CODY SHERLOCK – PARLIAMENTARIAN

My name is Cody Sherlock, and I am your Parliamentarian. Last year I was an officer in Dulaney High School JCL. I look forward to interacting more with local chapters of JCL than was done last year. We want to know all the interesting activities each chapter does, so that fun ideas can proliferate throughout the other chapters of JCL in Maryland. I will be working on this with the help of Tianhao and the teachers of MDJCL. This is going to be a great year, and I am excited to be a part of it!