



THE MDJCL **TORCH** STATES 2017

2016 - 2017 MDJCL Officers

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Salvete omnes! Welcome to the State Convention! This amazing weekend is finally here and I hope you all enjoy yourselves! We are so excited to have you all here! There are so many things to do, certamen, academic testing, ludi, That's Entertainment, colloquia, and the list goes on and on! All of the officers, our incredible state chair and your friends at Easton have been working very hard to make sure we give you MDJCLers a fantastic and magical weekend. I had so much fun in my final year as an MDJCLer and I hope you all did too! This convention will be the perfect conclusion to a wonderful year that I hope has made all of you want to continue to participate in the MDJCL. Vos amo MDJCL!

P.S. Also, while you're having fun, please take the time to thank your awesome teachers!

- Ella Joshi

Welcome everyone to the MDJCL State Convention of 2017! It has been a great year, and I hope you all have an amazing weekend full of Latin fun! Be sure to check out the candidates for next year's officers in the Torch. If you are interested in even more Latin events and conventions, be sure to check out the Nationals Interest Meeting colloquia and go to njcl.org to find out more information.

From your editor,
Will Zhao

Meet the Candidates

Natasha Panduwawala, Running for President

One idea that I wish to bring as the future MDJCL president would be to introduce more "ice-breaking" activities among MDJCLers. We already have at least one activity per an event that helps us become introduced to fellow Latin lovers but I believe that we should be more connected since we are a small yet mighty state. More ice-breaking will foster more relationships among Latiners and help us unite over our shared love of Latin language. When schools appear at state Certamens, we can all have the ability to know each other well and cooperate as one state easily. We can embrace the single goal of being amici over Latin as a state.

Emily Redmond, Running for Parliamentarian

As a possible future Parliamentarian, my goal will be to encourage and maintain the bond between schools of the MDJCL, maintain a structured constitution and rule process and, under the correct rules and amendments, welcome new schools into our Latin family. The one thing that I treasure in my heart with JCL and I value most is the bond and the friendship that each and every member carries with them. I would like to increase involvement from other schools to join our conventions and events in order to give kids a chance to find their place during their high school careers amongst our group. In a domestic view of the MDJCL, I believe that along with keeping the organized system of laws under the constitution regulated, maintaining our pro-interactive goals amongst our group would be most beneficial for the future of MDJCL.

Kaitlyn Tilley, Running for Historian

Hi! I'm Kaitlyn Tilley, but you can call me by my Latin name, Gaia! I am running for Historian for MDJCL and I am so very excited for states! This is my second state convention and I attended the National Convention last year. I have so many ideas for improving the Maryland delegation as Historian. I plan to make our social media sites more active (and interactive), create fun new games, activities, and competitions, and though the power of photography, get the MDJCL name out to the world!

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Amelia Komisar-bury, Running for Editor

Hi, I'm Amelia, a sophomore and Latin 2 student at Eleanor Roosevelt. This year I became the secretary for our JCL chapter along with joining my school's Latin Honor Society. As secretary, I take notes and keep track of dates for the Roosevelt JCL. I'm a bit of an obsessive planner, and I enjoy using logistics and communication to achieve a goal. That's the reason why I am running to be MDJCL Editor, I feel that good communication is the only way to become a community. As an officer, I would like to implement more ludi based events besides convention. I think this would allow people of different Latin levels to interact more and make a more constructive environment to make friends from outside their local chapter.

Julian Pitts, Running for Historian

MDJCL is a one of the organizations and groups I am in that is the most near and dear to my heart. That goes to say it takes precedence over the Civil Air Patrol, however it does have room for improvement. As historian and an officer in general, i hope to incorporate more of the fun ice breakers to help improve the cohesion between the different schools within the chapter to help make friendships like those of national convention. The photo aspect is to help others see other people not as rival schools but people and friends. This is one of the things that inspire cadets to become staff and later officers is seeing their current staff pictures; they see the staff in the photos having fun with each other and then desire that fun. It is my hope that these new officers and I, if elected, get everyone more acquainted with each other to make the organization more efficient.

Meme Scavenger Hunt!

This year the MDJCL is orchestrating a weekend-long meme scavenger hunt! But, this is an elimination scavenger hunt. This initial clue will lead your team of 3-4 to the first meme location where there are only 10 memes/clues and will end with a final location with just one meme. If you don't grab a meme and clue, then you're out! If you have managed to find each meme, you must have all of them and the clues to show as proof. If you have won, please find me. Have fun!

- Ella Joshi

Here is your initial clue:

To find this room number, you must figure out

- How many times Zeus appeared as golden rain to a lady friend
- The number of times Zeus chose not to seduce a lady he liked
- The number of daughters Atlas had

The NJCL Convention 2017

Do you love going to certamina and spending time with fellow Latin nerds? You might be interested in the National Junior Classical League Convention, to be held at Troy University in Troy, Alabama from July 24 - 29.

For more information, visit njcl.org.



Information

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