

KENTUCKY JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE TORCH



EDITOR'S GREETING

So far, this year has been like a mystery buffet. It all started last year, when most were eager to move on and sate their hunger. After waiting in line, the buffet looked so appealing, boasting a variety of foods for every pallet. After taking the first bite, however, it hit us—that chicken wing was spicy. Some sweat dripped, but most importantly, man that milk started to look better than ever. After a dismal start to the new decade, JCL was my purple and gold milk. From food coloring of course, not from spoiling. A week or so after state convention, we went back for a second redemption bite. With the corona virus, no, it was not at all redemption. But after the American Classical League assuring us that the national convention won't succumb to that fiery hot spice rub, we can take another brave bite into the next course, knowing our refreshing milk will still be there.

I sincerely hope that everyone else shares the same sentiment towards this organization. It has always personally been a place of refuge from the stress of school, home, or elsewhere. Please recall your exciting memories of the JCL to motivate you throughout the quarantine or whatever else may be troubling you. The next dish may be spicy, sour, or bitter, but we can all carry on, knowing we can always reach towards that reliable milk that is the JCL.

-Your Hungry Editor,
Eli Brown

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WELCOMING THE 2020-2021 KYJCL OFFICER BOARD

For this year's officer introductions, I gave the officers four prompts:

Favorite Latin Textbook

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor

If you could instantly master any instrument, what would it be?

Ultimate Goal for Officer Term

Joly Lo, President

- Minimus
- Tonight Dough
- Piano
- Have every officer active and working together to transform and grow JCL

Jack Wilburn, 1st VP

- Ecce Romani (duh)
- Cookies and cream slaps
- The didgeridoo so I could meditate or something
- My goal is for everyone to visit the FARGODOME (even if we're in Virginia for nationals)

Mary Lauren Veazey, 2nd VP

- Obvious ecce Romani :)
- Black raspberry chocolate chip
- Guitar
- Create a state club of the month contest based off the njcl's

Eli Brown, CoCo

- Cambridge
- Mint Chocolate Chip
- Trumpet
- I want to keep the JCL alive as a reliable, fun family for everyone

Wavid Bowman, Parliamentarian

- Clc
- Caramel
- Harpsichord
- To make there be no state of emergencies next year

Sadie Sheff, Historian

- The Red Book (Cambridge Latin Course Unit 1)
- Cookie Dough
- Piano
- Creating a personal paper scrapbook with pictures from every Latin club in KY

KYJCL Convention Review



Every year, state convention attendance decreases. Although most had realized it beforehand, when attendance was read during GA, the reality of that statistic set in. Yet, by the end of that same meeting, everyone walked out with sweet sweat and smiles. While sharing this family with more people may be gratifying, the connections we share strengthen regardless of number. I witnessed people form more diverse, connected groups more than ever this year. This perseverance and dedication is one of the most impressive traits of the JCL. In addition, the previous state board planned and executed the convention smoothly. Most importantly, technical difficulties were minimal, and they were laughed off when they occurred.

Throughout convention this year there was much noteworthy news and competition which I would like to recognize. Firstly, as proven by Madison Central with stunning growth from 25 to 48 members, the JCL is certainly still growing on the local level.

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In the academic field, Covington Latin represented their school with a well deserved win in both the intermediate and advanced certamen finals. Congratulations to the Manual novice team for their win, and thank you to all the other teams who participated! Finally, thank you to the winners of That's Entertainment. Over the six state conventions I have attended, this may have been a first for Gregorian chants and card tricks.

We were incredibly lucky to hold a convention before the covid chaos broke out. Even though you do not have physical JCL events at the moment, please reach out to those who may have missed their convention. After seeing our ability to bond over this club, I am confident that everyone is capable of spreading spirit.

Communications Center

Welcome to the Communications center! This will be a monthly section of the Torch dedicated to networking in the KYJCL. On this page I will include major announcements such as service themes and important dates. To get representation from everyone, I would also like to fill this with messages from local chapters and both local and state officers. If you would like to submit a message, announcement, or creative writing for the next edition, please email kjclcoco@gmail.com!

March-April Service Theme

With schools being closed due to COVID-19, obviously local chapters can not do service projects together. However, we can still spread JCL spirit in other ways! These next few weeks, we would ask that you reach out to people in your life (grandparents, Latin teacher, friends, etc.) via handwritten cards, emails, video calls, and/or any other means of communication (besides actual in-person contact!).

As this is a difficult time for everyone, spread some JCLove with notes of encouragement!

Some ways to earn spirit points include:

- Email 2nd VP Mary Lauren Veazey at kjclsecondvp@gmail.com and share pictures and how many letters you are writing
- Mention @kyjcl in a DM or post on Instagram
- Fill out the form in the @kyjcl Instagram's bio

Getting to Fargo

A short story of a long, incredible journey written by President Joly Lo

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After I attended the state convention my freshman year, I knew I wanted to attend nationals with my state. Then I learned where it was: Fargo North Dakota. I never thought I'd be telling my parents "I really want to go to North Dakota." But there I was. Wanting to go was one thing, getting there was another. I had to find transportation and funding to get there. I asked friends, family, and sponsors to help me. When I got the news that I could attend nationals I was thrilled. On my way there I got a true taste of the midwest and of what a long car ride truly means. Once there, I experienced a week of constant activities. I danced, ate, cheered, and competed with my fellow Kentukians. It gave me a new perspective of what JCL means to me. I highly recommend going to nationals.

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