

# Why Should you Run?

## Gain Leadership Experience

Hone your leadership skills!

## Make a Difference

Lead statewide projects to be memorialized in MDJCL history.

## Connect with Others

Work closely with other officers from across the state and get to know JCLers from other chapters!

## Service

Give back to the MDJCL and help the organization grow.

## Build your Resume

In addition to the benefits mentioned above, serving as an officer looks good on a resume.

# Tips and Tricks!

## Keep it Personal

Try your best to connect with students from other schools at events!

## Build a Strong Platform

Be specific about your goals and keep them attainable!

## Practice, Practice, Practice

Be sure you are familiar with your speech!

**Don't Stress Yourself Out! If you make a mistake, carry on!**



## Who are the current Officers?

**President (Mia Mazzeo):** If you are considering running for president, I highly recommend having prior leadership experience! Being able to run meetings effectively, plan engaging events, and come up with innovative ideas is crucial to this position. Presidents should be reliable, always helping the other officers with anything they need while also working to better the MDJCL overall!

**Vice President (Grace Bullock):** The role of Vice President is to uphold spirit and service in MDJCL as well as work with the President and the rest of the officers to run events. I would greatly recommend if you are planning on running for VP to highlight any leadership experience and connecting with other JCLers at events!

**Parliamentarian (Finn Merrick):** The Parliamentarian is a great job! You get to uphold/amend the MDJCL constitution, help your fellow officers (who will become friends) and run elections!

**Archivist (Zadyn Higgins):** The Archivist (previously Historian) has to document MDJCL events while they are happening, and then after the Archivist puts together a recap of the event to post to the MDJCL Instagram. At the end of the year, the Archivist puts together the scrapbook to showcase the year!

**Editor (Sophia Kantsevov):** The main responsibilities of the Editor are creating an edition of the *Torch* (the M.D.J.C.L. newsletter) for each event and submitting a State Update to the National Torch every season — so you've got to keep up with the N.J.C.L. social media! The position therefore requires some graphic design abilities, so I'd recommend bringing some examples of your past work and being ready to talk about your design experience.

# Campaign Corner



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# Requirements!!

**Candidate Speeches:** Each candidate will be made to give a speech to all present at the state convention on behalf of their candidacy. The speech must not exceed two minutes in length.

**Candidate Questions:** After all candidates have given their speeches, the floor may be open to the audience for questions. Candidates should be prepared to answer a variety of classics and officer-related questions.

**Meet the Candidates:** Each candidate will attend a meeting called 'Meet the Candidates.' Candidates may be asked questions about what they plan to do once elected and why they are seeking a certain position.

**Candidate Posters:** Each candidate will make a poster that is representative of them and how they will approach the position they are running for.



# Rules!!



**NO STICKERS ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS!**



Candidates must not spend over \$25 on campaign materials. Candidates must submit receipts for campaign materials to their local sponsor.

Voting will be done by anonymous ballot. Each chapter present shall cast two votes for each office. The candidate receiving the majority vote for each office shall be elected. In the case of a tie, the Executive Board shall cast the deciding votes.



Campaigning materials may **ONLY** be placed in the cafeteria or hallways of the school

You may hang posters on the walls around the school with painter's tape. No pins, nails, or staples may be used on the walls.

# Constitution!! (Article III)

**Section 1:** The officers of this organization shall be the following: President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Historian, and Editor.

**Section 2:** Term Limits. The term of each elected officer shall be from his/her time of election or appointment until the next State Convention. The duration of which shall be roughly a year.

**Section 3:** Eligibility. To be eligible to run for office a candidate **MUST**: (a) Have the permission of a legal guardian and their local sponsor. (b) Be a member in good standing of a chapter (when applicable) in good standing. (c) Be enrolled in a Latin or Classical Humanities class during their years of office or have completed all the Latin [courses] offered in their schools. (d) Have attended at least one state or national convention

**Section 4:** Elections. Elections will be held yearly at State Convention. (a) Candidates for elected State office and their sponsors shall file with the State Chairperson by a specified date before the State Convention meets. Approved nominees must be present at the Convention and accompanied by their sponsors. In the absence of sponsors, letters of recommendation will be accepted at the State Convention. No nominations from the floor will be accepted.