

The Official MDJCL CAMPAIGN



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LETTER FROM THE MDJCL PARLIAMENTARIAN

Words fail to describe how much the MDJCL means to me. The JCL is one of the few communities that allows you to forget about your inhibitions and fully immerse yourself in the JCLove. From all the friendships made at convention, to the fond memories made at events, the laughter and joy this organization brings is almost endless. Though the JCL means something different to everyone, one thing is certain: it is a very special group of people. If you want to make a lasting impression on this incredible community, I urge you to run to be on the 2023-2024 MDJCL executive board.

Running for office is a huge commitment and is probably one of the biggest decisions you will make in your high school career. Even though a campaign takes an incredible amount of time and energy, you will be amazed at the support and kindness you will receive from your school and those around you. Whether you are elected or not, you will end up having a pretty amazing experience.

Have you attended at least one MDJCL convention? Do you find yourself overjoyed with everything the MDJCL has to offer? Then I urge you to file for office today!

This campaign corner is intended to guide you through the campaign process. Inside you will find a few other reasons why you should run and a step-by-step guide for filing and running your campaign. This also includes advice from our current MDJCL executive board to provide you with guidance. The MDJCL board and I are always an email away to answer any questions you may have. I will be there for you every step of the way. My email is ohdonnell777@gmail.com.

With love,
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2022-2023
MDJCL Parliamentarian

Why Should You Run?



(Photo: Magistra Kunz, 2022)

1

Gain Leadership Experience

Hone your leadership skills!

2

Make a Difference

Lead statewide projects to be memorialized in MDJCL history.

3

Connect with Others

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

4

Service

Give back to the MDJCL and help the organization grow.

5

Build your Resume

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

Rules of Campaigning

Campaigning will be done at the last State Convention of the year! Campaigning materials may ONLY be placed in the cafeteria or hallways of the school.

Inside the Building: You may use the walls around the school to hang posters. You may hang posters with painter's tape. No pins, nails, or staples may be attached to the walls.

NO STICKERS ARE ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL CAMPUS!!!

Campaign Budget: Candidates must not spend over **\$25** on campaign materials. Receipts for campaign materials must be submitted by candidates to their local sponsor. Failure to comply with budget regulations will result in disqualification.

Voting Procedure: Voting will be carried out by anonymous ballot. Each chapter present shall cast two votes for each office. A chapter with only one delegate present shall cast one vote. 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. All other voting matters will be carried out in the same fashion stated previously.

Campaigning Requirements

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. Location and time will be determined by the Executive Board and the State Chairs, time for such a meeting permitting.



Candidate Speeches: Each candidate will be allowed to give a speech to all present at state convention on behalf of their candidacy, not to exceed **2 (two) minutes** in length. Speeches are strongly encouraged.

Candidate Questions: After all candidates have given their speeches, the floor may be once again be open to all in attendance for questions. Candidates should be prepared to be asked a variety of classics and officer-related questions, or questions about your favorite Greco-Roman myth!



(Article III) Taken from the Constitution

Section 1. Officers. 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.



President

MADDIE HOWELL



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ADVICE FOR PRESIDENT CANDIDATES:

Some advice I'd give to candidates running for president is to get your friends involved with the JCL. It makes your job more fun when you're working with people that are equally passionate about Latin and classics.

PRESIDENT'S MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES:

The most important duties the president has are helping plan/lead events, involving more people in the JCL, and managing your team of officers. [You should] [listen] to their ideas and [support] them [in bringing] their plans to reality.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR OFFICE:

To prepare for office, I'd recommend doing a rough outline of your plans for the year to keep you on track. Something else I'd really recommend is talking to former and current officers of the JCL. They gave me some great advice and helped boost my confidence overall about something I was super nervous about doing.

Vice-President

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ADVICE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT CANDIDATES:

If you are thinking about running for office, I believe that you already have some quality skills. You like leadership and putting yourself out there. You have the self confidence needed to run for offices on a state scale. You are motivated to help your community with your unique perspective and ideas. My advice to you would be to play to these strengths. Make sure you're showing the people voting for you about your strengths by talking to them before the election, ensuring they understand your ideas, and representing yourself in a professional, yet outgoing, manner.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES:

My most important duties as MDJCL Vice-President would be to re-enforce and unite this community. I accomplish this through service projects that provide for healthy competition and connections between schools.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR OFFICE:

To prepare to run, make sure you have an effective speech that not only grabs the attention of the audience to help them remember you, but also with listed ideas that gives them the sign that you truly are committed to this role. Prepare to demonstrate your strengths with your answers to questions. And most importantly, be yourself! People would want to know who they are electing.



Parliamentarian

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ADVICE FOR PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES:

Campaigning is one of the most rewarding experiences. Regardless of winning, you will have the opportunity to meet such amazing people who share your passion for and dedication to the MDJCL. My first tip is to be confident! You want voters to be impressed-- and voters want a candidate who knows what they're doing. Be well versed in your platform and be prepared to answer questions and elaborate on your plans.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES:

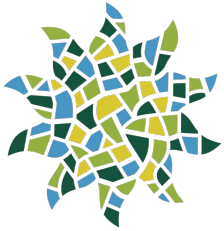
The Parliamentarian is responsible for proposing amendments to the MDJCL officers and state chairs, recruiting for, facilitating, and running national elections before and after convention. You are also responsible for advising the executive board and ensuring they abide by Robert's Rules and the state constitution during meetings and events.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR OFFICE:

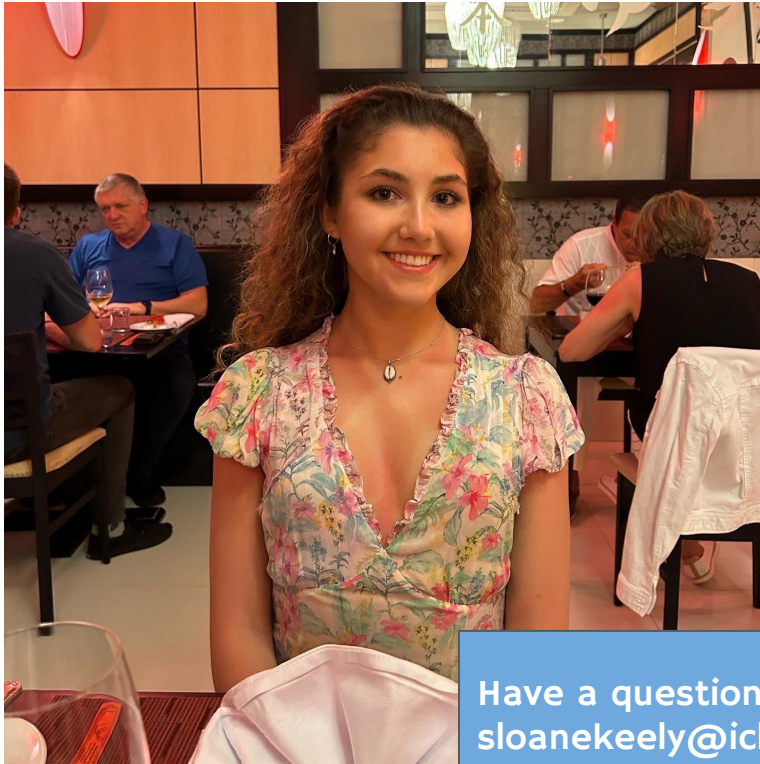
The best way for you to prepare is to have a thorough understanding of Robert's Rules of Order, the MDJCL Constitution and Bylaws, maintain active participation in events, and hold consistent communication with people at your school. Make the first move in candidate recruitment-- its the most important part of the job since candidates are the people who sustain elections. Talk to teachers or student from other schools to find the most qualified candidates. Learn to manage your time well and do stuff progressively-- don't put stuff off until the last minute. Most importantly, know that your fellow officers will be there every step of the way.

Historian

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ADVICE FOR HISTORIAN CANDIDATES:

When I was running for the office of Historian, I found it especially helpful to have a background in photography, graphic design, and social media management. At the time I was elected, I had edited and designed my school's literary magazine all throughout middle school, I had been an editor of my school's yearbook since my freshman year in high school, I had always been very passionate about photography.

HISTORIAN'S MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES:

The most significant duty is managing and running two Instagram accounts: one for the MDJCL (@maryland_jcl) where you will post about events, contests, activities, service opportunities, and anything that requires advertisement, and one for the MDJCL Historian (@mdjclhistorian) which is an online scrapbook of MDJCL events. You will be responsible for taking photos at each event and activity the MDJCL hosts and is involved in, and documenting these events for future Historians. The Historian is heavily involved in communication, such as receiving contest submissions, being up to date on events to advertise, diligently emailing people who reach out regarding the MDJCL asking questions or looking for guidance, and gathering photos from members and other officers to post and record.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR OFFICE:

The best way to prepare for running for the position of Historian would be making a portfolio of graphic designs to demonstrate your abilities in graphic design, photography, and social media, and get involved in clubs and organizations at school (like magazine, newspaper, Yearbook, etc.) where you are using "Historian skills" daily. Maybe even make a few fake posts advertising events for the MDJCL to show your abilities to run our Instagram account! Please consider running for MDJCL Historian, it's an awesome position and I love it!!

Editor

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ADVICE FOR EDITOR CANDIDATES:

If interested in running for editor, I would recommend working on writing and graphic design skills! They are very important when it comes to working on The Torch, and being proficient in them gives you credibility. I'd also recommend thinking of a few different activities that could help boost engagement with The Torch such as writing contests or shout-outs [for competition winners]. Constituents may ask about what you plan on doing with The Torch, so it is good to come prepared!

EDITOR'S MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES:

The editor's job is to make The Torch for the MDJCL. It is a newsletter that reports on the events, happenings, and contests throughout the MDJCL. The editor would be writing about all of this and compiling photos, all of which would then go in the newsletter.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR OFFICE:

To prepare for the office of editor, I recommend getting familiar with different design websites like Canva, as they make it easier to work on The Torch. I also recommend working on writing skills and overall creativity, as they help better The Torch and make it more fun!

Tips & Tricks



(Photo: Magister Moore, 2022)

1. **Keep It Personal**

To win over voters, spend time talking to them individually about your goals.

2. **Be Yourself**

Your speech and campaign reflects you on all levels. If you aren't the most serious, don't force it.

3. **Wear a Smile**

No matter how you dress, a candidate who's having fun will share their charisma with those around them.

4. **You Are Your School**

Make sure that you and those who are helping you campaign appropriately represent that.

5. **Build a Strong Platform**

Be specific about the ideas you wish to pursue make sure they are attainable and realistic.

6. **Remember Resources**

Be sure not to forget any of your campaign materials or other items.

7. **Make It Count**

You only have 2 minutes on stage. Discuss your qualifications and background, but relate them back to your main ideas.

8. **Practice, Practice, Practice**

Practice or memorize your speech so you're confident and familiar with it.

9. **Take a breath and slow down**

Most people have a habit of talking quickly when they're nervous.

10. **Don't stress yourself out! If you make a mistake, carry on!**