

FEBRUARY 2018

MDJCL TORCH

CERTAMEN LUPERCALIUM

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THANK YOU, GILMAN

The board would like to thank Gilman for hosting a Certamen this year! Thank you guys so much for hosting.

CONGRATULATIONS: CERTAMEN SATURNALIUM

Congratulations to ERHS, the Country School, and St. John's for placing as beginners; ERHS and the Heights for placing as intermediate; and Gilman High and the Heights for placing in advanced.

CRANE CORNER

<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Leaderboard: School</u>	<u>Leaderboard: Individual</u>
Final crane count: 2/8 - 2/10	1. Severn High	1. Daniel Babalola
Collect money from sponsors: 2/11 - 2/24	2. Easton High	2. Samuel Ludlam
Winners Revealed: 2/17	3. Eleanor Roosevelt	3. Geneva Walker
Exclusive Trip: 3/3		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION! MDJCL is offering the opportunity for YOU to shine and strive for academic excellence in your Classical studies. Based on academic standing, good character, and a short essay, we will select the finest Classical students across Maryland to be honored with an official award. Look for further details and the application file on mdjcl.org.



A WORD FROM THE BOARD

President: Salvete omnes! Serving as President for the MDJCL board is an absolute honor as well as a huge responsibility. To be a great president, you must have great leadership skills, strong communication skills, and an open mind. You will work with your board to update the state on the latest National news and to bring new ideas to the table such as those for gaining new chapters or new convention events.

VP: Salvete Omnes! You should seriously consider the job of Spirit Officer. While you have to assist the President in his/her duties, you also have to be in charge in recruiting schools to the chapter, and you have to help coordinate events. This position should be sought out by those who wish to make the lives of the rest of the board easier, and as always, attend nationals!

Parli: Salvete! Your Parliamentarian Emily here! My position as an officer has been one of the most intriguing jobs I have been able to fulfill yet. As Parli, your job is to understand and apply the laws of our MDJCL constitution when needed and to facilitate the Elections held at our State Convention. With every Parli that comes into office, having the chance to submit adaptations to how our constitution can change allows for the MDJCL, to have a stronger foundation for what we do as a community and a JCL family. Plus, coming up with nifty ways to encourage candidates to campaign at States is always a fun and creative challenge to take on as well.

Historian: Hey all! As your historian I'm tasked with photographing what happens in MDCL. I also am in charge of making a scrapbook of all the fun times to show off to other organizations and states. If you think you want to become a historian prepare to take lots of candid photos and get strange looks. It is a very fun job and gives a lot of experience!

Webmaster: Hey friends! Being webmaster, you get to post on social media about all things MDJCL! Your job is to spread news, update progress on projects, post pictures from the latest events, and keep everyone up to date with upcoming events, such as the next certamen or state convention!

Editor: Hey guys, it's Amelia. Being the MDJCL Editor is a big responsibility, but the most gratifying position I have ever had. Every month I put together the Torch and try to incorporate elements that demonstrate your creativity and skill. The best thing you can do as Editor is add something unique to you into the Torch.

ELECTIONS



1. Running a campaign not only teaches you more about the way elections are run, but you gain better social & communications skills within your speech, question forum, and casual conversation with constituents.

2. You get a really cool official pin with your title on it (Gratias Magister Moore!)

3. You will gain a closer bond with members of your board as you work throughout each month to coordinate the Certamena and other MDJCL events.

4. Getting to head big projects of your own such as the Classical Cranes, House of Ruth, and museum trips are very fulfilling moments and build on your leadership skills.

5. I may be biased, but Magistra Kunz is a pretty awesome person to get to know and work with. ❤️

6. You get to meet SO many people! Just with my one term alone, I have been given more chances to meet not only people within the Maryland delegation, but I got to meet other JCLers such as the VJCL board at Flint Hill.

7. Going to the National JCL convention is arguably ten times cooler! The national board organizes officer meet & greets, dinners, and workshops where you get to meet officers from around the nation!

8. I'm not sure about you all, but any opportunity I get to dress up is a win in my books and each convention will do that for you. But you don't have to dress up either! You can come decked out in all of your Latin gear and you're still the coolest because you are a state officer!

9. And last but not least, that moment when you are stood on stage and your name is announced as the new officer for that position has to be one of the most fulfilling moments in your life. It makes all of the hard work spent campaigning every bit sweeter.

So, go grab your poster boards, put on your thinking caps, and apply now to run for a MDJCL State Officer Position!

Please email me at emilyredmond35@yahoo.com if you have questions or are interested in running!



State Convention 2018

April 21st-22nd

Certamen!
Spelling Bee!
Bazaar!
Game Room!
Art Showcase!
Colloquia!
Ludi!
Dramatic Interp!
Greek Dancing!

Elections!



CATAPULT CONTEST

Legio XX Reenactors!



Talent Show!



Gladiator fights!



Impromptu Art!



Toiletries Drive!



Go, catapult, go!!

