



## MDJCL OFFICERS:

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## UPDATES:

- We are now in the full swing of MDJCL. Now, state convention is getting closer and closer. This means all MDJCLers should start preparations for all competitions that are offered at state convention such as:

- 2D Art
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Spirit (cheers, chants, dances)
- Academic Testing
- That's Entertainment!
- 3D Art
- Local Scrapbook
- Catapult Contest
- Editor's Choice Writing Contest
- Ludi and Gladiator Events



Emily Redmond and Josiah Sanders at the EHS Latin Club

## UPCOMING KEY DATES:

### March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scavenger Hunt

- At Walters Art Museum in Baltimore

### April 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>: State Convention

- At Easton High School

### July 26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> National Convention

- North Dakota State University, Fargo ND

## THE JCL CREED:

We the members of the Junior Classical League, covenant to hand on the torch of classical civilization in the modern world.

We believe an acquaintance with the civilization of Greece and Rome will help us understand and appraise this world of today,

Which is indebted to the ancient civilization in its government and laws, literature, language and arts.

We affirm the JCL experience develops responsibility, fosters brotherhood, promotes enthusiasm, encourages competition, inspires dedication and enriches our total growth!

## EDITOR'S CHOICE WRITING CONTEST:

### About the Editor's Choice Writing Contest:

"How has Latin changed your life?" such a simple question that can have a most complicated answer. Your task is just that. Answer the question "How has Latin changed your life?"

- The winner will be recognized at state convention with a certificate and the essay will be featured on the April State Convention Torch
- The essays submitted will be reviewed by the State officers and State Chair
- Any current member of the MDJCL may submit.
- 500 word Minimum
- 1200 word Maximum
- The essay is due on Friday, March 29th
- The essay should be submitted via email to MDJCL Editor at [josiahsanders2001@gmail.com](mailto:josiahsanders2001@gmail.com)



## SOCIAL MEDIA:

MDJCL has many Social Media Platforms! Updates, reminders, pictures and more can all be found at:



@MarylandJCL



@Maryland\_JCL



@Maryland Junior Classical League



@MDJCL



MDJCL.org

# WHY YOU SHOULD RUN FOR OFFICE:

## President - Emily Redmond

- By running for an office, you will be pushing yourself to your fullest potential. Running involves engaging in who you are as a person and applying it to the office that you feel you fit best. Make the office you choose something you are passionate about and you will enjoy taking hold of. From there, you will excel beyond what you could ever imagine. You will be able to meet other officers and Latin-lovers from across the nation, to positively influence those of your own state delegation, and to learn how to work with people generally on a much grander scale!

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## Vice President - Gia Haemmerle

- Although in previous years I would've never seen myself being outgoing enough to become an officer of the MDJCL, I can safely say it has been one of the most rewarding positions I've held throughout my time in high school. Not only have I learned how to more effectively collaborate with peers and teachers alike for the benefit of the organization, but I've also discovered my passion for community service. This passion has motivated me to reach levels of success I wouldn't have dreamed of without the help of those on my board and those encouraging me along the way. There's no better way to show your JCLove than by fostering your passion into a tangible result that may benefit you, your state, and even your nation.

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## Parliamentarian - Mika Kretzmann-Clough

- Running for the office of parliamentarian is maybe the best decision I have made in my tenure as an MDJCL member. Ultimately it was about realizing that I had something to offer that would support our community at large. That is all you really need to be confident in to be an officer, that you will work hard to support the MDJCL and its members. Being an officer is challenging and rewarding, but you will get through it with a drive to see your MDJCL be better than when you came to it. It will be a positive experience for you of course but your goal will be to help the organization you love.

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## Historian - Mary Chavez

- Running for office and becoming an officer has been one of the most satisfying and rewarding things I've ever done as an MDJCL-er. By running and choosing a position to run for, I was able to work on my public speaking skills and deciding what sort of position would be best for me and my interests. As an officer, you display your leadership abilities and also your passion for MDJCL while playing into skill sets you already have and developing them further. You cooperate with many people and not just MDJCL-ers, and learn from your peers in the cabinet as well. Being an officer has taught me a lot about responsibility, about collaboration, and about leadership.

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## Editor - Josiah Sanders

- To run for an MDJCL office of any kind takes commitment, but being the editor is a serious commitment. As the MDJCL Editor, you produce a Torch for each certamen. In making the Torch, the purpose is to keep the MDJCL community updated, and this is crucial for the way we as a chapter operate. The most important thing about running for Editor is that you have to be ambitious, and have a vision for what YOU want to bring to the Torch. Personally, being your Editor has really been a rewarding position when each and every person reads my Torch, so thank you for reading now as well!

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## Member at Large - Grace Rish

- Salvete omnes! Running for office at convention is an amazing experience that I believe everyone in MDJCL would enjoy! Campaigning is a great way to meet your fellow MDJCLers and form some new friendships! When I ran last year I had the opportunity to meet many of you and ask what you liked and would like to see changed about MDJCL. And if you win, being apart of the board is an amazing experience that allows you to form better team work skills and make pretty great friends within the MDJCL!

## FOR THE READER:

T- Shirt Contest:

**MDJCL**

**T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST 2018-19**



**Design should feature a quote**  
***“Apes non sunt solitaria natura”***

**Send designs to:**  
**lkunz@talbotschools.org**

**Deadline: March 1st**

**\*Shirt will be given to all at State Convention**

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TO ALL READERS AND LATINERS:

This is a Google form from the State Editor, it is a questionnaire about submissions, and content of the MDJCL Torch. Please fill this out at some point today.

This qr code can be scanned with your phone camera:

