



# Convention Torch

## Welcome!

Welcome back everyone! Well this is absolutely amazing! It is so nice to get to speak with all of you during this difficult time! This weekend is going to be filled with so much Latin fun! My fellow officers, our two state chairs, and all of your teachers have been working very hard to make this weekend special! I hope that everyone has a great time and good luck to all of you competing in any way this weekend!

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## Elections!

Although they may be a tad different this year, we are still having our annual MDJCL elections! Check out all of the candidates below!

## Nathalie Trouba- President

Salvete omnes! My name is Nathalie Trouba and I'm excited to announce I'm running to be MDJCL President for the 2020-2021 term. As most of you probably know, I have had the honor to serve as MDJCL Vice President this past term and I believe this experience has helped me prepare a lot for what it would take to be President in this coming term. Though I was unfortunately not able to achieve all of my aspirations as VP due to the impact of COVID-19, if I am elected President I plan to work closely with the next Vice President on carrying the rest out and even more. Can you guys believe MDJCL is holding its first online convention? Even though it's gonna be a change from our usual insanity I'm still pumped to see and hear from everyone again. In fact, I hope to incorporate many of the elements from this new convention setting into more frequent state events in the year to come. With the platform of Discord, I plan to increase communication between state officers and members so the organization can truly work for everyone. One way of achieving this would be through monthly meetings about MDJCL with both the officers and members. Members and officers would have the opportunity to express thoughts and ideas with each other on the planning of events and activities. JCL at heart is about inclusivity and this is just one step we can take to advance that further. As President, I would like to take more initiative in making MDJCL more prominent on the national level. I'll urge members to submit their talents to national competitions and have time set aside at our events to work on entries and give feedback. This is just a fraction of what I hope to accomplish in the year to come so please check out my speech and show up to the candidate Q and A to learn more. *Gratis vobis ago!*

## Grace Rish- President

Salvete omnes! My name is Grace Rish and I am running to be your MDJCL President! I have had the honor of serving on the state board for two years, during which I have gained valuable leadership experience. If I am elected to be your president I want to see our community continue to grow and to become closer. I plan to do this by implementing more events throughout the year that are not strictly Certamen or competition based. I would love to see us do things like an MDJCL escape room event, or perhaps laser tag? All of these things would help us to foster community in our organization! If elected, I want to be the people's president so if you have any ideas that you would like to ask me about, please do not hesitate to contact me at any point this weekend! My email is [grsmiley43@gmail.com](mailto:grsmiley43@gmail.com)! Thank you all and have an amazing time this weekend!



## Michael Gomez- Vice President

My name is Michael Deras Gomez and I'm running to be your Vice President! This past year has been an amazing learning experience as a part of the board. From planning events to leading ice-breakers, it's given me an incredible amount of experience with working with a team and working under pressure. That being said, there are a few things that I believe I could improve as Vice President. I believe that improving communication through discord and other official JCL social medias will be key in keeping interest in the JCL community alive and well, I'm addition, it would ensure that all members are notified of upcoming events and activities. Another improvement could be to the number of virtual events that are held annually. More virtual events would increase the number of chances that MDJCLers get to participate in activities, as well as give members, who may not otherwise be able to attend an event, an opportunity to interact with the community.

## Michael Moreno- Vice President

Salvete Omnes!

I am so excited to be running for Vice President! My name Michael Moreno, and I am a junior and the President of Loyola Blakfield's Chapter of the Junior Classical League and President of National Junior Classical League Honor Society. You can ask my magistrae that I have been committed to the JCL and will absolutely continue to put in time, effort and dedication. I look forward to being able to help expand MDJCL outreach to more schools and communities. Additionally, I would love to continue MDJCL's strong tradition of spirit and service projects and increase participation among school communities and members at large. I also plan to increase publicity and coordination between schools. I love JCL and hope to bring dedication, commitment, and new ideas to MDJCL!

## Rosario Navarro- Parliamentarian

Salvete Omnes! My name is Rosario Navarro and am currently co-captain of our certamen team and parliamentarian for our chapter of LHS. I have had many great experiences with the Latin community and have made many great friends which I will hold on to dearly throughout my life. I feel very passionately about Latin and hope to help others feel the same. For this reason I am running to be your Parliamentarian for the upcoming school year. I believe I can help many others see the joy that is learning about classical culture. As your parliamentarian I would strive to help other chapters join and experience our great community. I would make sure everyone feels included and accounted for, no matter their circumstances. Lastly, I would make sure we have a means of organizing everything efficiently, no matter whatever is thrown at us, as we have seen this year with certain unprecedented events.

# Carolyn Tang- Historian

Salvete amici, my name is Carolyn Tang and I am running for the historian position. It is my honor to have served as your emergency historian for this past year, and I would love to serve as your historian again for a full term. To make MDJCL a better organization, I plan to continue participating in non-conventional contests including the Photo of the Month competitions to increase wide-reaching publicity. That way, more local students can get involved in Classics and achieve more recognition in the JCL and non-JCL worlds. I am also looking forward to creating a scrapbook and representing Maryland again at Nationals.