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# TSJCL 2014 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



- ◆ The legendary 2013-2014 TSJCL President Isaiah Apfel and the equally legendary TSJCL Board officers successfully ran the Convention with the help of the amazingly dedicated Texas State Chairs.



- ◆ 2013-2014 TSJCL Secretary Nicole Prinz was asked to prom in front of the TSJCL membership on Saturday at the conclusion of General Assembly. She said yes!



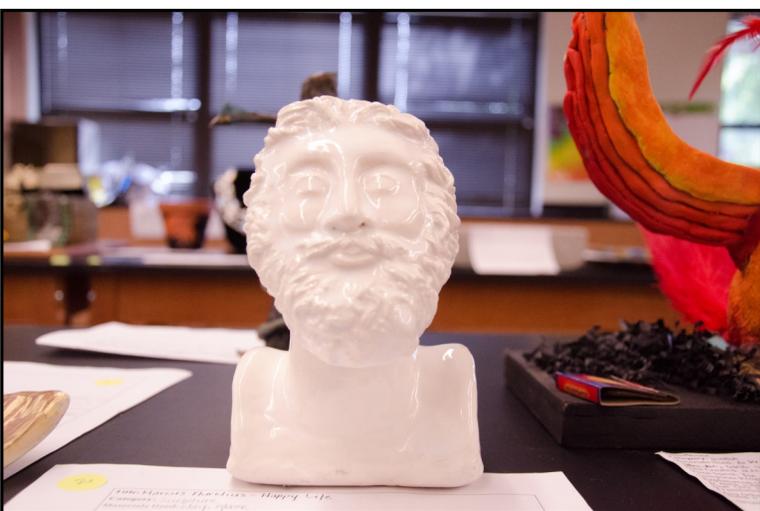
# BEHOLD THE VARIOUS WORKINGS OF THE 2014 TSJCL CONVENTION!



# TEXAS HAS GOT TALENT

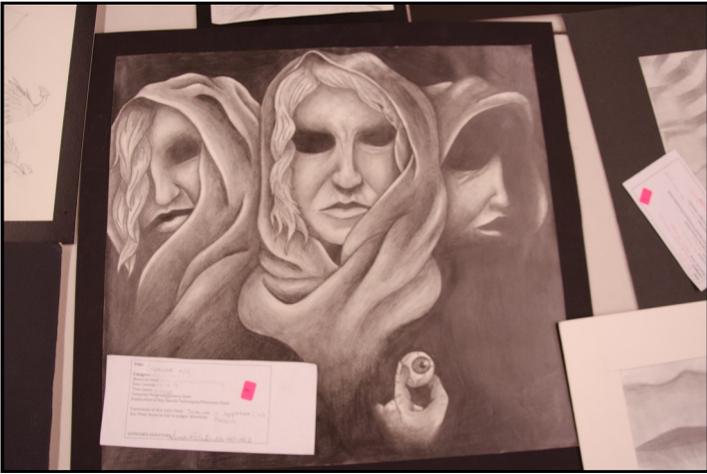
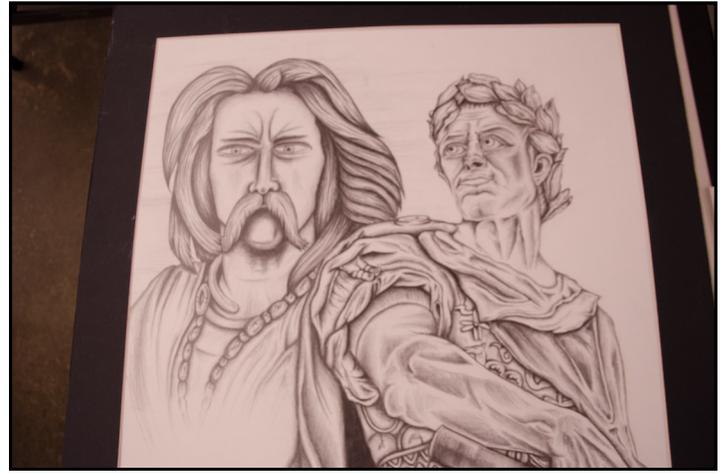
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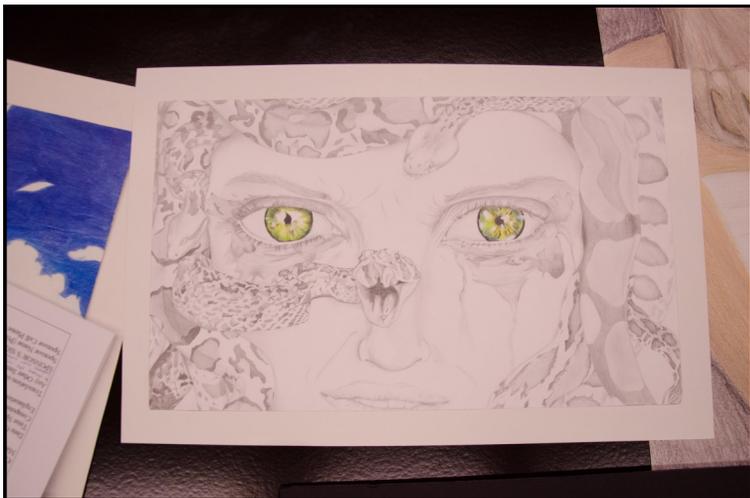
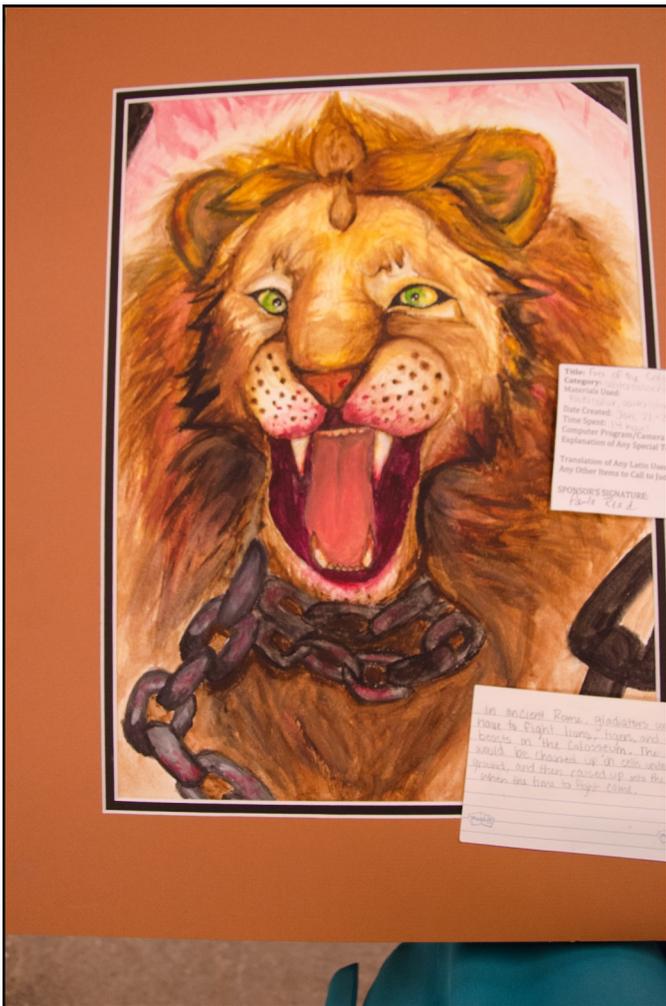




Title: Revolution  
 Category: Jewelry  
 Materials Used: Gold, Red, Blue, White  
 Time Spent: 3 hours  
 Future Program: Jewelry

Title: Hercules  
 Category: Sculpture  
 Materials Used: Ceramic  
 Time Spent: 2 hours





# VOICES OF EXPERIENCE

Parting Words from the Elected TSJCL Officers, 2013-2014



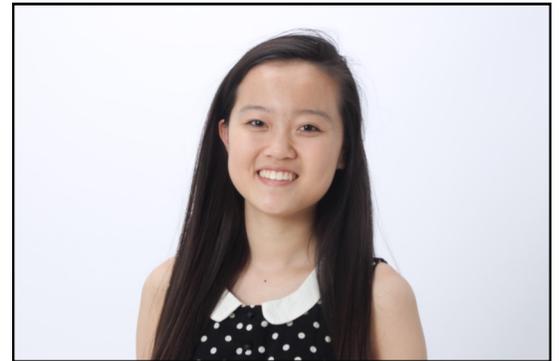
Salvete omnes!

What a blast this past year has been! We're finally done with State, which means the beginning of a brand new year of Latin! This year, I encourage everyone to try something new. Whether you've never gone to State before, or you just want to try out a new test, go for it. Whether the hidden actor in you is telling you to try out Dramatic Interpretation or you realize that you have a passion for Greek History, embrace it, because JCL is the perfect place to explore your passions and be around people who share your love and enthusiasm for the classics! For everyone who is excited for this next year (which should be everyone), let me personally tell you how hard the TSJCL board works to make sure that every year's convention is the best one ever. One of my favorite parts about TSJCL conventions is the atmosphere of family and friendly competition that they create. Many of my closest friends are JCLers and we constantly push each other to study more, try harder, and do our bests, whether it's on the Pentathlon, Decathlon, or in Certamen. That's why I chose this past year's theme for the State Convention from Book II, Satire VIII from Horace's Satires: "ingenium res adverse nudare solent, celare secundae," or, in English, "Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which in prosperous circumstance would have lain dormant." Whether you are new to TSJCL or an experienced veteran, I'm sure that you will have an amazing time this next year and the years to come!

e corde cum amore,  
Isaiah Apfel  
2013-2014 TSJCL President

Dear TSJCLers,

As my term of TSJCL office comes to a close, I can't help but feel bittersweet. It seems like only yesterday when I was a wide-eyed sophomore thirsting to make a difference in the JCL. I spent this past year with board members whom I now call some of my closest friends, working together to ensure a smooth year and successful convention for JCLers across Texas. Board meetings across the state, ordering awards in excess of 3,000 pieces, hours upon hours of printing judging sheets and revising academic contest rules, frantically running Dramatic Interpretation on Friday night—these memories, I realize, are some of the most vivid of my junior year of high school. I've learned to overcome unexpected bumps along the road, treasure friendships, and show character through deeds rather than words. There were laughs with the board, moments of downright frenzy, and feelings of excitement and satisfaction as we tackled the enormous deed of putting together state convention. But one thing for sure is that it was completely worth it. Giving back to an organization that has done so much for me was worth every second, penny, ounce of energy.



I encourage you all to dedicate yourselves to your classical studies and Latin clubs in whatever ways possible during the time you have remaining with the subject. Doing these very things has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in high school. Furthermore, I encourage you to consider running for any JCL office position or attending national convention; both have significantly changed my life as a student and person. I know I have discovered a passion for the JCL, and sometimes I feel that it burns as bright as the torch of classical civilization itself. The Junior Classical League is, and will always be, a dear place in my heart. I only hope that you also have found, or will find, this perpetual flame, for it is an intensely powerful one.

*Ex imo pectore,*  
Ruiqi He  
2013-2014 TSJCL First Vice-President



Dear TSJCLers,

I've been so lucky to serve as your 2nd Vice President! I'm proud to have worked with the TSJCL and have gained some amazing experiences this year. I'm looking forward to next year as Editor and I welcome another year on the Board with the utmost excitement! Thank you!

Gabby Sagun,  
2013-2014 TSJCL Vice-President  
2014-2015 TSJCL Editor

To the TSJCLers~

This past year has been a roller coaster of hard work and amazing memories. I want to take this little amount of space to try to put into words how extraordinarily thankful I am to y'all for allowing me to serve the TSJCL this year. My time as Secretary has taught me so much, and what I learned mostly had to do with people. Thankfully, the officers I worked with are some of the best people around. And also to our great pleasure, we as the officers got to serve some of the best people around. So thank you to you, TSJCL, for being the greatest state of people. We loved organizing and running the state convention just for y'all. We wanted to create the best convention we could because we truly believe you deserve it. State was a crazy time full of high anxiety and stress, but it was well worth the exhaustion and the hard work. I have loved serving this great state of JCLers, so I thank you again for this incredible opportunity.



To the Officers and State Chairs~

Words cannot express how thankful I am for each one of you. Y'all are some of the most caring, encouraging, hard-working people I have ever met; it has been an honor working alongside each of you. Mrs. Romanosky, thank you for being the best mentor there is! I appreciate all the work you put in to help me do the best job I could do. Thank you for constantly encouraging me in every task I had. My fellow officers, I LOVE Y'ALL. A few of you know how difficult this year was for me, but you guys made it so much better. I could not imagine getting through this year without the constant giggles and belly laughs our group messages brought me, the long, long individual conversations I had with some of you, the shopping trips, the ice skating outings, the football games, etc., etc. I cannot put into words how truly thankful I am for y'all and I cannot wait to see where life takes all of you!

To people who need to be mentioned specifically~

Mrs. Murphy, thank you for constantly checking in with me, making sure I stayed on top of everything I needed to do. Thank you for suffering through the long board meetings and driving me back and forth. I couldn't have done this without you! Mrs. Moore, thank you for inspiring me to continue studying Latin. You were the best first Latin teacher and it has been such a blessing to have you as a teacher for 9 years. Katy, good luck this year! You will do a fabulous job!! And my Clark friends, y'all are the best. Specifically JP, Luisa, Sydney, and a few more, thank y'all for being such good friends! And Jake, thank you for constantly encouraging and being there for me no matter what. You bless me in so many ways and I can't imagine not having you. (P.S. Your promposal will always be my favorite)

Gratias vobis ago, TSJCL! I hold y'all close in my heart.

Always,

Nicole Prinz  
2013-2014 TSJCL Secretary



Dear all members of the TSJCL,

It has been my pleasure serving as your TSJCL Treasurer. The TSJCL is a wonderful organization, and I am glad that I was able to be a part of it these years. Through the good times and the hard times, I always enjoyed working and serving all of you. I hope Latin continues to play a part in our lives in the future, and thank you for making this year a great year!

Jeff Chang,

2013-2014 TSJCL Treasurer

Dear TSJCLers,

It has been a wonderful experience getting the opportunity to serve as your TSJCL Secretary. The experiences provided to me by such an amazing and spirited group of people could not be matched by any other organization out there. Keep on doing what it is that you do best, which is being awesome. Thanks for a great year!

Mariah Sager,

2013-2014 TSJCL Secretary



Dear TSJCLers,

It has been a great year for TSJCL and especially Area B. Thank you all for having me as your Area B chairman! You guys have given me the experience to do many great things. You guys also gave the opportunity to do more great things by choosing me as the 1st VP. I'll surely try to do my best for you guys to have another great year!

Cheers!

Jeff Khan,

2013-2014 TSJCL Area B Chairman

2014-2015 TSJCL First Vice-President



# THE 2014 NJCL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT:



# EMORY UNIVERSITY

Seated in the Druid Hills section of Atlanta, Georgia, Emory University is a private research institution founded in 1836 and named in honor of Methodist bishop John Emory. The university was initially founded as Emory College, but in 1915 a land-grant was given to the institution by Asa Chandler, the president of the Coca-Cola Company at the time, allowing the small college to move to metropolitan Atlanta as the now rechartered Emory University. The University's motto is (of course) in Latin: "Cor prudentis possidebit scientiam", which in English means, "The wise heart seeks knowledge." Being faithful to its motto, the University's mission statement is "to create, preserve, teach, and apply knowledge in the service of humanity."

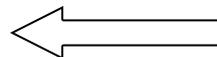
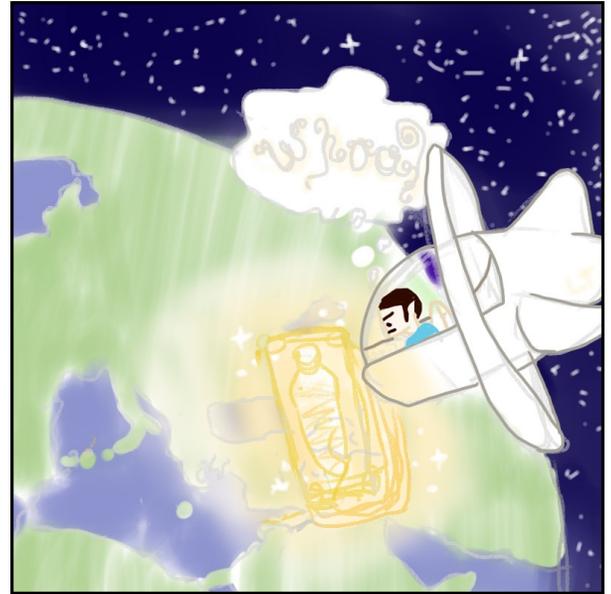
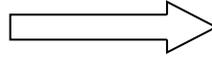
From July 28 to August 2, Emory University will be the home of the fiery-spirited, ultra-awesome group of people known as the National Junior Classical League. Since it is a good idea to try new things often in one's life, attending students, sponsors, and chaperones are encouraged to take the full opportunity presented to them by the Convention and enjoy the novel experience that awaits them. It is only hoped that Emory will be able to handle all the Latinists (and Hellenists) that will roam their lovely campus!



# TORCH LAMPOON

## ILLUSTRATED HISTORY:

- ◆ Alexander the Great was so moved by the death of his best friend and bodyguard, Hephaestion, that Alexander spent the modern equivalent of \$2.55 billion on his funeral pyre.



- ◆ Draco, Athens's first lawgiver, was so beloved by the Athenian people that during a public event held at the Aeginetan Theatre they showered him with so many gifts of clothes, hats, and other items that he died from asphyxiation. He was buried in the same theatre.

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