

# ILJCL North Fall Nuntius

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# Salvete Omnes!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful, relaxing, latin-filled summer! On July 24 to July 29, over 1500 fellow jclers met at Troy, Alabama for 2017's NJCL Convention and, man, was it a blast. Our board worked very hard to organize the best week that we could for all of ILJCL's delegates and we had an amazing time basking in the hot Alabama sun and representing the great state of Illinois; however, our board is not what made NJCL unforgettable. Everyone that came to Troy with an open mind and a positive attitude added something special, unique and individual to convention. So, thank you. Thank you to all the chaperones who somehow managed to keep order in such a hectic environment. Thank you to Troy University for the hospitality and crazy amount of terracotta warrior statues. Most of all, thank you to the Illinois delegates. Without your cooperation, enthusiasm and overall snazziness, Convention would not have been worth that 13 hour bus ride.

If you were unable to attend NJCL this year, I strongly suggest that you come next year to Miami University in Ohio! It is so much more than just a get together of Latin nerds taking tests, I promise. This was my first year at NJCL, and I have major regrets about not going earlier in my high school career. If you can, take advantage of the opportunity to make some of the greatest friends and experience what really makes the jcl a family.

On the following pages of the nuntius, there are pictures from each theme day of NJCL paired with descriptions written by each of the wonderful board members who attended convention. If you went to NJCL, this is a great way to reminisce. If you didn't go, you'll be able to see what our delegation is all about! Additionally, I have included a quick Q and A on page six from some of our favorite Illinois delegates and advisors.

The final pages of this nuntius include the theme for the 2018 NJCL, state convention themes and upcoming events for Illinois: be sure to check them out, the board is very excited about what's coming up!

Sincerely,  
Greta Markey  
ILJCL Historian

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The board rests exhaustedly in the sun after creating numerous spirit posters for NJCL.

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# Spirit Day 1: *Omnis ars est imitatio naturae*



**Maddie (President):** Tuesday was state T-shirt Day with the theme of *Omnis ars est imitatio naturae*- all art is but an imitation of nature! For our state shirt this year we chose something that only the Illinois delegation could lay claim to- the Chicago Cubs! Using the World Series win as our inspiration, we celebrated our team and its nature-inspired mascot with shirts that proudly proclaimed “Eamus Catuli!”. In addition, we wore ivy crowns to pay homage to the greenery that surrounds Wrigley Field. And that wasn’t all! Our day was also filled with our first testing sessions, colloquia, certamen, basketball, escape rooms, and much more!



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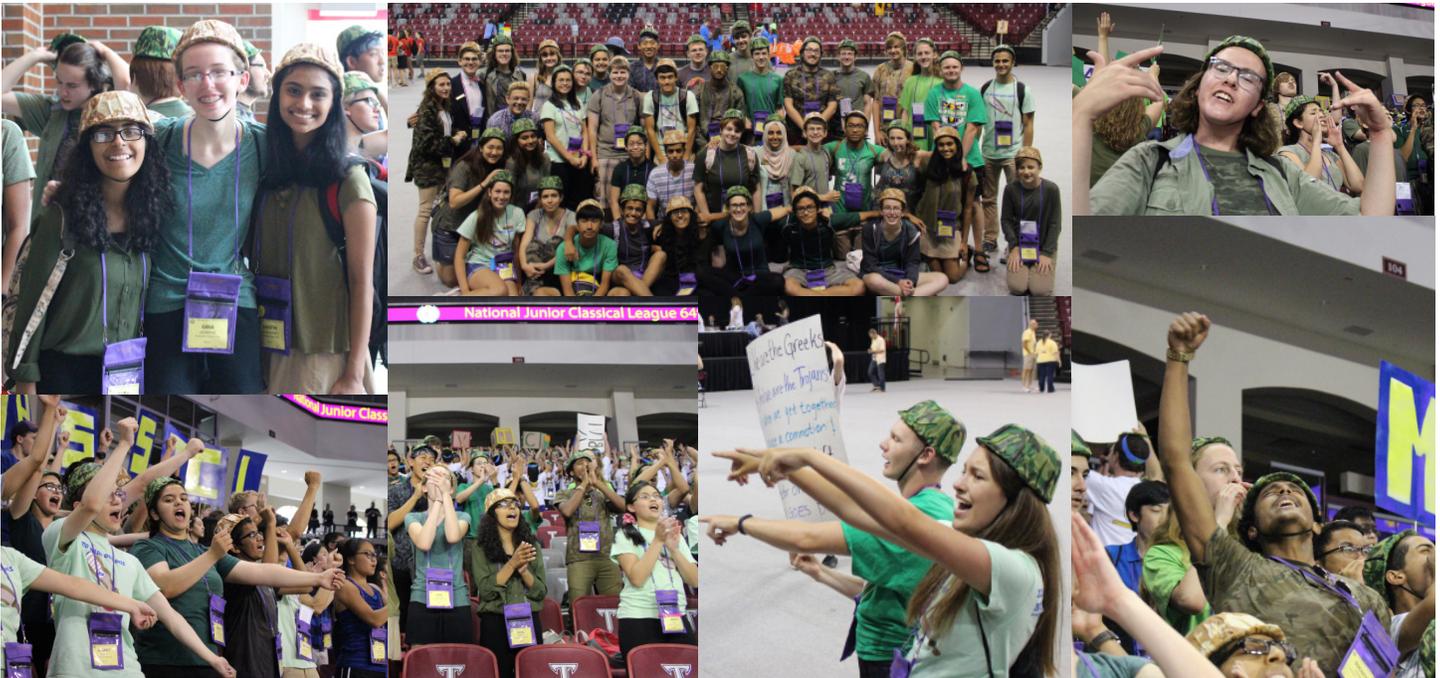
  
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# Spirit Day 2: **Troy Story**



**Ben (2nd Vice-President):** For day two of NJCL the theme was Troy Story, a combination of Toy Story and Troy. The Illinois delegation dressed up as the toy army soldiers wearing different shades of green and camo. Thanks to a generous donor we were able to purchase army hats to bring the theme of soldier back to life. Just like in the original movie, we all fell to the floor as we screamed “Achilles is coming!” The Illinois delegation fought against one another in spirit screaming “We are the Greek” “and we are the Trojans” “when we come together we make a commotion!”. Day two was filled with events from the marathon in the morning to the murder mystery at night.



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# Spirit Day 3: Paint the Globe Purple and Gold



**Humayra (1st Vice-President):** Paint the Globe Purple and Gold! What two colors could be better for our classically cultured world? For this day, the Illinois delegation had to do some prep way before NJCL happened. We got together over the summer to make wristbands and decorate T-shirts for this day! We wore the gold shirts with purple paint proudly into spirit, and chanted away about our love for the JCL. Come on IL, paint it high, purple ground and golden sky! The surrounding states were all mesmerized by our golden battle cry. Day 3 was filled with many different types of events. Testing and colloquia resumed as always, and we participated in more ludi and competitions.



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# Spirit Day 4: Sweet Home JCL



**Johnny (Parliamentarian):** The spirit theme of the day was Sweet Home JCL, so we decided to be very creative and do a Candyland take. The Illinois delegation wore pink clothing with glitter and fairy wings, and our cheers blended classical mythology with Candyland. It also was the day of the Toga Banquet, so we wore our Togas over our candy-inspired outfits as we made our way into the Trojan Arena building. After the GA, the delegation attended the Toga Banquet.



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# Question and Answer

## First Time NJCLer Gina Jagminas



**Q:** What did you expect before coming to Njcl?

**A:** Throughout the year, I had heard people talking excitedly about both the past and coming NJCL conventions. I had lots of different expectations, ranging from what certamen would be like, to meeting people from different states. Having gone to IJCL, I thought I had a pretty good idea of what NJCL was going to be like. I knew that I was going to be busy, I knew that I was going to have fun, but I really couldn't have imagined what experience I was going to have. It ended up being an experience that cannot be replicated at any event other than a NJCL convention.

**Q:** How did what you experience differ your initial expectations?

**A:** No matter what anyone told me, I couldn't possibly have imagined the overall atmosphere of NJCL. It was truly a surreal experience. From stepping into the arena to the sound of over a thousand kids screaming at the top of their lungs, to seeing an uncountable number of Latin related t-shirts with jokes that everyone understands. Though I went to IJCL and experienced balancing a schedule, I wasn't prepared for the rushing across campus to eat breakfast and then rushing back to get to the next testing session. But the best thing that I could never imagine or replicate is the feeling of belonging and love I feel for every member of the JCL. Everyone in the JCL shares a common bond, the love of the classics, and that shows at NJCL in the way that everyone treats each other like family.

**Q:** Can you describe you favorite memory from convention?

**A:** There were way too many moments and experiences that I shared with some of my best friends to narrow it down. But one of my favorite moments was the first round of certamen. This was something that my novice team and I had been preparing for all year, and we were extremely nervous. A large number of the Illinois delegation had come to support us, and that both comforted me and made me even more nervous. When the first score check came, after the score was read, the entire IL delegation that was there cheered as loud as they could in support of us. I didn't expect it at all, and it helped to give me confidence and put me at ease. That was one of my first experiences with the love and support the entire delegation has for each other, and it made me realize how lucky I am to be a part of the JCL and the IL delegation.

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# What's Coming up

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## Fall Festivus

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Hosted by Kenwood Academy, Fall Festivus is a mini convention from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us for tricks, treats, colloquia, costumes AND FOOD. It's Fall Fun For Everyone, just make sure to wear a costume! Email [Dstrauss@cps.edu](mailto:Dstrauss@cps.edu) if you have any questions.

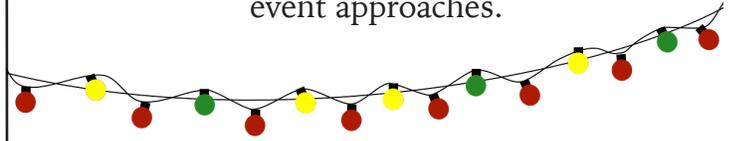


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## Zoo Lights

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Join the IJCL family, bring your holiday spirit and have fun with us at the Lincoln Park Zoo's annual Zoo Lights! Stay tuned for more information as the event approaches.



FEB

## 2018 State Convention



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*"ego vos hortari tantum possum ut amicitiam omnibus rebus humanis anteponatis"*  
-Cicero, De Amicitia 17

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I urge you, as much as I am able, to put friendship before all human issues.

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### Spirit Themes:

- Day 1) *State T-Shirt Day / Ludi Ludi Ludi / Sports Day*
- Day 2) *All the Single Hades / JCLebrities / Mythological Celebs*
- Day 3) *Setback Saturday / Throw it Back to the Classics*

MAR

## Meet the Board, With Games

(Get it? like board games)

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Have a wonderful time from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the old board and new board! You can get to know or reunite with other IJCLers right after State convention. Location and other information to come later.



APR

## Celebrate the Classics

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April meet up at the National Hellenic Museum on April 21 to celebrate Rome's Birthday! Bring your own money for tickets and dinner, which will be in Greektown! Times and additional information to come as event approaches.



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