

SCJCL Torch

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JCL is More Than Just a Club

In today's society children are expected to maintain high grades, score high on the SAT or ACT and be members of numerous clubs. Many high school students find themselves joining clubs for the sole reason of impressing universities. High schoolers rarely find themselves actually enjoying the clubs/organizations they are a part of. On the outside JCL may seem like another organization that would impress universities but it is so much more than that. Serving as secretary for the SCJCL this past year I learned that this society is so much more than a "resume booster". In JCL you will find high schoolers that form friendships and connections all based on the common love of Latin. While to many this might sound silly but being in JCL this past year has truly changed my life. I am so thankful that I will always have the friendships I forged through this common love of Latin and the classics.

—Isabella Riddle



What was your favorite part of being a SCJCL officer?

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"My favorite part of being a SCJCL Officer is how many people I get to talk to. I love being able to work with so many different people to make sure the SCJCL is the best it can possibly be!"

—Lara Wyatt
(SCJCL President)

"My absolute favorite part about being the South Carolina JCL Vice President has to be getting the opportunity to come in contact with so many people from around the state through the single thread of the classics.

Being able to collaborate with people I would never have known makes me beyond grateful. This has been one of the most uplifting and positive journeys I have ever been on"

—Julia Thompson
(SCJCL Vice President)

Spring Forum 2017

President, Lara Wyatt is hard at work for this year's upcoming spring forum. The forum will be held at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School on March 18th. This year's forum is expected to be full of competitions, tests, and fun activities that will bond the youth of South Carolina. All of the officers of SCJCL are excited to host this annual tradition and are

looking forward to meeting the 2017-2018 officers of SCJCL. This tradition is bittersweet due to it being the final gathering the 2016-2017 officers will put on. It is also filled with much excitement because the yearly elections for new officers will be held on March 18th. The classics will continue to thrive through this sublime annual tradition.

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Nationals is an Experience of a Lifetime

By President, Lara Wyatt

This past summer, I was able to attend NJCL Nationals at Indiana University. I can honestly say it was one of the best experiences of my life. In just one week, my love for the JCL grew more than ever. Each day brought something new and I will never forget the experience. In the months leading up to NJCL Nationals, I was very busy organizing South Carolina spirit that I never really had time to think about what I was really getting myself into. The night before we left all I could think about was what the next week had in-store for me. I had never attended anything like Nationals before and I began to worry about just about everything. How many people will be around me? Will anyone get lost? How will I make friends? What will the food be like? I was so nervous about just about everything, but by the first night, I had already met a group from Ohio and had their snapchat. After the first night, I knew I would be just fine. Each day I met someone new from a different state and each person I met became my friend. Each night there are numerous events happening for anyone to attend. My favorite event to attend was the dance each night which is where I met one of my best friends. I also enjoyed "That's Entertainment". This is an audition based talent show for people all across the nation to share their talents with everyone else. Not only was I able to make so many new friends, but I also got out of my comfort zone and I was able to get more confident talking to complete strangers. Being a State Officer at Nationals, I was able to attend multiple meetings throughout the week. I attended Candidate Nomination Committee meetings, Constitutional Amendment meetings, and I served as a voting delegate for South Carolina. I was able to learn the correct way of hosting these types of meetings that I was able to implement in the planning of the 2017 Spring Forum. Without attending NJCL Nationals, I would have never been able to serve as President and not be completely lost in what needed to be done. Nationals was an amazing experience I'll never forget and I can't wait to go to Troy University this summer!



Fall Workshop 2017

Fall Workshop was a huge success this year. This year's Fall Workshop was organized by Vice President, Julia Thompson and was held at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School. The day was filled with water balloons, izzy dizzy, singing songs from nationals and meeting many classics college level experts. The day ended with a fun roll call competition and the Latin lovers were sent home with neat prizes. The entire day was filled with loads of fun and bonding. Vice President, Julia Thompson really out did herself at this year's Fall Workshop.



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"My favorite part of being an officer for SCJCL this past year was the Fall Workshop. I loved assisting Vice President, Julia Thompson and seeing how wonderful the Fall Workshop turned out. Julia worked very hard on the Fall Workshop and it showed. My favorite part was the Latin cooking class. It was so cool to try authentic Roman food. I will miss working with these wonderful group of officers and I am so excited to be with them one more time at the Spring Forum."

-Isabella Riddle
(SCJCL Secretary)

"My favorite part about being an officer was representing my state, and being able to make fun memories with my fellow state officers."

-Taylor Cunningham
(SCJCL Historian)

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"The greatest part of my term as parliamentarian of the SCJCL was familiarizing myself with the constitution, and meeting all of the wonderful people associated with this organization. I also enjoyed the Latin forums, especially the Olympica games."

—Harrison Corns
(SCJCL Parliamentarian)

Remember to get your dues in! To be in good standing, you must register with the SCJCL and the NJCL. Registration fees are \$2 per student for each plus an additional \$10 chapter registration fee. If you have no chapter and wish to register as a member-at-large, there is no chapter fee. Membership perks include participation in state and national conventions and discounts on national tests. For help with registration, visit the SCJCL website (southcarolinajcl.org).

Valete MMXVI-MMXVII Magistratus!



President, Lara Wyatt
Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School

I have been taking Latin since I started at TBCS in 7th Grade, and I have been involved with the SCJCL since I was in 9th Grade. I was the State Historian my sophomore year (2015-2016) and I have loved being President this year! I have learned so many new things that I will cherish forever. I have loved seeing how much our state has grown over the past few years and I cannot wait to see what the future has in store.



Vice President, Julia Thompson
Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School

I am a junior at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School and I have had the greatest honor to serve as your Vice President. Not only have I been working hard for the JCL this year, but I have competed with my dance team and served as Vice President of FCA. Thanks to the JCL I have learned time management, the ability to plan an entire workshop and much more.



Historian, Taylor Cunningham
Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School

I was born in Mt. Pleasant, SC and have lived in 3 different cities. I am currently a sophomore and a 4th year Latin student. I have three younger sisters and a dog named Cooper. I enjoy art and design and have already been looking into colleges that offer these programs.



Secretary, Isabella Riddle
Brookland-Cayce High School

I'm currently a senior at BC high school. I'm student body president at my school, a varsity cheerleader and I love Latin. I plan to attend Wofford College in the fall to major in biology/premed and I hope one day to become a doctor (hopefully then all this Latin will pay off).



Parliamentarian, Harrison Corns
Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School

From 2016-2017, I served as the Parliamentarian for the SCJCL and really enjoyed working with the other officers. Aside from studying and partaking in the Classics, I love taking long walks on the beach and spending time at homeless animal shelters. In addition to this, I enjoy running and playing baseball. My primary goal in life is to go to college and eventually to medical school.