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HOW LATIN GOT ME INTO COLLEGE

By: Tullus Dean '17

I'm sure you've heard it from your teachers before. "Latin can get you into college," "Latin can earn you money," "Latin will help you in life," and to the average Latin student, this means nothing, because you still don't understand how to create the pluperfect passive indicative forms. Not to worry, be-

cause not only will you some day master the pluperfect passive indicative as I have, but you will also achieve success in college through Latin.

I firmly believe that my college acceptance letters have been because of my copious involvement in the Latin community. It is not only the high level of language that I have studied, completing the AP course and now studying Ancient Greek, but also through the other academic achievements through the OJCL and local events.

Plus, colleges LOVE seeing that you want to study Classics in college, even as a minor or a field of interest. Because what foolhardy college freshman would want to study the hardest, most extinct language in the world?

The answer is me. This nerd.

Only a handful of high school seniors go on to study Classics in college, whether it be Latin or Greek, whether it be to complete a language requirement or to complete a major in Classics. I have been told first hand by multiple college representatives (Xavier Uni-

versity, Butler University, The University of Cincinnati, even The University of Virginia) that they almost never see someone interested in Latin or Greek. So when they finally get to see one of you amazing Latinists or Hellenists shine brightly in a college application, they get SO excited.

So, for anyone reading this that still has a chance to continue Latin in high school and you're worried about college, keep working hard in Latin! It's not supposed to be an easy

language, and colleges around the country recognize that and appreciate you and your hard work. You help carry the Classical torch forward for everyone to remember.

Facilis descensus averno, my friends - the descent into hell is easy. Do not give up easily on Latin and descend into the fiery pits of Tartarus. Some day, you shall master the language, and you shall master college as well.



The Latin Mottos of four Ivy League schools



NATIONALS RECAP

By: Joseph Delamerced '18

The National Junior Classical League Convention was held this past summer at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Summit brought sixteen students and one Mr. Larry Dean to the Convention, with a group ranging from first-year attendees to Tullus Dean who basically has attended Convention for all of his teenage life.

The NJCL Convention is like no other. It's an event you yourself have to attend to understand. The Summit Latin Club, firstly, won. We won big. But that's not what you're really wondering, is it? You're wondering: "What do you do there?" And I already know what answer you're expecting: "We take a lot of tests and we submit a lot of projects [and we're just a bunch of nerds]." And that's not a wrong answer, but it only holds true for a very small percentage of the people who attend. The NJCL Convention is home to the academics and the artists and the orators, but it's a place that's, most importantly, filled with loving people. I would go as far to say that 80% of the time at NJCL Convention, you are bonding with friends, both new and old.

Besides winning (a lot), the Summit Latin Club spent most of its time doing so many other things. We worked on writing cheers loosely related to farms and gold. We worked on our navigation skills, attempting to find a cafeteria that one person may or may not have not been able to go to because he was too afraid to get lost again. We worked on our Instagram caption skills as we created our sick Instagram account (#followback @scdlatin). And between all that "work," there was so much time to just hang

out and be with friends. Even if you don't know anyone at NJCL Convention, you'll make friends that will last for a lifetime. I would encourage you to attend the 2017 NJCL Convention in Troy, Alabama at Troy University. There's nothing quite like it.

Nationals Rhyme

By: Conrad Coldiron '18

National convention is a place of new experiences

One day you're here, the next you're there

Running up and down all the stairs

IU's campus was way too much to handle

Wish I could have rode a Roman candle

Making new friends was nice and neat

And everything else was super sweet

IU I see you but it's hard to see you go

So I see U



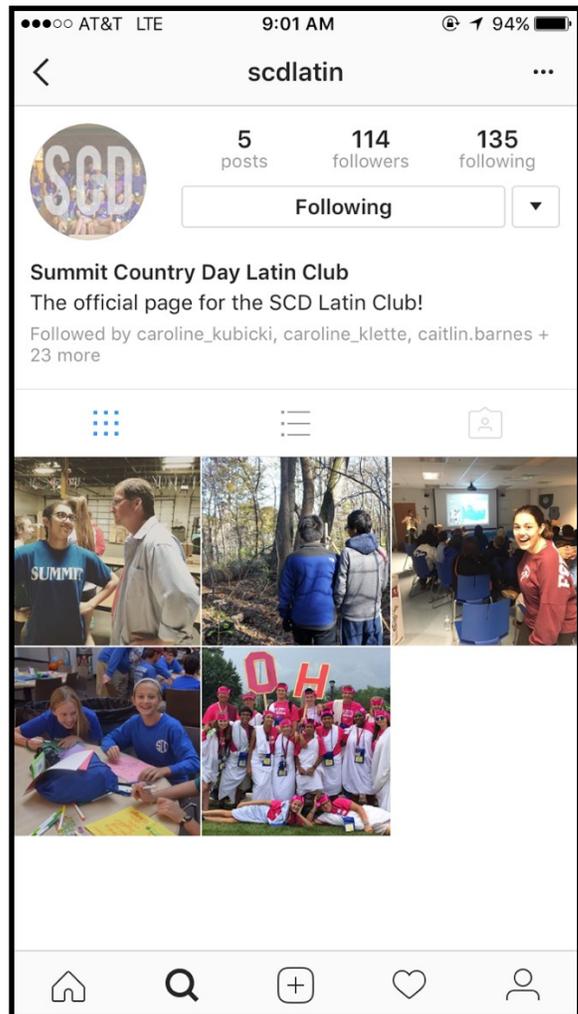
Students from the Ohio delegation at nationals

FOLLOW @SCDLATIN

By: Maya Mehlman '19

Is your everyday Instagram feed boring? Well then I have a solution for you, all you must do is whip out your hand-dandy cellular device, go to Instagram, search up “scdlatin”, and click that little blue button and make it green. We follow back, I promise. The Summit Latin Instagram is full of pictures of our students engaging in the Latin language as well as updates on the club’s events. The Instagram account is run personally by the officers of the Latin Club as well as our very own Mr. Larry Dean.

When following the Latin Club Instagram one can expect to find funny posts depicting what it’s like to be a part of our Latin family and updates about what the club officers are cooking up for the students. Posts concerning past and upcoming Latin events are displayed accurately and accompanied with interesting photos of our students. Events like our awards ceremony, Latin Convention, and service opportunities will be documented on the account. Even posts about convention will be displayed on the Instagram, make sure you follow the account pronto so you don’t miss any of the wonderful opportunities the Latin club has for you.



A screen capture of the Summit Latin Instagram page



9 LATIN PHRASES YOU CAN USE EVERYDAY

By: Caroline Klette '18

1. Amor Omnia Vincit – Love Conquers All

For when you love your pizza so much you can eat 6 slices in one sitting.

2. Caveat Emptor – Let the Buyer Beware

Something to think about before you place your next Amazon order.

3. Panem et Circenses- Bread and Circuses

This only makes the list because it's in The Hunger Games but you can still try to use it in a conversation

4. Errare est Humanum- to err is Human

For when you take the L on your math test.

5. Dum Spiro Spero – While I breath I hope

For before you take that L on your math test

6. Ad astra per aspera – to the stars through difficulties

The Latin version of “what doesn't kill you makes you stronger”

7. Cogito Ergo sum- I think therefore I am

The infamous Descartes saying

8. Audere est Facere- To dare is to do

This is actually the motto of a British soccer team. Who doesn't like British soccer?

9. Semper Ubi Sub Ubi – Always wear underwear



FREE TRIP TO POMPEII (VIRTUALLY)

Michael Warden '18

Everybody knows about the most important natural disaster in Pompeii, Italy, the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius

in 79 AD. Few people know about the second most important natural disaster in the Pompeii area, a huge earthquake in 1980.

This earthquake caused

the ruins to begin deteriorating at a much faster rate and even destroyed some of the ruins. Ever since then there has been a push to find a way to preserve the ruins of Pompeii and the surrounding area forever. Finally, in 2000, the Swedish Pompeii Project was started. Their goal was to combine existing data with scans of the city to be able to create accurate 3-D digital models of the city, and, using descriptions of architecture from the time, fill in the gaps left by the ruins to see Pompeii as it was before the eruption about 2000 years ago. They have finally begun making strides and have completed the full scan of the massive and elaborate house of Caecilius Iucundus, a wealthy Pompeii man. This is just the first step in reconstructing Pompeii for posterity, and the entire block on which Caecilius' house is located is planned to be digitally

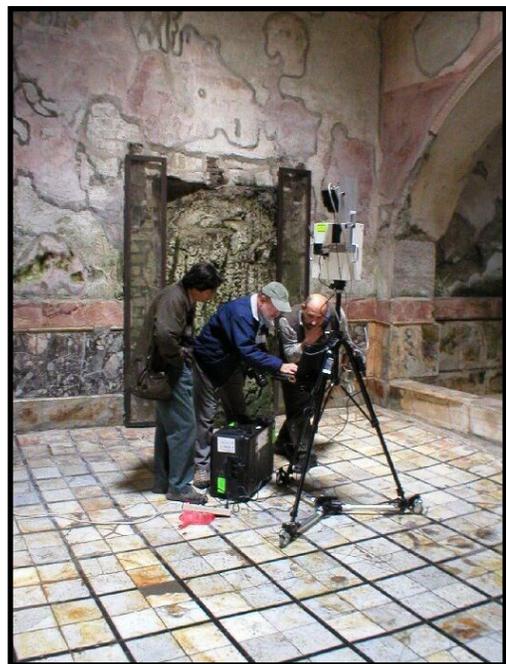
mapped soon so that you can take a virtual tour of a part of Pompeii before the eruption. So if you can't make it to Pompeii and you have some free time, I highly recommend

watching the tour of the house at the link below, it is very interesting!



An Image created by the 3D mapping software

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETd7pszxhnc#action=share>



Members of the mapping project set up their equipment

TOP 5 ROMANS

By: Alex Almaguer '20

During the time that Rome was a major power, (753 BC – 476 AD) there were some pretty great Roman citizens. Today, we'll be going over (in no particular order) 5 of the best. To qualify for this list, you had to be an actual citizen of Rome. (Sorry Aeneas)

Brutus – No, not the Brutus you are thinking of, the assassin of Caesar. This Brutus was responsible for the change of the monarchy to the republic. When the people of Rome had enough of Tarquinius Superbus, the tyrannical and last king of Rome, Brutus started a revolt. He drove out Tarquinius Superbus and ushered in the Republic, a new, much more fair method of governing .

Horatius – You might have heard of Horatius at the bridge. This is that Horatius. When Rome was under attack by Lars Porsena, the infamous Etruscan general who led the assault on Rome during which the Roman army retreated and all took shelter in the city of Rome. Horatius was determined to stop the Etruscans from sacking Rome, even if it cost him his life. He defended the bridge into Rome long enough for the Romans to destroy it, leading to a peace treaty with the Etruscans instead of the destruction.

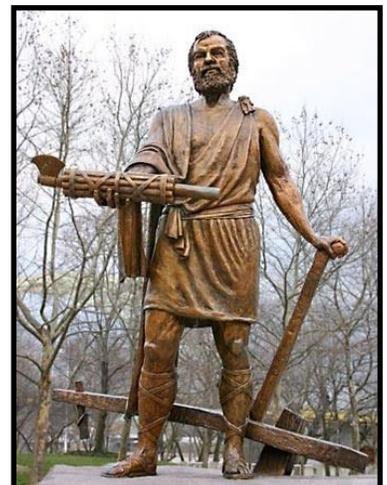


A Painting of Horatius at the bridge

Cicero – Cicero was a Roman consul during the Catilinarian Conspiracy. During his consulship, a failed Roman politician, was bitter about not winning the consulship. He convinced other failed politicians to join him in overthrowing the republic. Cicero found out about this conspiracy and forced Catiline to flee Rome. Catiline was later killed in a battle. Cicero stopped a revolution and kept the republic alive.

Scipio Africanus – Scipio Africanus was the Roman general who fought Hannibal during the 2nd Punic War. Scipio had a much smaller army than Hannibal, who also had 80 war elephants. Scipio, through brilliant battlefield manipulation and strategy, was able to prove victorious over Hannibal and defeat his army. He was given the agnomen Africanus because of his victory against Carthage. He is one of the best generals of all time.

Cincinnatus – Cincinnatus is a traditional Roman hero. While the Romans were fighting the Aequi, the Roman army got trapped. Cincinnatus was appointed dictator for 6 months so that they could defeat the Aequi. Cincinnatus defeated the enemy easily. After he had won the war for Rome, he gave up his remaining time as dictator after only 15 days. Cincinnatus is the model of what a good Roman citizen is.



The statue of Cincinnatus in the town that bears his name, Cincinnati

ADVICE FROM THE ORACLE

GET ADVICE FROM THE ORACLE HERSELF!

Need advice? Ask the ancient crone who sees the future: The Pythia, through whom Apollo himself speaks the truth (...though, admittedly, sometimes it can be a little hard to decipher).

Oh Servant of the Delphian Apollo! How was swimming in the silvery eddies of the Castallian Spring?

Cold. I mean, I'm ritually cleansed enough to return to the temple obviously, but those Castallian Springs are cold this time of year. I can't wait for the Global Warming to kick in.

Oh Pythia! What is Global Warming?

According to the New Mexico Solar Energy Association, "Global Warming is the increase of Earth's average surface temperature due to the effect of greenhouse gases trapping heat that would otherwise escape from Earth's atmosphere."

I have no idea what you're talking about, Oh Great High Priestess. So maybe we could change the subject...?

Whatever you say. But if you want a prediction, I'll have to munch some of these poisonous oleander leaves while you're asking.

Ohhh...kaaay. Well, let me tell you why I'm here. I applied to like 10 colleges, and now I'm waiting to hear back. In the meantime, I feel like my whole life is up in the air. I'm totally on edge, and I can't seem to concentrate in class or get all my homework done because I'm checking email every ten minutes to see if I've been accepted anywhere... Uh – are you okay?

Yeah, sure. Fine. I just get a little woozy. It might be the leaves, or maybe the methane and benzene gas leaking up from this chasm... This place is an OSHA nightmare.

OSHA?

Yes – OSHA stands for occupational safety...

I'm sorry I asked. Anyway – about the colleges? What should I do? Got any predictions?

Hold on! I think I'm getting something... "Seat yourself now amidships, for you are the Pilot of Athens. Grasp the helm fast in your hands; you have many allies in your city."

Athens? Are you saying I'm going to get into OU?! Everybody tells me I should go there and major in Engineering, but I think I want to be a journalist...

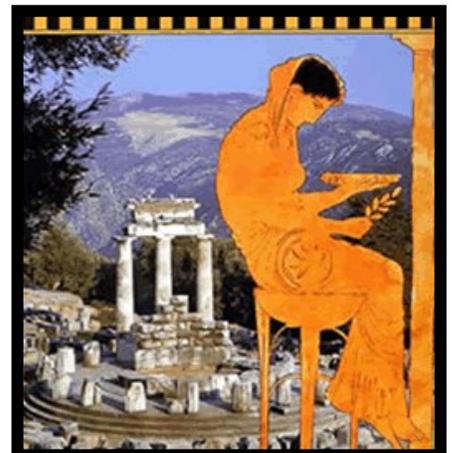
I'm getting something else... "Make your own nature, not the advice of others, your guide in life."

So... you think I should major in Journalism?

Sorry. That's not how this works. I say things that are vague and cryptic, and you figure out what it means. Get it?

I guess.

Well, time's up. Good luck at OU.



CONVENTION SLANG

By: Eliot Schiaparelli '17

Convention can be a bit overwhelming but with this guide to useful OJCL slang you'll be able to decipher the odd language of the OJCL in no time.

Ramada - The former home of the OJCL convention. She will be missed despite the mold and mushrooms growing out of the carpet.

GA - general assembly - Over the course of the convention there will be three GAs (one each day). They take over an hour and sometimes get boring but are generally fun, impart useful information, and are a place for student to perform and give speeches

Nom-Com - nominations committee - At "nom-com" students are nominated to run for OJCL office if they've prefiled or are running state of emergency.

State-of-Emergency - When an office does not have enough candidates who have prefiled, students are invited to add their names at convention.

Gubernator - An appointed office of the OJCL that plans service and works with the clubs of their specific regions.

Delamerced - A really smart Summit kid who will beat you in just about every category.

OJCLPBJ - Ohio Junior Classical League President Brian Johnson (Patrick Casanas swears this is a thing.)



OJCL President, Brian Johnson

Spirit - Students chant and cheer before GA's. The loudest and most enthusiastic groups are given prizes

Spirit wars - An all out battle during which students challenge another school by shouting, "We've got spirit yes we do! We've got spirit how 'bout you!" and the other school replies the same way, then both schools begin chanting "WE'VE GOT MORE!" until one dies of exhaustion - Just Kidding! - until one gives up.

Superior, excellent, good - The rankings a club project can receive. Superior being the very best and good also being very impressive but the lowest ranking. Some projects are not ranked.

ABACADABA—7th place ranking on the Latin Literature test.



Spirit at the Ramada circa 2012

7 REASONS TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

By: Maya Warren '17

1. It is a great place to meet new friends in the state especially outside of your area.
2. It is a fun way to extend the outreach of your Latin language skills.
3. It is an easy way to compete with your peers, in many different areas too. You can test your skills at everything from graphic arts to certamen and even Ludi (sports).
4. It is a fun way to get to know people from your school. Through “interesting” room assignments you might be separated from your best friend but you’ll be BFFs with your roommate by the time you leave on Sunday.
5. The OJCL is a social, academic and service organization in which you can get involved outside of school.
6. It is an easy and fun way to represent your school. Cheering before GA’s gets even rowdier than at an Alabama football game.
7. You might get to dress up in Roman armor.

Bonus: The snacks. You have to bring them yourself but if you and your roommates coordinate right you can gain 5 pounds by the end of the weekend.



Former Summit Latin teacher, Kim Ashcraft, poses in Roman armor with her favorite student, Eliot Schiaparelli



An array of snacks one might find at convention

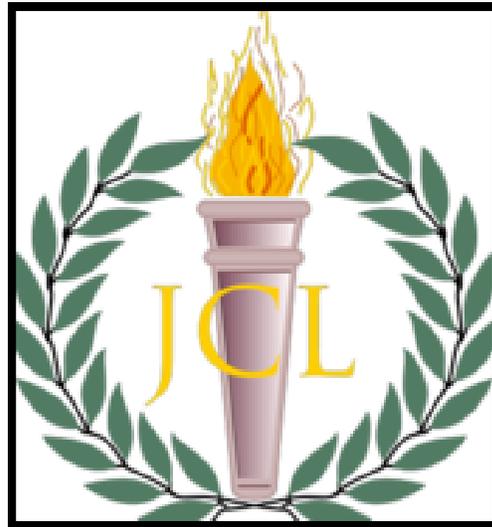
6 REASONS TO BEFRIEND A JCLER

By: Julia Dean '20

You may be wondering, "why would I ever want to associate with one of those Latin nerds that call themselves members of the JCL?" Well, here's your answer!

1. JCLers are some of the most educated high schoolers you will ever meet. They can tell you about any Roman emperor, the subjunctive, and the origins of Shakespeare all at once. You literally get smarter by hanging around them.
2. They have a love for a community that is bigger than just themselves. The JCL is a diverse community made up of awesome people all together for one thing: to celebrate the classics! JCLers understand the importance of community involvement, and they will work hard to help others.
3. They have a love of service! An indispensable part of the JCL is its service involvement. JCLers realize the importance of giving back, making them caring people, and they will help you rack up those graduation required service hours!
4. They have an amazing sense of humor! JCLers have a wealth of knowledge when it comes to classics related jokes that make you laugh so hard milk will come out your nose.
5. They can help you with your homework! (Obviously)

6. . They are overall amazing people. THE JCL ROCKS!! Members recognize the importance of camaraderie and lifelong friendships.



The JCL Torch

A Roman centurion walked into a bar and asked for a martinus.
The bartender said, "Don't you mean a martini?"
The centurion replied, "If I wanted a double I would have asked!"

 grammarly



An impressive Latin grammar joke that you are bound to hear at least 20 times at convention

GAMES

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Email Editor Eliot Schiaparelli with answers to the following questions about the articles in this edition of Vox Latina to win a special prize.

1. What is the Summit Latin club username?
2. What is the Dartmouth Motto?
3. Where is the 2017 NJCL Convention?
4. Who was Cincinnatus?
5. What is Nom-Com?