

Note From the Editor:

Salvete Omnes,

Firstly, gratias vobis ago; I am grateful to you all for voting me to be your WJCL Editor, and I am sure the other WJCL officers share the same sentiment.

Well, we all know that infamous feeling; post convention, missing all your old and new JCL friends alike, and, sadly, not being able to go to another convention for almost a year. But wait, don't forget about national convention. Join the Wisconsin delegation this summer in venturing south to San Antonio, Texas for nationals from July 27th to August 1st. We need your help to redeem Wisconsin's name in Ludi sports.

See you there,

Teddy Stavropoulos, WJCL Editor

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President

Salvete omnes,

I'm Michael Kearney and I am your president for these next twelve (eleven by this point) months. I am a junior at MUHS and I served as your treasurer last year. Hopefully this year will be even better – and the new board is trying to make it so. We have a variety of things in the works, some of which we should hopefully be able to alert you about soon, so please keep the lines of communications open. Besides Latin (shudder), I am involved in debate and a couple of other activities through my school. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please contact me at wjclpresident@gmail.com.

Semper tuus, Michael

1st Vice President

My name is Myles Roeske and I am a junior at Marquette University High School. I am now our 1st VP and I have plenty of things planned for this upcoming year. Michael Kearney and I meet periodically and talk about potential schools that can join the WJCL. Once we have targeted a school, I reach out to them and plan a time for a meeting. I think that a more personal relationship with schools will help them get more involved and excited about the JCL.

2nd Vice President

Here, have some basic “me” info: my name is Ruby Ladd, I'm from Edgewood High School, I'm a junior, and I'm the new 2nd VP. What I want to be focusing on this year is service. Like I promised, I'm working on designing service projects that are localized, so please contact me if you have any preferences or suggestions about the type of service you would like to be doing in your area (wjcl2ndvp@gmail.com). Be on the lookout for surveys! I'll be using surveys throughout the year to gauge interest and availability for various projects. Also, I'll be doing a “western classics” marathon sometime soon to get ideas for spirit at nationals, anyone's welcome to join me! (If you bring food.)

Parliamentarian

Salvete omnes! My name is Ram Gollapudy, I am a sophomore at BA, and I am your WJCL Parliamentarian. This year, I would like to maintain much of the success that Lexi had the past year, with a few adjustments. I want to make sure that the nationals voting protocol bill is passed at next year's convention, so the bill itself must be slightly tweaked. In addition, I want to make sure that there are no states of emergency for next year's offices. Finally, I want to make sure that all videos of this year's Candidates' Open Forum are thrown into an incinerator because...reasons. Anyway, I am definitely excited to fulfill my parliamentary duties!



Secretary

Salvete! I'm Abby Guenther, I'm a junior at Brookfield East High School, and I'm super excited to be the new secretary of the WJCL! Outside of my love for Latin, I enjoy being a member of my school's swim team, where I'm currently the captain. I also enjoy spending time with my friends, and doing things outside. Latin has been a part of my life since 7th grade, and I couldn't be more excited to be a part of the WJCL board. I'm looking forward to working with the other board members, and meeting new people from other schools who share my love for the classics!

Treasurer

I am Jason Tan, a sophomore at Brookfield Academy. I am the current Treasurer and hope to help in the improvement of the WJCL. Regarding my plans as Treasurer, I hope to create new fundraisers to help relieve some financial stress from our shoulders. More importantly, I am a Certamen fanatic and really hope to generate a Professional Certamen League where you can make money by playing Certamen. I feel that our Officer Pokémon Club will thrive in place of Officer Fight Club. Most definitely, I look forward to Spring Break since I will once again be able to go to the Harvard Certamen Tournament, while Steven sits by the train tracks! Gratias vobis ago! #JCLove

Historian

Salvete Omnes! My name is Steven Chen and I'm a junior from Brookfield Academy. This year, I have the pleasure of being your WJCL Historian. A little about me, I enjoy learning, hanging out and chatting/texting/facebooking with friends, playing tennis, eating junk food, and taking pictures of trains. Yes, you read that correctly; I love trains, and I like to take pictures of them. It's a hobby called railfanning! Currently, I have taken over 10,000 train pictures and they are all stored on my computer. That's basically how I got into photography. As your Historian, I'm sure you will see me with a camera in my hands everywhere I go, whether its at convention grounds or at other events. If you want any photography tips, or if you have any suggestions to share with me, feel free to do so! I'm always open to new ideas!

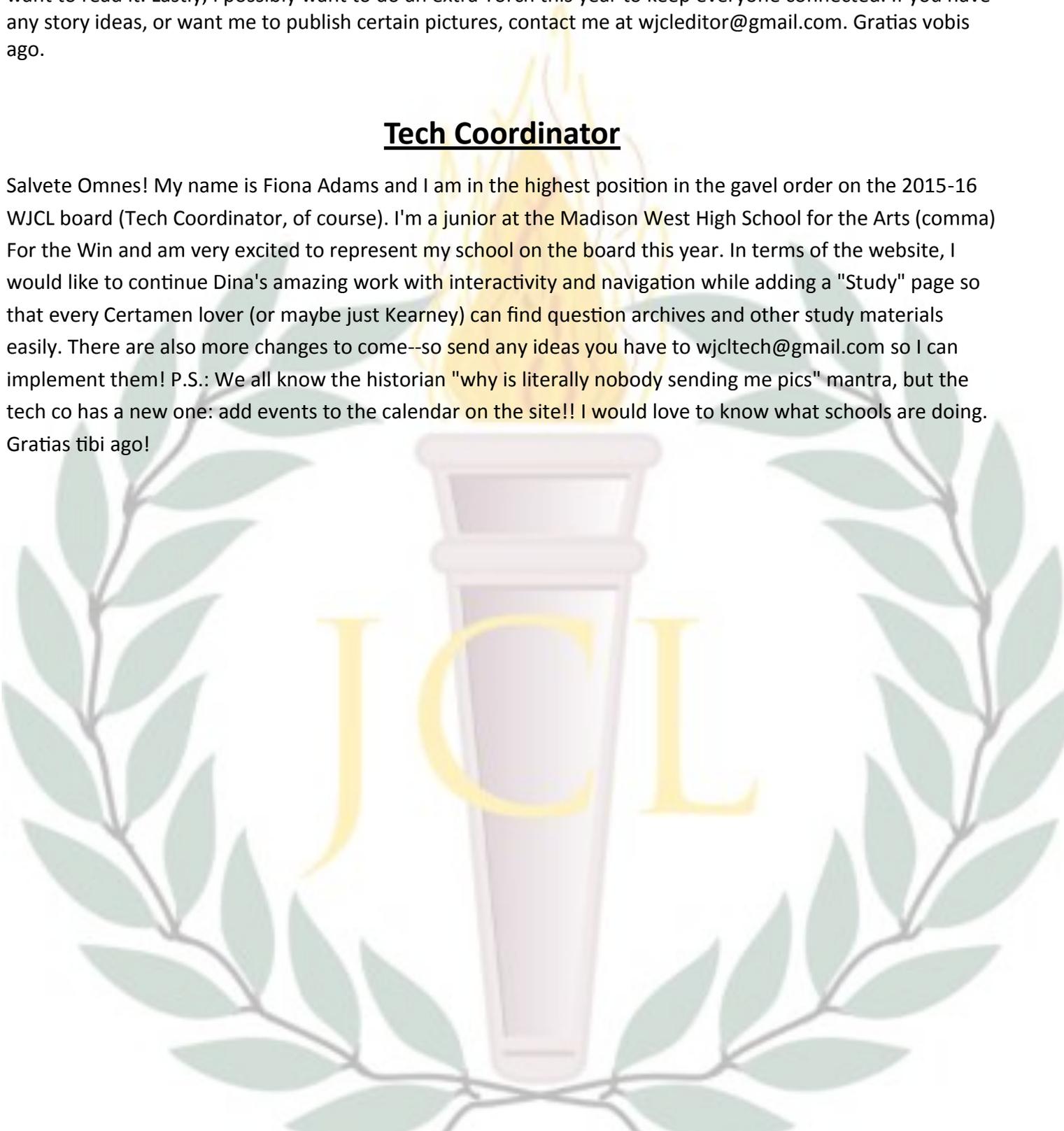


Editor

Salvete Omnes. Again, gratias vobis ago for electing me your WJCL Editor. So far, despite all the setbacks, it has been a blast. I plan to contact the teachers of the middle school Latin classes, asking them to advertise the Torch to their students and try to get the knowledge of the WJCL started before high school, even without the WJ²CL. Also, I want to make sure everyone knows when the Torch comes out, in case they want to read it. Lastly, I possibly want to do an extra Torch this year to keep everyone connected. If you have any story ideas, or want me to publish certain pictures, contact me at wjcleditor@gmail.com. Gratias vobis ago.

Tech Coordinator

Salvete Omnes! My name is Fiona Adams and I am in the highest position in the gavel order on the 2015-16 WJCL board (Tech Coordinator, of course). I'm a junior at the Madison West High School for the Arts (comma) For the Win and am very excited to represent my school on the board this year. In terms of the website, I would like to continue Dina's amazing work with interactivity and navigation while adding a "Study" page so that every Certamen lover (or maybe just Kearney) can find question archives and other study materials easily. There are also more changes to come--so send any ideas you have to wjcltech@gmail.com so I can implement them! P.S.: We all know the historian "why is literally nobody sending me pics" mantra, but the tech co has a new one: add events to the calendar on the site!! I would love to know what schools are doing. Gratias tibi ago!





Meet the Local Presidents

Brookfield Academy

Salvete Omnes! We are Ugo Aguwa and Ethan Warren, co-presidents of Brookfield Academy's Latin Club. As seniors, we are both sad that our high school Latin journey is coming to an end. However, it has definitely been an enjoyable four years full of many lasting memories. Although the school year is coming to an end, our Latin Club still remains very active. First off, we are sending students to compete in the Harvard certamen tournament. In addition, we are currently preparing for National Latin Week by organizing a number of fun activities for our school's student body. Most importantly, many of us are looking forward to Nationals this summer with the hope of making new friends and enthusiastically showing our WJCL pride (so we can win spirit ;D).

Brookfield East High School

Salvete, my name is Avery Ulschmid and I am the President of Brookfield East's Latin Club. Our club has been very active since returning home from Convention. We elected new officers and celebrated a few of the Roman holidays including Lupercalia. We even did some fundraising at our schools Latin Dance!! We are happy to find more students interested in attending the National Convention this summer, and we look forward to seeing our club flourish as well.

Catholic Memorial High School

Catholic Memorial Latin Club is comprised of about twenty of WJCL's most impassioned and tenacious members. Led by Gradyn Lentz, the club's first democratically selected President, this up-and-coming delegation, fresh off its most impressive showing at a state convention ever, will seek to set a groundwork for continued success and cement its position as a key player on the stage of WJCL. After seeing drastic improvements in participation and quality of performance over the last two years, the leadership core of Catholic Memorial Latin Club have worked to create greater exposure for the club by establishing a club website and newspaper, The Daily Toga ("To Be Worn Daily, To Be Washed Monthly"), and have sought to recognize its most proficient members by joining the National Latin Honor Society. Despite having a tendency to embarrass themselves in public, and their complete lack of subtlety, this collection of "Latineers" (a phrase coined by Gradyn Lentz himself, which isn't catching on at all) is among the most spirited and committed outfits of Classics enthusiasts. Emboldened by the presence of Magister Austino's magnificent facial hair, their long-term goals include expanded participation in WJCL proceedings and consistent excellence in statewide competition.

Luther Preparatory School

My name is Christian Willick, and I am a senior at Luther Preparatory School. I am the leader of our JCL group, and I have attended three State Conventions and one National Convention. At my first WJCL Convention, I placed in many of the individual tests and won tenth in sweepstakes. As a junior, I led my Level 3 Certamen team to victory, took first in Impromptu Essay, and won third in sweepstakes. At my last State Convention, I participated in many events, took third with my Level 4 Certamen team, and won first in sweepstakes. At the National Convention in June 2014, I involved myself in Academic Tests, Certamen, Creative Arts, Graphic Arts, and Olympika, and I won thirty-third in sweepstakes out of the 1800 conventioners. My team as a whole has also experienced much success. Many of our Certamen teams have advanced to State finals within the past few years, and some have even won it all. Overall, we have taken second in qualitative points for the last two years. We just recently sent in an order for JCL T-shirts designed by a Luther Prep student, and we are looking forward to wearing them with pride after Spring Break. It has been a great year filled with Latin for us all, and I couldn't have asked for a better team with which to spend my last year of JCL!



Wayland Academy

My name is Valentina Buccoliero and I was born in Rome, Italy. I moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil when I was 11 and then came to Wayland Academy to begin high school. I speak Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and English. However, since learning languages is one of my passions, I study German and Latin at Wayland. Other than JCL, I also participate in Model UN and Student Activity Board.

In our JCL club, we are currently working on the post convention depression that all our members are feeling. Our club also will get together a stand for the club presentation that happens at the beginning of every year- better make it cool so we can recruit more members! We are also thinking about a trip to Italy and Greece in 2016.

Schools NOT Listed because they were Unable to be Reached, or did not Submit their Entries in Time, or are Lead by a State Officer:

Brookfield Central High School

Edgewood High School

Homestead High School

Madison West High School

Marquette University High School

Rufus King International School



Brookfield East “Latin Dance”

Don't get TOO excited, the dance is put on by Brookfield East's language department, mainly by the Spanish club. On March 6th, a large group of students flocked to the cafeteria for a Zumba class followed by a vigorous two hours of unguided dancing. East's Spanish club sold churros, the French club sold crepes, and the Latin club sold historically and nominally inaccurate *vinum* to the exhausted dancers, who flocked to the booth. Proceeds from this dance were divided among the language clubs— Latin, Spanish, German, French, and Chinese— and, each year, are dedicated to one senior from each language— chosen by their respective teachers— for the purpose of being a meager scholarship. Among those who attended, this dance is thought to be— if not THE best— among the best dances of the year, due to the high energy and exciting music, which ranged from pop to French to Latino. Everyone had a great time, and are looking forward to next year's.



Details for Upcoming Certamen Tournament

The 2015-2016 WJCL Board invites you to and welcomes your involvement in a new mid-year Certamen tournament with a bit of a twist. To be held on Sunday, April 26th from 1-5 p.m. at MUHS, the tournament will combine the competitiveness of Certamen with the goal of meeting new people. It will feature three levels of competition, Middle School and Level I, Level II, and Advanced (Level III+). Unlike at state convention, you will be randomly assigned to a team with three people from other schools and you will play with them for the duration of the tournament. We hope this will serve as an opportunity to have fun and meet new people within the WJCL. Concessions will be available and more information is to follow within a few days. We hope to see you there.

Any questions about the tournament can be directed to wjclpresident@gmail.com.