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How much do you know about the other chapters in WA/BC JCL? This issue of *VOX LATINA* features interviews with the presidents from each chapter coming to the convention. With this issue, I hope to bridge the small, but definite gap between the chapters.

President Mitchell, grade 11

Which chapter's president are you?

Providence Classical Christian School in Lynnwood, WA



What first got you interested in JCL?

I joined when I first heard the announcement about JCL in Latin class. At the time, I was very interested in the singing and the games. Our weekly meetings include some singing almost every week, and we often play games in Latin.

What do you feel are your chapter's strengths as far as convention contests go?

Our strengths are in the Academic contests, Oratory, and Sight Latin.

What encouragement would you give to people to come to a JCL convention?

Think of it more as a camp than a convention: there's great food and lots of free time. And Warm Beach Conference Center is a great setting. You don't go there to learn Latin; you go there to experience Latin. After last year's convention, one of our members said, "It was the best weekend ever."

What is your personal favorite contest at the convention?

The academic tests are my favorite.

What message do you want to send to all the other chapters in the WA/BC area?

FESTINALENTE. (It's what we all enjoy saying to each other!)



President Gabriela

Which chapter's president are you?

I am one of three presidents for the Roosevelt High School JCL



What first got you interested in JCL?

I first got interested in JCL my freshman year when I began taking Latin. I tried to attend every meeting freshman and sophomore year. Junior year I became an honorary leader and helped plan most meetings. I knew I wanted to be president because I knew I wanted to be more involved and make JCL more exciting.

What do you feel are your chapter's strengths as far as convention contests go?

I think our chapter has a lot of excellent scholars who always do well in the tests and we also have fantastic artists who put so much time and effort into their work. We also bring strength to the field activities.

What encouragement would you give to people to come to a JCL convention?

I would say that if they want to spend a weekend having fun, hanging with friends, proving how awesome you are, with a little learning on the side, then convention is where you want to be.

What is your personal favorite contest at the convention?

I like the gladiatorial combat when it comes to the sports. But I also really enjoy looking at all the fantastic art work.

What message do you want to send to all the other chapters in the WA/BC area?

Good luck, other chapters, and hope you all have a good convention. But look out for Roosevelt; we're back and ready to *do Latin*.

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President Sophie



Which chapter's president are you?

I am president of the Christian Language Center and the 2013-2014 WA/BC JCL Historian.

What first got you interested in JCL?

My dad is Joseph Klomparens, who is the sponsor for both the Marysville and Christian Language Center chapters of the JCL, and a Latin teacher, so I guess I was born into the whole Latin/Greek/classics thing. I went to my first JCL when I was about ten, and I've been going ever since!

What do you feel are your chapter's strengths as far as convention contests go?

Let's see...last year was the Christian Language Center's first year, so we haven't had much of a chance yet to find out what our strengths are; that being said, after that first run, I would say that our strengths are the Reading Comprehension Test (all levels), Sight Latin, and, of course, the skit competition.

What encouragement would you give to people to come to a JCL convention?

There's a Latin joke I know—it goes like this. A guy walks into a bar, sits down, and says to the bartender, "I'd like to order a martinus."

"A martinus?" the waiter repeats, "Don't you mean a martini?"

The guy rolls his eyes and says in an exasperated voice, "If I had wanted more than one, I would have asked for more than one!"

JCL is really the only place where I can tell that joke, and people get it. JCL is the place to go to hang out with like-minded students who love Latin and the classics just as much as you do! It's also just a great experience and a good way to show off what you know—all that hard work does pay off, guys!

What is your personal favorite contest at the convention?

Definitely the skit competition, but I also enjoy Certamen and dramatic interpretation. And the skit competition. Did I mention the skit competition?

What message do you want to send to all the other chapters in the WA/BC area?

Good luck on your preparations for the JCL! May you answer your Certamen questions correctly, may you draw your lines straight, may your skit practices go smoothly, and may you never forget the fourth principle part of *tangō, tangere!*

President Evan



Which chapter's president are you?

I am president of the outstanding Mount Rainier Lutheran High Hawks!

What first got you interested in JCL?

I love the rich culture of the Romans! I heard about JCL and quickly joined so I could learn even more about the time period and how the people lived.

What do you feel are your chapter's strengths as far as convention contests go?

Our chapter's greatest strength is being well rounded, but we have members who excel in Olympika, Sight Latin, the Arts, Latin Grammar and Vocab, the Catapult Contest, Roman Wrestling, and Gladiatorial Combat.

What encouragement would you give to people to come to a JCL convention?

There are so many things you can do. Whether you like to do sports or academics, activities for both are all around you at the convention. If you love the classics, you'll have a great time. Be active! The only way you're going to enjoy yourself is if you get up and try out new things. Be adventurous and have FUN!

What is your personal favorite contest at the convention?

The *spirit competition*! I'm all for it and I believe that Mount Rainier has what it takes to win this year!

What message do you want to send to all the other chapters in the WA/BC area?

I hope y'all have a fun time and enjoy your weekend at the JCL convention!



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Eton School JCL does not have officers, but rather works in *ad hoc* committees.



What first got you interested in JCL?

Every school was coming together to compete in events that were all about Latin and Roman culture, and mythology—something we really love. We also loved the friendly competition and that we could work with high schoolers. Most Eton students love Latin.

What do you feel are your chapter's strengths as far as convention contests go?

The Mythology Test, Certamen, Spirit Competition, and Graphic Arts. Mrs. Gatton has us all do a classics project that we can enter in the art competition.

What encouragement would you give to people to come to a JCL convention?

It's fun. There is lots of Latin. You learn new things, meet other students, try new things, be part of a team, and show school spirit.

What is your personal favorite contest at the convention?

The skits are my favorite.

What message do you want to send to all the other chapters in the WA/BC area?

It's important to have fun. And you don't have to be a high schooler to have fun and participate in JCL!



Presidents Olivia and Alicia

We are the presidents of the Garfield High School JCL.



What first got you interested in JCL?

We first got interested in JCL because it provided more information to our Latin education, but in a very fun and casual environment.

What do you feel are your chapter's strengths as far as convention contests go?

We think Certamen is our strongest contest.

What is your personal favorite contest at the convention?

Alicia: My favorite is all of the art submissions. I love seeing all the artistic talent we have in WA/BC JCL!

What message do you want to send to all the other chapters in the WA/BC area?

Garfield is very excited to finally host convention this year and hopes to make it a great one!

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"For the beginnings of all things are small."