

MIDNIGHT TORCH



TSJCL State
Convention
April 23rd-24th,
2021

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

MADELINE MILLER KEYNOTE



Author of "Circe" and "Song of Achilles," Madeline Miller on "Talking Back to Homer"

KEYNOTE
12-1:00 PM

FUN EVENTS!!!

IMPROMPTU
ART
11 AM-1 PM

CHESS
TOURNAMENT
5:30-6:30 PM

SCAVENGER
HUNT
4:30-5:30 PM

STREET
CERTAMEN
6-7:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS CONTD.

TALENT SHOW PARTICIPANTS!

- Devki and Mohin
- Cara and Cecelia
- Jasmine
- Jackson
- Evelyn and Kara
- Linh
- Zach
- Aurna

Make sure to cheer them on today!!

**TALENT SHOW
6-6:30 PM**

CERTAMEN PRELIM RESULTS

Novice

Areas F, A, B

Intermediate

Areas F, A, B

Advanced

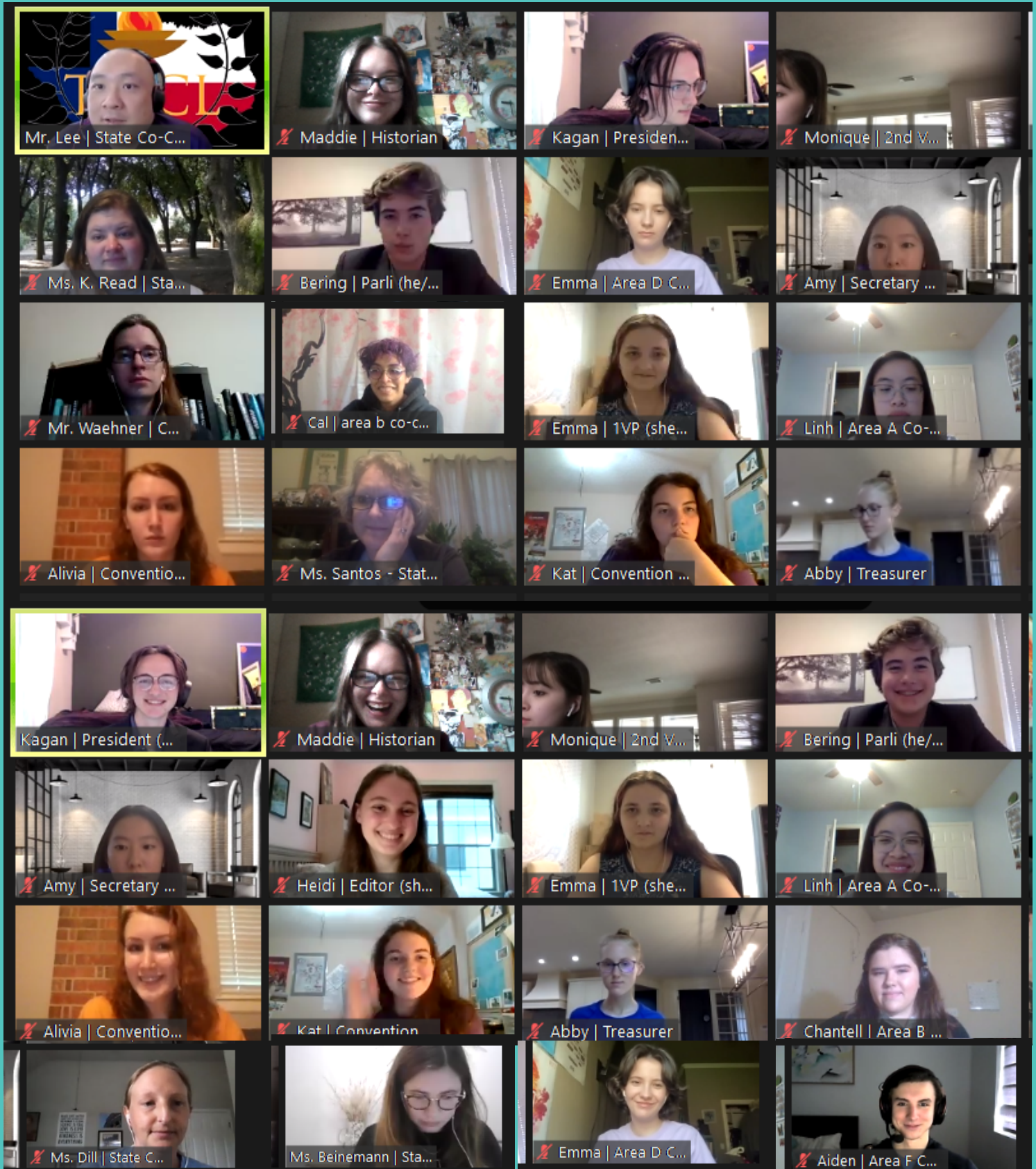
Areas F, A, B

[Link to the YouTube live for finals here](#)

**FINALS
3-6:00 PM**

**CHECK PROGRAM FOR FULL
EVENTS LIST & ZOOM LINKS**

PHOTOS



**MAKE SURE TO THANK THEM
FOR THEIR HARD WORK!!**

ELECTION

When, Where, and How

1:10-2:10 PM
CANDIDATE'S
OPEN
FORUM

Come hear candidates answer questions submitted from this year's board!

Where: Zoom link on the Program

2:10-3:10 PM
ELECTION
DISCUSSIONS
WITH
YOUR CLUB

Discuss each candidate, as well as the proposed amendments, and decide how your school will place its votes on each via Google Form. You may take this time to watch each candidate's video and read their resume.

Where: Organized individually by each school

Ballots are due by 6:30 PM April 24th at the latest.

Election results will be announced at **Final GA from 8:30-9:30 PM.** Bonam fortunam to all the candidates!



BERING EDWARDS

**RUNNING FOR:
PRESIDENT**

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

I want to continue the virtual events that we started this year, like TSJCL Beyond Convention. I also would like to put a google form on the website that connects TSJCLers directly to the President, so communication could be easier between the President and other students.

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

I would choose the Chimaera from Greek Mythology because the TSJCL is an organization made up of different people with different backgrounds and experiences that come together to form something powerful and awesome.

What do you love about the TSJCL?

Everything. I love all the competitions I do, but I think what I love most of all are the people. I have some of my best friends through the TSJCL and it is just so amazing to get to know such interesting and fun people every time I get to go to State.

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

I think it would have to be *The Incredibles*. It's just so good and it makes me smile every time I watch it.

How many state conventions have you attended? 3 (I would have attended last year but it got cancelled)

How many national conventions have you attended? 4



CARTER WIESE

**RUNNING FOR:
PRESIDENT**

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

As president for this upcoming year, I plan to segue the organization into holding meetings, activities, and future conventions in-person, keeping safety as an utmost priority.

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

I would choose the eagle. Used as the mascot of Roman legions, the eagle represents bravery, excellence, and honor, perfect for the TSJCL.

What do you love about the TSJCL?

I love the people! Everyone at the convention is there to celebrate the classics, and it's so much fun to meet new JCLers.

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

I'm not much of a movie type of person, but a movie I remember watching and re-watching when I was younger was "The Adventures of Tin Tin". The cartoony graphics were great, and I'd gladly watch it again.

How many state conventions have you attended? 4

How many national conventions have you attended? 1



DANIEL CARRILLO

RUNNING FOR: 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

My main idea for the TSJCL and my position is to use my position to establish more practice certamen competitions throughout the year. I know that area is a lot to get into, and I feel that this year has taught me that an online format could work as sort of a state-wide practice to help students prepare.

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

Relating to my views of TSJCL as a community, I feel that the most appropriate animal mascot should be some form of social creature, such as bees. Bees also have the added benefit of having a special place in Latin poetry due to the works of Virgil, so I feel that they would be a fantastic animal mascot.

What do you love about the TSJCL?

My favorite part about the TSJCL is the sense of community it instills. As many of us can probably relate, the Latin communities in individual schools tend to be on the smaller side, and thus it's easy to think that few other people hold your interests. However, at the TSJCL conventions, you're with a whole convention full of people with similar interests, and you remember that you really are part of a larger community. .

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

My current favorite movie is probably Dunkirk, mostly due to its interesting pacing, atmosphere, and structure. While I do certainly enjoy several Classical-oriented movies such as Troy or Gladiator. The historical inaccuracies/misrepresentations were always a little to noticeable for me to declare them favorite movies.

How many state conventions have you attended? 2

How many national conventions have you attended? 2



KATHY HE

RUNNING FOR: 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

First, in Dramatic Interpretation and sight reading, I can organize synchronous rounds that allow competitors the full experience of performing in front of a judge but virtually. We could even create draws with a more competitive spirit. Second, establishing a relationship with a specific trophy company will let both parties know what to expect for following years. Lastly, at Nationals this year, we can host a virtual scavenger hunt to complete Latin related tasks, increasing excitement about convention, using the app GooseChase.

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, I would choose a dog because it showcases the liveliness of the organization. The excitement, the thrill, and the sense of family that goes into the conventions and environment can be embodied by dog with their sense of loyalty and constant compassion for their owners.

What do you love about the TSJCL?

I love that TSJCL provides an opportunity to bond over Latin and the Classics in fun and creative ways. The thrill of certamen, the excitement to see other faces from across the state, and so much more are what I look forward to every year. The competitive and relaxed nature makes it a great place for anyone no matter what you specialize in, creating an even more accepting environment to enjoy.

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

If I could only watch one movie, I would watch Karate Kid (2010) because the movie holds many lessons moments that I treasure. The film centers around an idea that nothing is impossible as long as you continue to work hard and put in all your efforts. The movie also contains hilarious and relatable moments that make me roll in laughter every time.

How many state conventions have you attended? 2

How many national conventions have you attended? 1



OLIVIA CHEN

RUNNING FOR: 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

I would like to introduce an Extemporaneous Play Contest, where students creatively tie together multiple mythology characters, like a crossover, to form a cohesive play in the end. It would also be cool to host monthly mythology Pictionary contests, like on skribbl.io, to meet new people and test your mythology knowledge!

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

I would have to pick the classic Pegasus because people can get so creative in their designs, and someone could definitely make the coolest mascot out of a Pegasus!

What do you love about the TSJCL?

I love the crazy atmosphere surrounding competitions, where you're running around lost yet having the best time of your life. Where you meet people who are just as confused as you, and they become your best friends. Nothing can compare to the camaraderie of fellow TSJCLers!

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

I would watch Despicable Me because the characters all each have their quirks and minions look like squishy little pillows (or I'm just thinking about my minion pillow...)

How many state conventions have you attended? 2

How many national conventions have you attended?

0 - but I plan on attending this summer!



HEIDI TAMM

RUNNING FOR: 2ND VICE RESIDENT

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

I would add pictures of students' artwork onto the website so we can see their work outside of just state convention. I would also run online arts contests around a certain prompt or idea, and the winner would have their work posted onto the TSJCL Instagram or into The Torch. I love state convention, and I want to run more activities to make the arts more year round.

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

I would choose an owl because they are associated with intelligence and diligence. They also have a very strong tie to the classics and Athena, and they are very distinctive birds.

What do you love about the TSJCL?

I love how passionate and competitive everyone is! It's so rare to find people who are so enthusiastic about what they're doing, and JCLers have a special talent of applying their humor excitement to everything from arts to tests to spirit to the friendships they make at convention.

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

I would choose *Paddington*. The scenery is so pretty, and it has such good cinematography for a kids' movie.

How many state conventions have you attended? 2 (if we had state last year, I would have gone)

How many national conventions have you attended? 4



NATASHA CHAMITOFF

RUNNING FOR: SECRETARY

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

I've brainstormed with Mr. Ellis, Anderson High School's sponsor, some ideas for colloquium speakers next state convention. Some of our ideas involve connections that I have to possible guests. I can't disclose these ideas before asking, but I'm excited and y'all would be, too!

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

I think the TSJCL mascot could be a horse for multiple symbolic reasons. First, a horse would represent the competitiveness of TSJCL conventions. Victors work and study hard to deserve their summa cum laudes and Certamen wins. Second, a horse would represent the unique Western culture of Texas!

What do you love about the TSJCL?

I love how TSJCL brings people with a common passion together. Through TSJCL young classists all over Texas can get together to learn, have new experiences, and develop meaningful friendships.

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

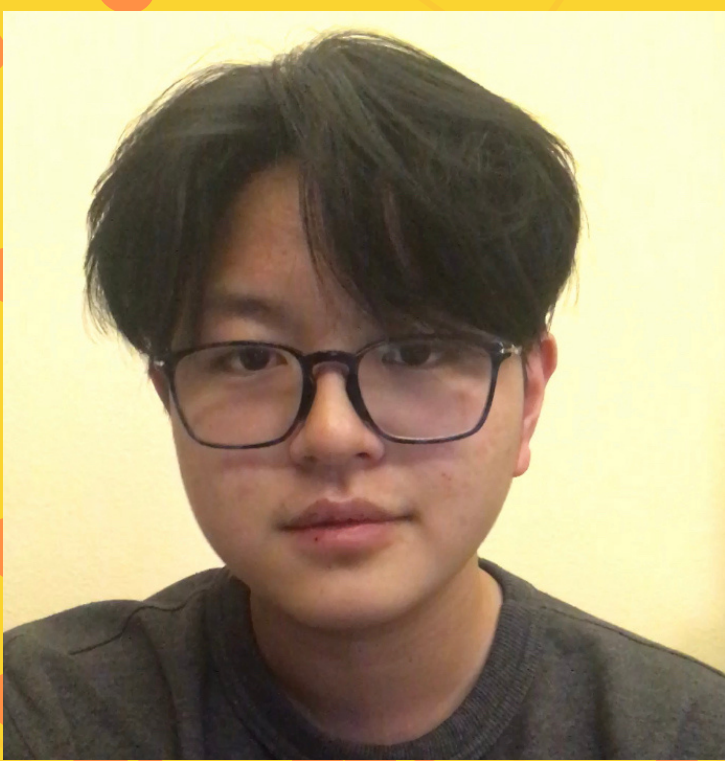
I would watch Totoro by Studio Ghibli over and over again. I've seen this movie many times since my childhood because my Japanese au-pair introduced it to us. It's a very relaxing and beautifully made movie about forest spirits in rural Japan. If you haven't seen it already, watch it the next time you need to see a comfort movie.

How many state conventions have you attended?

I attended the virtual 2020 State Convention.

How many national conventions have you attended?

I have yet to attend nationals.



MARCO CHEUNG

**RUNNING FOR:
SECRETARY**

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

Because of this past year, I want to continue increasing connectivity within the TSJCL network, regardless of in-person or virtual situations, whether that be easing chapter integration, facilitating virtual webinars throughout the year, or even just adding a Google Doc version of minutes (just to make everything more broadly convenient). Apart from that, I would like to have ancient Mediterranean memes to the ends of minutes to give present and future readers alike something to look forward to in the minutes.

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

A tortoise, more so because of the tenacity and strength both this community and its officers have in contributing to this organization.

What do you love about the TSJCL?

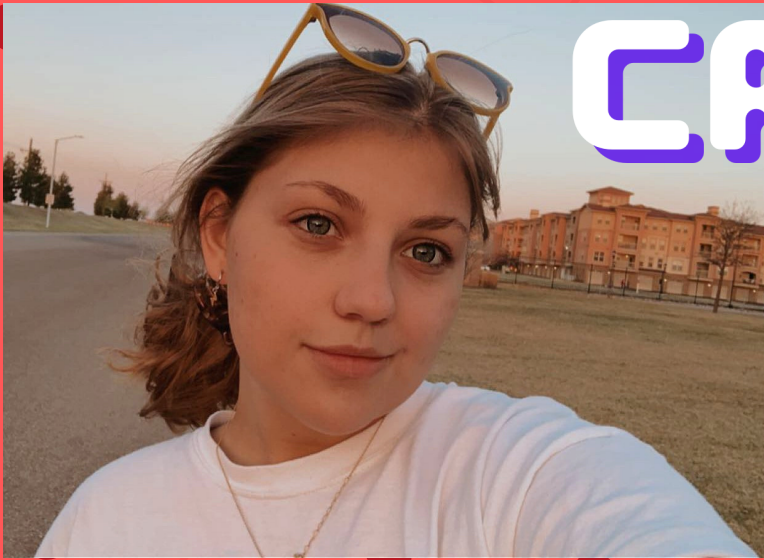
I genuinely admire the experience of convention the most, not just by this community, but also from this personally unexplainable feeling of stressing about competitions, spending time with friends and other JCLers, and freely walking around the campus all crammed within a day's convention. It's just great!

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

Interstellar; I'm into that science and astronomy stuff. Plus, the music is really out of this world.

How many state conventions have you attended? 2

How many national conventions have you attended? 2



CAYLA VANU SICKLE

**RUNNING FOR:
OUTREACH
COORDINATOR**

What do you love about the TSJCL?

The Community!

What are your ideas for the TSJCL and your position?

Making Latin minutes more accessible and improving social media engagement.

If the TSJCL needed an animal mascot, what animal would you choose and why?

An armadillo, so we name it Arma the Armadillo, since Arma means weapon in Latin.

If you had to watch only one movie, what would it be and why?

Hercules, I know it's inaccurate, but the soundtrack is too good to pass.

How many state conventions have you attended?

Zero so far because of COVID

How many national conventions have you attended?

Zero, also because of Covid.