

# TORCH

**MIDNIGHT: TSJCL STATE  
CONVENTION 2022**



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# Salvete, omnes!



**Welcome to the 2022 TSJCL Convention! Whether you're reading from your homeroom, lunch table, or academic testing hallway, I hope you've settled in. In case you haven't noticed, it's the first in-person convention--in two years!**

**I remember attending my first TSJCL convention as a wide-eyed freshman. It was my first and only in-person State, and I'm incredibly excited for everyone to return. Trying to find your way through the labyrinth of school hallways or listening to podcasts on the long car rides to the venue has never felt the same.**

**JCLers, new and old: I know State this year will have a sort of magic that unfortunately can't be replicated online. This edition of the Torch is a combined Winter and Midnight edition (a chimera, you might say?). Inside, you'll find games, election information, Q&As with the candidates, state updates, and more.**

**No matter if you're the person who stayed up all night working on your magnum opus of an art submission, the sponsor who braved late nights to get your students here, or one of three people who actually read this, thank you for being part of this community. I hope your convention has gotten off to a great start.**

**Your Editor,  
Emily Ding**





# WINTER BOARD MEETING

1/8/22



# area updates

The 2022 Area A Convention was a great success at Saint Thomas Episcopal School. Despite the setbacks of major construction and freezing weather, the convention was smooth sailing. The JCL spirit was not quelled by the lockdown, and the energy and excitement filled the gym from the beginning of the convention. From the arts to the academics, people rose to the occasion and schools swept the board. It was a great comeback from the lockdown, and even when the weather and construction tried to hold us back, the Area A JCL continued to push forward and celebrate.-- Terrence Li & Karah Phang, Area A Co-Chairs



A

Although the planning and execution was tough, it was a great event and not something I have experienced before. I was happy to see all of the students enjoying their time, meeting new friends, and smiling. One thing that I did not expect was he lightsaber duels in the courtyard but it was fun seeing something that caught me off guard. -- Jose Alavarado, Area C Chair



C

# area updates

Salve(te)! Up in the North, the Area D Convention went off (more or less) without a hitch. It took place at Amarillo High School on Saturday, January 22. For the first time in three years, the convention was in-person, and we still managed to attract more than 100 JClers, so I consider that a win. We had some fun activities at lunch such as Rota and Latin Scrabble™. I think Area D also got pretty good at learning the Pledge of Allegiance in Latin since that's how we started the whole convention. Very fun and novel! That's the gist of what Area D's been up to. Signing off, Rohit Saralaya, Area D Chair



D

Taking place on February 25th and 26th, the Area F Convention was a smash hit. Between intense certamen rounds and tests going to the tie breakers, it had it all. Everybody had a great time and the Area F Convention was a massive success. -- Kushaal Singh & Nisha Vishag, Area F Co-Chairs



F

# welcome to State!









# Election INFO



Candidates' Open Forum is happening from 3:00–4:00 on Saturday! If you'd like to submit a question to the candidates, visit this [link](#).



Voting takes place before the final General Assembly. Reminder: only schools who are in good standing and have sent at least two students to NomCom can vote.



Learn more about the candidates below:





# President

## Jacqueline Huang

### How has your past experience prepared you for your role?

My past experience includes being the Reagan Latin Club social chairperson and vice president along with having attended 2 state conventions and 2 national conventions. As a Latin Club officer, I have held a majority of our monthly meetings this year and helped supervise the others. I keep my Latin teacher alert and informed every week by presenting an agenda of tasks, events that need scheduling, and deadlines to her, and I also keep my officer team up to date with all the club proceedings with constant reminders. The 4 conventions I have attended have given me valuable insight on what goes on at conventions and how general assemblies and state fellowships are held.

### Favorite character, mythological or historical, and why

My favorite mythological character is Elpenor, who fell to his death when he took a step (bad idea) off of a roof. I'll admit, his death was quite funny, but I use him as an example as to why you shouldn't drink too much; otherwise, you'll end up sleeping on the roof like him and then as a flat pancake on the ground.

### Favorite English word and why

My favorite English word is "defenestrate." If you study Latin derivatives, you can probably guess the meaning: "to throw a person or thing out of a window." I like this word because not only is it a hilarious word, but I think it's quite relatable. I think most people have thought about defenestrating someone or something in their life.

### Haiku that summarizes your platform (inspired by a certain previous open forum question)

Connect and unite  
Bringing together all minds  
To form many more



# 1st Vice President

## Meredith Shaw

I want to become a TSJCL officer because getting involved in Latin is the best decision I have made as a high schooler, and I want to do more in the community.



Learning Latin helped me find my passion, and JSJCL took that one step further. I have become part of a truly amazing community that has shaped not only my high school experience up to this point, but also me as a person.



# 1st Vice President

## CJ Valenciano

From the time I was seven years old, Mr. Lee and the Latin Club have been a part of my life. I remember the Latin socials my family would host, the togas my sisters would wear to conventions,



the excitement they would have to compete, and the friendship the Latin community shared with one another. So as soon as I could, I too joined the Latin community, and I too discovered the love my sisters had for TSJCL, fostering new bonds with so many different people at convention, all while immersing myself in the intricacies of the language. But then this part of my life was put on hold when the Covid-19 pandemic struck.

# 1st Vice President

## CJ Valenciano

It was here I saw the Latin community I had grown so fond of strain, as the foundation of this community - camaraderie - had been supplanted with isolation. But despite this, the Latin community and the TSJCL officers adapted and overcame, leading through adversity, inspiring those like myself to adopt this same mindset, all while keeping the Latin curriculum and community advancing despite troubling times. I hope to continue this excellence, and I hope to make up for lost time, strengthening the already tight bond the Latin community has for one another through my leadership position as First Vice President.





# 2nd Vice President

## Eleanor Tallman

How has your past experience prepared you for your role?

I've served in officer positions in a multitude of different activities. I am a 1st Lieutenant in JROTC, the President of my school's JCL, and have served as the Chief Marketing Officer for the Tech Club. I have experience creating rules and guiding others. I have competed in academic and classical civilization contests.

**Favorite character, mythological or historical, and why**

My favorite mythological character would be Minerva. As the goddess of wisdom and the arts, I feel like she stands for the values that I espouse: truth, strategy, and creativity.

**Favorite English word and why**

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis. I used to compete in spelling bees and everyone learned this word for fun. One of my friends and I would spell this word in sync as a "secret handshake."

# Secretary

**Glory Abolo**

Years in JCL: 2

Favorite JCL Memory:

The day that I found out that I got 2nd in PMAQ at the State Convention. I had to stay up completing work all night the day of the competition so I didn't even know if my answers were even coherent but I guess it all worked out.



What goals do you have for your term?

If elected I hope to expand the involvement of students that are in intermediate schools in TSJCL and Latin overall. At most public schools Latin isn't offered as a foreign language to non-high schoolers, and many believe that it is nothing more than a dead language. I hope to encourage schools that don't offer Latin as a language class to sign their students up to be members-at-large through persistent effort and membership drives.

















# appointed *positions*



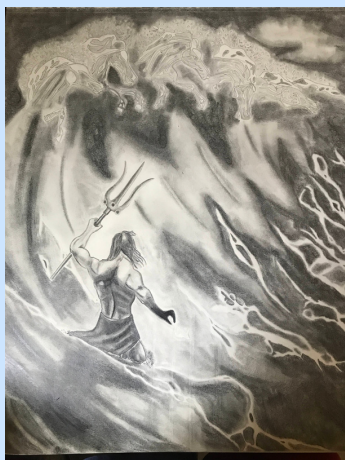
Want to become a TSJCL officer for the  
2022-2023 school year?

Apply for one of the appointed positions:

Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Editor,  
Webmaster, or Convention Coordinator!

Applicants for appointed positions must  
complete a nomination form, submit a  
resume, and have an interview after state.

Find more info [here](#).



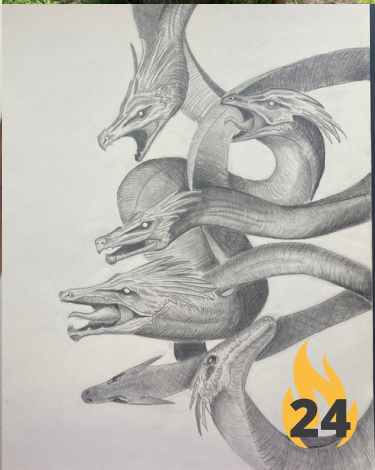
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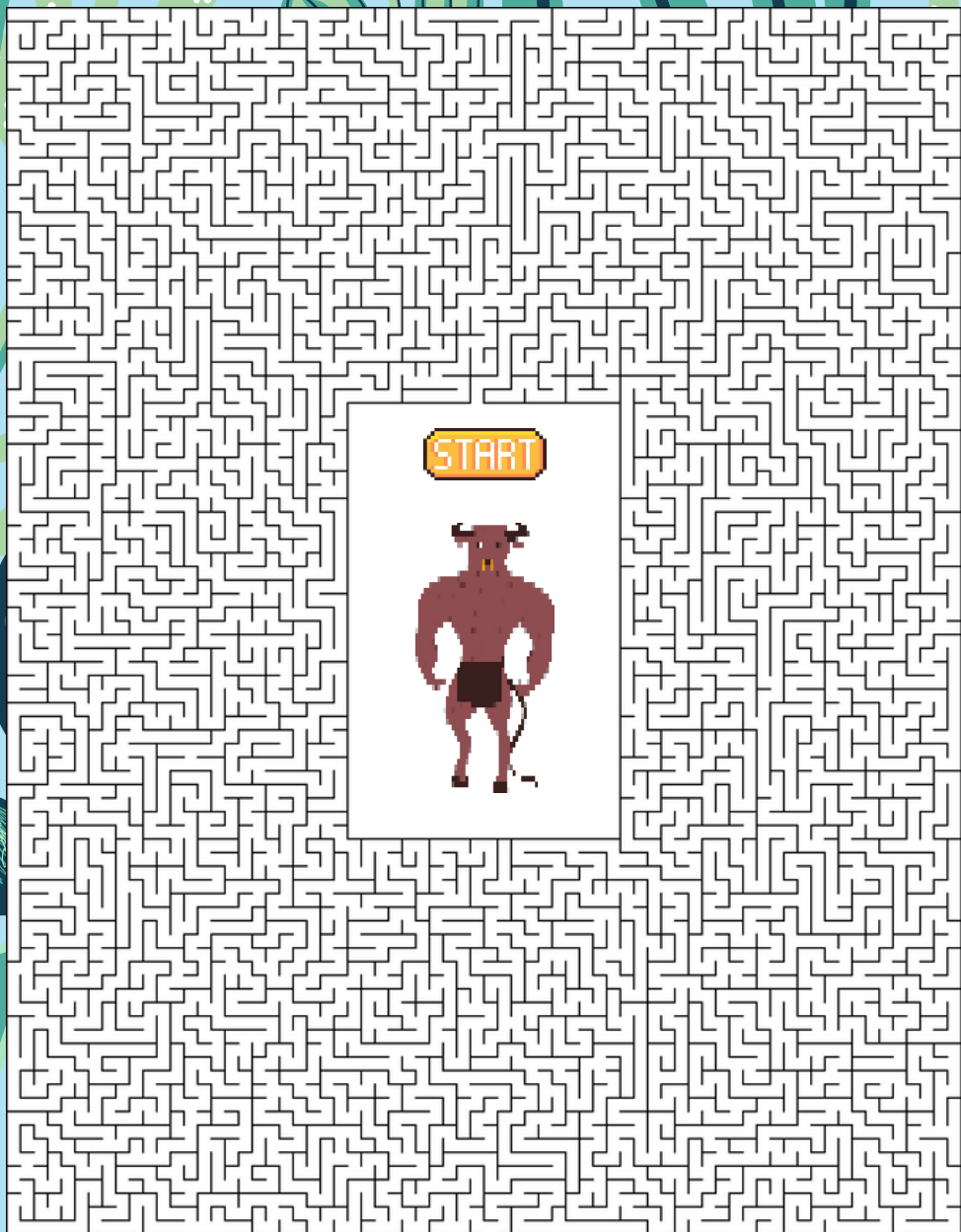
**Novice: Area F, Area C, Area A**

**Intermediate: Area A, Area B, Area F**

**Advanced: Area A, Area B, Area F**



# ESCAPE THE LABYRINTH!



FINISH

# GUESS WHO? (OR WHAT?)

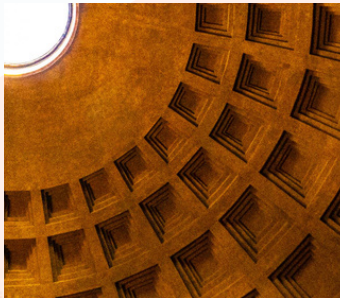
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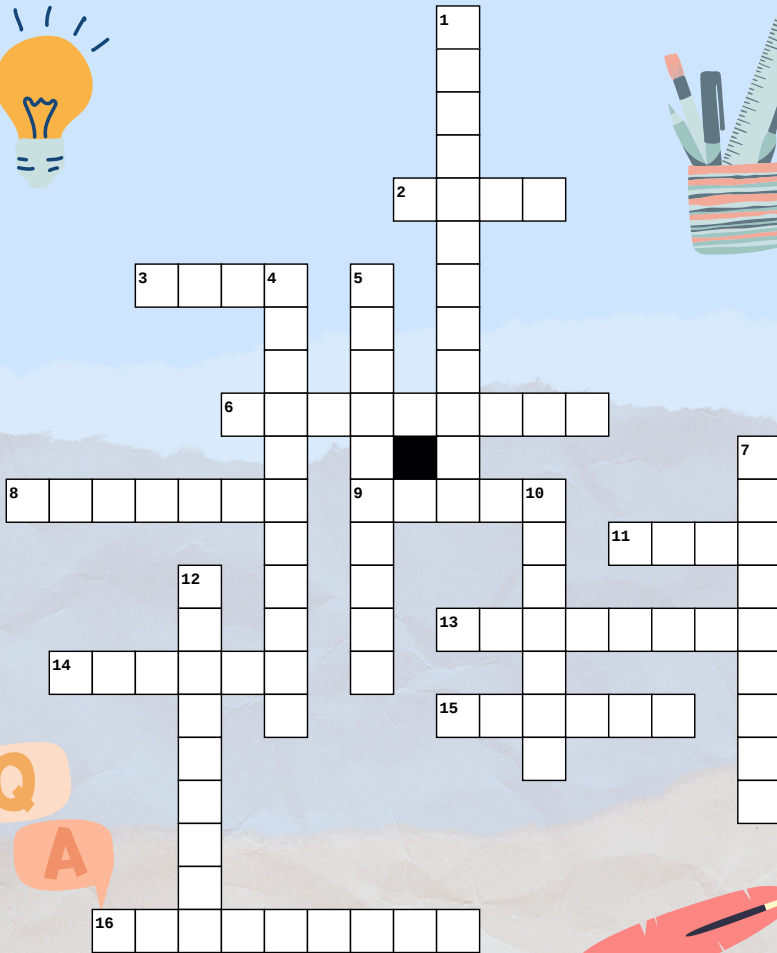
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# TSJCL TRIVIA



## ACROSS

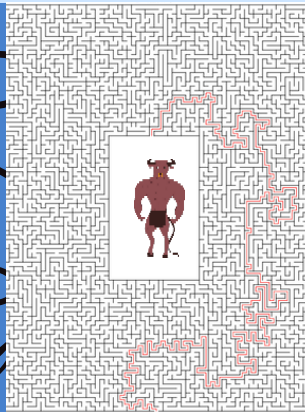
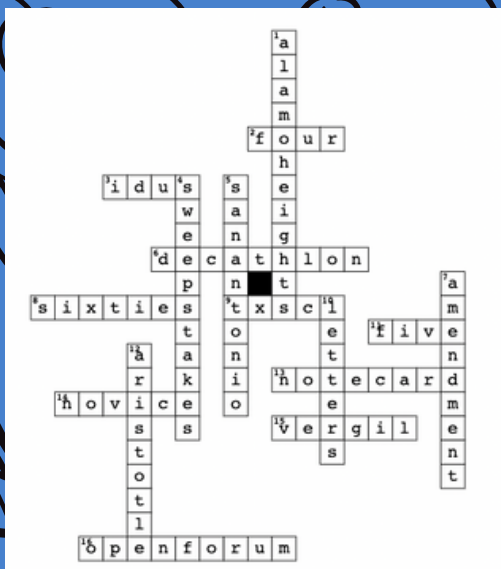
2. Max number of players on a Certamen team
3. Hodie est ante diem V \_\_\_\_\_ Aprilis
6. Academic contest covering 10 subjects
8. The TSJCL was founded in the \_\_\_\_\_ (decade)
9. Org. you should join after "graduating" from the TSJCL
11. Number of areas in the TSJCL
13. Must be filled and signed alongside each art submission
14. Latin I students compete in the \_\_\_\_\_ level of Certamen
15. Author of this year's NJCL theme, "Cantantes licet usque (minus via laedit) eamus"
16. Where this year's candidates "open"-ly discuss their platforms

## DOWN

1. Host school of the 2022 TSJCL Convention
4. Competition where schools, not students, compete
5. Host city of the 2022 TSJCL Convention
7. You can suggest changes to the TSJCL constitution by submitting a(n)
10. For one of this year's service projects, we'll be writing \_\_\_\_\_ to St Jude's patients
12. Namesake of award that reimburses the cost of attending Nationals

Thank you for  
reading, and have  
a great rest of  
your convention!

## TSJCL Trivia Crossword



Labyrinth

## Guess Who?

1. Colosseum
2. Caesar
3. Medusa
4. Trojan Horse
5. Pantheon
6. Pantheon