

# MASSJCL FORUM FACTORUM

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Spirit Party 2021 - Photo by Karen Dong

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# Announcements

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE  
ALL YOUR AMAZON  
PURCHASES WITH  
AMAZON SMILE:  
SMILE.AMAZON.COM/CH/  
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-STIRLING LEWIS

JOIN THE MASSJCL  
HISTORIAN DISCORD  
SERVER!

ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT BEING A  
HISTORIAN, FIND RESOURCES, AND SEE  
YOUR FELLOW HISTORIANS AT WORK!

[HTTPS://DISCORD.GG/BQFUV4WKT](https://discord.gg/BQFUV4WKT)  
-KAREN DONG

INTERESTED IN WRITING  
AN ARTICLE? EMAIL  
EDITOR@MASSJCL.ORG

- ANY TOPIC: CLASSICS IN THE  
MODERN WORLD, CLASSICS DAY,  
CERTAMEN, MYTHOLOGY, CREATIVE  
WRITING, ETC.  
- NO WORD MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM  
(PREFERABLE AT LEAST 100 WORDS)

SUBMIT A CHAPTER  
UPDATE!  
WHAT HAS YOUR CLUB  
BEEN DOING SO FAR THIS  
YEAR?

- 100-250 WORDS  
- DUE TO EDITOR  
@MASSJCL.ORG NOVEMBER  
30TH, 2022

# NOTA BENE

Hey MassJCL,

Welcome back! It's been a long time! And whether you stuck it out with us over the past year or so, are just returning, or are here with us for the first time, we're happy to have you. We've all had individual struggles that we pushed through, and triumphs we pushed to, since we were last all together. And because of those struggles, and also those triumphs, I am so pleased to announce the beginning of in-person events returning to MassJCL. We're proud of everything we've accomplished on our own, but we are so excited to see what MassJCL can accomplish when we come together again. We will, unfortunately, not be hosting kickoff, so we had to find another way to catapult into the year. We'll be doing this through a service event on the 9th of October, and through Classics Day, on Thursday, December 2nd, at Boston University. More information about both of these events will be available soon, on both our website, and in emails from the rest of the board. I can't wait to see you all there!

E corde,

***Georgia Wilson***  
***2021-2022 MassJCL President***

Salve MassJCL,

Well It's finally here, the first Forum Factorum of the 2021-2022 year. I want to thank those of you who submitted to the Forum Factorum because without submissions we would not have the newsletter that we have. I really had a good time making this issue and I hope you all have an even better time reading. Thanks again for reading this newest issue for the Forum Factorum and please consider sending in submissions for the December issue. Remember, submitting an article will win your chapter 1 point per issue of the Forum Factorum.

Curate, ut valeatis!

***Luke Ulicny***  
***2021-2022 MassJCL Publications Editor***

# Meet Your Officers!

## The Questions

1. How many state and national conventions have you attended?
2. What is your favorite thing about the MassJCL?
3. Favorite Cambridge Latin Course character?
4. Dream vacation location?
5. What are your goals for this year?



### Georgia Wilson - President - Maynard High School

1. 5 states, 3 nationals
2. The way it gives you permission to explore everything. From Olympica to the graphic arts to certamen, there really is something for everyone.
3. Grumio
4. A road trip across Europe
5. Expand MassJCL membership and transition smoothly to in-person events

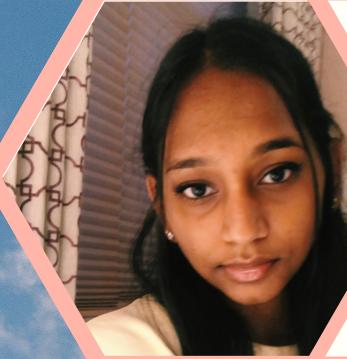
### Sanjana Singh - 1st VP - Boston Latin School

1. 4 states, 3 nationals
2. I love the MassJCL community and being able to meet people interested in the Classics from across the state at events and convention!
3. Matella
4. Iceland or Greece
5. I am currently working on throwing an awesome Classics Day this year, and then I hope to increase engagement on social media and bring our membership numbers up.



### Louisa Hemr - 2nd VP - Boston Latin School

1. 4 state, 3 nationals
2. The people! I have had an amazing time meeting new folks, from both Massachusetts and other states, through JCL and Certamen and I'm looking forward to (hopefully) seeing everyone again in-person soon!
3. Cerberus
4. The Dolomites, because they are in a part of Italy that I have never been to, and it seems like it would be a great place to hike.
5. This year I hope to help local chapters start or expand their service programs, and envision service as a way to connect JCL chapters to their communities. I am also hoping to run a fun and hopefully in person spirit contest at State Convention!



### Samhitha Vundi - Secretary - Rising Tide

1. 2 state, 1 nationals
2. My favorite things about MassJCL would be Classics Day and state convention. I also love being able to meet new people and everyone is always kind and welcoming
3. Cloelia
4. France, Hawaii, or Jaipur (I can't choose!)
5. Increase the readership of the minutes and also be as helpful as possible to the other officers



### Stirling Lewis - Treasurer - Rising Tide

1. 4 states, 2 nationals
2. The sense of community and how much everyone loves being a part of the JCL
3. My man Grumio (RIP)
4. Jeju Island, South Korea
5. Keep the funds in line and up to date, and keep MassJCL engaged in some fun fundraisers



### Erin Kim - Parliamentarian - Phillip's Academy

1. 1 state, 1 national
2. The people and the traditions! The spirit, energy, and love of classics brought by every student and sponsor is the lifeblood of MassJCL.
3. Cerberus—the most iconic dog ever! He's the nominative of the very last sentence of Book I AND the title of the very first passage. Book I essentially starts and ends with Cerberus, which I think is so cool.
4. Santorini, Greece; I heard the sunsets are gorgeous!
5. I hope to create a central "Parliamentarian Guide," which will include helpful advice and resources about the RONR (Robert's Rules of Order) that local parlis can refer to. I'm also arranging a Massachusetts parli group chat for chapter parlis to communicate and bounce ideas off each other, as well as host Constitution Q&A sessions to answer questions and/or receive suggestions about the Constitution. Throughout the year, I'll be working on making the Constitution more approachable, easier to navigate, and more visually appealing.



### Karen Dong - Historian - Boston Latin School

1. 4 states, 3 nationals
2. I love the community! Everyone is so passionate and supportive; it's amazing to see and be a part of
3. Clemens
4. Venice!
5. I hope to do well as both a student and an officer. At the end of the year I hope to deliver an amazing scrapbook



### Luke Ulicny - Editor - Winchester High School

1. 4 states, 0 nationals
2. My favorite thing about the MassJCL is that no matter what your interests are there will always be something for you to be passionate about within the MassJCL
3. It's got to be Cerberus
4. I've always wanted to go to Scandinavia
5. I hope to make newsletters that people look forward to reading every few months



### Kyleigh O'Neil - Tech Co. - Rising Tide

1. 2 states, 2 nationals
2. The community and friendships that we create
3. Bregens
4. Disney World
5. Improve access to the website

# Awards

## Academics:

### LEVEL 1/2

**MALVIKA DIAS:** CLASSICAL ART (1ST), GEOGRAPHY 1/2 (4TH), GRAMMAR (1ST), HELLENIC HISTORY (2ND), HEPTATHALON (1ST), MOTTOES (1ST), MYTHOLOGY (5TH), READING COMP (1ST), ROMAN HISTORY (3RD), ROMAN LIFE (1ST), VOCABULARY (3RD)

**JOSEPH HEMR:** CLASSICAL ART (1ST), DERIVATIVES 1/2 (3RD), GEOGRAPHY (5TH), HELLENIC HISTORY (5TH), MYTHOLOGY (5TH), ROMAN LIFE (4TH)

**MILA MATTESON:** DERIVATIVES (5TH), GRAMMAR (3RD), HEPTATHALON (2ND), MYTHOLOGY (4TH), READING COMP (3RD)

### LEVEL 1

**AILIN SHA:** CLASSICAL ART 1 (3RD)

**JULIANNA LEE:** GEOGRAPHY (3RD), GREEK LIFE AND LIT (3RD), HELLENIC HISTORY (2ND), HEPTATHALON (4TH), LATIN LITERATURE (2ND), ROMAN HISTORY (1ST), ROMAN LIFE (2ND)

**MARK SNEKVIK:** GEOGRAPHY (4TH), GRAMMAR (1ST), HELLENIC HISTORY (4TH), HEPTATHALON (2ND), READING COMP (1ST), ROMAN HISTORY (2ND), ROMAN LIFE (4TH)

**MILLS DENNISON:** GREEK LANGUAGE (2ND)

**OWEN BUTLER:** GREEK LANGUAGE (3RD)

**ASHTON LEWIS:** GREEK LANGUAGE (5TH)

**ANDREW LAI:** HEPTATHALON (5TH), MYTHOLOGY (4TH),

### LEVEL 2

**BIYA BROOK:** GREEK LIFE AND LIT (4TH), HEPTATHALON (4TH), MYTHOLOGY (2ND),

**ALEX XU:** ROMAN HISTORY (2ND)

**ZACHARY CHEN:** ROMAN HISTORY (5TH)

**JOANNA LIN:** ROMAN LIFE (3RD)

### LEVEL 3

**LOUISA HEMR:** CLASSICAL ART (4TH), GREEK LIFE AND LIT (5TH), LATIN LITERATURE (4TH)

**KYLER HOOGENDOOR-ECKER:** GRAMMAR (3RD), HEPTATHALON (3RD), READING COMP PROSE (2ND)

**JAMES MCCURLY:** GREEK DERIVATIVES (4TH), GREEK LANGUAGE (1ST), GREEK LIFE AND LIT (4TH), HELLENIC HISTORY (5TH), HEPTATHALON (4TH), MYTHOLOGY (2ND), READING COMP POETRY (2ND), READING COMP PROSE (2ND)

**OWEN BUTLER:** LATIN LITERATURE (5TH), ROMAN LIFE (4TH)

### LEVEL 4

**MILLS DENNISON:** GREEK DERIVATIVES (2ND), GREEK LIFE AND LIT (4TH)

### LEVEL 5+

**ASHTON LEWIS:** CREATIVE ARTS (1ST), GEOGRAPHY (3RD), GREEK DERIVATIVES (3RD), GREEK LIFE AND LIT (2ND), HELLENIC HISTORY (3RD), READING COMP POETRY (4TH & 5TH), ROMAN LIFE (4TH)

**JINWOO KIM:** HELLENIC HISTORY (2ND), MYTHOLOGY (3RD)

**DANNY NGUYEN:** HEPTATHALON (5TH), LATIN LITERATURE (1ST), MYTHOLOGY (1ST), ROMAN HISTORY (5TH)

# Agon

**Jinwoo Kim:** 1st place **Mills Dennison:** 2nd place **Teddy Glaeser:** 2nd place **Ashton Lewis:** 2nd place **James McCurley:** 2nd place

## Certamen

**Novice Team (Andrew Lai, Julianna Lee, Ailin Sha, and Mark Snekvik):** 1st place

**Intermediate Team (Creighton Banitt, Biya Brook, Zachary Chen, Niel Jin, Joanna Lin, and Alex Xu):** 5th place

**Advanced Team (Ethan Clark, Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, Jinwoo Kim, and Danny Nguyen):** 5th place

## Creative Arts

**Malvika Dias:** Dramatic Interpretation 1/2 and 1 (Summa Cum Laude)

**Alex Chou:** Dramatic Interpretation Adv Poetry (Summa Cum Laude), English Oratory (Summa Cum Laude)

**Frank Ruperto:** Latin Oratory Advanced (Cum Laude)

**Aspen Johnson:** Modern Myth (Cum Laude)

**Katherine Butts:** Creative Writing Contest 11th-12th (10th)

**Akshaya NaapaRamesh:** Creative Writing Contest 11th-12th (9th)

## E-lympika

**Stirling Lewis:** Geoguesser (5th)

**Zachary Chen:** Marathon Boys, Lower (4th)

## School Awards

**Winchester High School:** Local Publications (7th), Publicity, Best Miscellaneous (1st), State T-Shirt Contest (1st)

**Boston Latin School:** Chapter Website (10th)



**Kelly McDowell: State T-Shirt Contest Winner**

# *Graphic Art Awards*

**Malvika Dias:** Digital Art/Digital Poster (Magna Cum Laude)



**Mila Matteson:** Handicrafts (Magna Cum Laude), Impromptu Art (Cum Laude)

**Karen Dong:** Impromptu Art (Cum Laude)



# *State Awards*

**Sara Rhouate:** State Publications (2nd)

**Louisa Hemr:** Spirit - Large States (2nd)

**Jinwoo Kim:** State Website (4th)

# A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS

By Jack Trapanick

On behalf of both BLSJCL and MassJCL, we extend a heartfelt congratulations to Alex Chou, who was elected 1st Vice President of NJCL at this summer's National Convention! His comprehensive, ambitious plans for recovering national membership while engaging our current JCLers, plus the workshops and initiatives he has already begun to undertake, promise a successful year-- and we couldn't be prouder to say it all started in Boston, Mass!

Alex started out as an Officer at Large for Boston Latin School's JCL in 8th grade, then moving up to Deputy Treasurer before running for and gaining state office as Treasurer, state 1st Vice President the following year, and now finally National 1st Vice President (*and* local Publications Editor for BLSJCL). Outside of JCL politics, Alex has been an avid certamener, winning previous competitions like Harvard Certamen at the Intermediate level and specializing in myth. Even a brief glance at the rankings for past State Convention competitions, from English oratory to mythology tests, is bound to show Alex has shined in just about every field and branch JCL has.

Whether by his careful management of MassJCL funds or his inventive ways of digitizing Classics Day for Zoom, Alex has unquestionably left his mark on the state board. So too with the local BLSJCL board, and every certamener lucky enough to compete with him. We look forward to seeing him leave his mark on the national level too as he takes his experience with us all into NJCL. Best of luck, Alex!