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Forum Theme

“Non scholae sed vitae discimus.”

We learn not for school but for life.
(Derived from Seneca)

Letter From the President

Salvete, omnes!

We are very excited to share with you the Spring Forum packet. Here, you will find everything you need for the 2025 Spring Forum: registration forms, elections forms, and competition rules. This year's Spring Forum is sure to be great—we have many awesome things planned. Make sure to read through this packet to ensure you're prepared for March 15th. Good luck, and I can't wait to see you all in the Spring!

–Courtney Jolly
SCJCL President

Registration and Dues

Due February 14th

Students must be registered with SCJCL and NJCL in order to participate in the forum.

Instructions for registering a chapter or adding additional members can be found on the [SCJCL website](#).

SCJCL dues are \$10 for the chapter, plus \$3 per student if they have not already registered.

Please submit a list of participating students and their Latin level to mbriner@portergaud.edu. Be sure that their names have also been added in the [NJCL Chapter Portal](#).

All students must be registered by February 14th at 11:59PM.

***New this year!* Upon receipt of dues and registration, sponsors will receive a list of Student ID numbers for students to pre-register for Creative Arts contests and submit their Graphic Arts projects. These student ID numbers will also be used in contests at the forum such as testing.**

Lunch

Lunch costs \$10 per person ordering lunch. Lunch includes:

- a. **Chicken Sandwich:** grilled chicken breast, lettuce, tomato and mayo on a lightly toasted bun and fries.

OR

- b. **Vegetarian Option:** mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Both options include lemonade/iced tea or water. Snacks will be also available for purchase at the event.

Number of Chicken Sandwiches: _____

Number of Vegetarian Options: _____

Lunch Fee: Total # of Lunches (_____) x \$10 = \$ _____

Additional Student dues: (_____) x \$3 = \$ _____

Total amount due: \$ _____

Please send money for lunches and additional student dues to the State Chair by **February 14th.**

*Madeline Briner
Porter-Gaud School
300 Albemarle Rd.
Charleston SC 29407*

Checks should be made payable to South Carolina Junior Classical League.

Visit njcl.org/Join-Now to register and pay NJCL dues

Officer Elections

Officers

NOTE: These are the current roles of each office based on the 2024 SCJCL Constitution and Amendments. Please read the 2025 Constitutional Amendments to understand officer roles and responsibilities if the amendments pass. The following offices are for high school Students (Currently in 9th-11th Grade). One student can hold each office.

President

- Organizes and leads meetings
- Ensures activities are carried out
- Plans and hosts the Spring Forum

First Vice President

- Takes charge in the President's absence
- Organize Classics Day with the President and State Chair
- Oversees community service events
- Leads SCJCL outreach and recruitment efforts to increase participation and membership

Second Vice President

- Takes charge in the First Vice President and President's absence
- Organizes spirit for the National Convention and Spring Forum
- Oversees state fundraisers at NJCL, Classics Day, and Spring Forum

Parliamentarian

- Works with the State Chair to propose constitutional Amendments
- Ensures that parliamentary procedures are followed at meetings
- Manages elections and candidacy forms

Editor

- Edits the Torch: SC
- Submits State Updates for NJCL publications

Historian

- Files historically important SCJCL matters
- Creates the SCJCL Scrapbook for the National Convention for the following year

The following office can be held by middle school students (currently in 7th or 8th grade). Two students can hold this office

Junior Representative

- Works with the rest of the SCJCL Board on projects
- Gains experience with each office

Eligibility Requirements

- A candidate must be enrolled in a Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities class, unless they have completed all available Latin, Greek, and Classical Humanities courses available at their school.
- A candidate must have attended at least one SCJCL Fall Workshop.
- A candidate may NOT run for an office they are holding or have held previously.
- Multiple people from the same chapter are NOT allowed to run for the same office.
- **Candidates must fill the candidate pre-file forms (available on the SCJCL Website) and send it to scjclparli1@gmail.com by February 28th.**

Election Rules & Procedures

- No campaigning is allowed before General Assembly I at the Spring Forum.
- **Candidates will make a speech at General Assembly I.**
 - This speech must be submitted to the parliamentarian by March 8th.
 - Speeches do not need to be memorized.
 - This speech must NOT exceed 3 minutes.
- Candidates will also speak at the Nominations Committee, during which they will be asked questions by current officers and the audience.
- **Two Voting Delegates from each school MUST attend the Nominations Committee.**
 - If only one voting delegate attends, the school will receive one vote. If no voting delegates attend, the school will receive no votes.
 - Students who are not voting delegates are encouraged to attend as well!
 - Schools that have a counterpart middle and high school entered at Spring Forum are considered to be the same school in respect to elections and do not cast separate votes.
- Voting Delegates will cast their ballots during General Assembly II. Results of the election will be announced shortly after.
- If there are no pre-filed candidates for a permanent office, a state of emergency shall be called for by the Parliamentarian. Applications from the floor will be accepted at Spring Forum, and certain requirements may be waived.

Interested candidates and their sponsors are encouraged to attend a [virtual candidate workshop](#) on February 1st at 3pm to learn more about the positions and running for office!

Amendments

The following amendments have been proposed to the SCJCL constitution. Amendments will be discussed at the Nominations Committee meeting. The full text of these amendments can be found on the SCJCL website.

1. Article IV, Section E: Alter the roles of the Vice Presidents (would be instituted for the 2026-27 term). Currently, the duties of first and second VP do not reflect the role of the national positions, the following changes would rectify that issue. The first VP would be primarily in charge of membership and planning Classics day, and the second VP would be in charge of spirit and service.
2. Article IV, Section E: Change the title of Historian to Archivist. Per Merriam-Webster's dictionary, a Historian is "1: a student or writer of history, especially : one who produces a scholarly synthesis. 2: a writer or compiler of a chronicle." Whereas an Archivist is defined as "a person who has the job of collecting and storing the materials in an archive." The title of Archivist is more suited for this board position because the student officer will not be providing a scholarly synthesis of our organization's history, but simply collecting and storing pertinent information. Additionally, this rebrand or re-titling will focus the officer's duties more on compiling the SCJCL's historical information rather than the production of the scrapbook. Producing the scrapbook has required the office of Historian to be skills based, but focusing more on the collecting history of our state chapter may open up the office of Archivist to more candidates. Additionally, since moving towards digital scrapbooks as opposed to traditional scrapbooks, a digital product seems more suited to the role of an Archivist.
3. Article IV, Section D: Change candidate requirements to allow officers who have been appointed (NOT elected) to their office to run again. This would encourage people to apply for vacant offices if the situation arises where an office is open (as happened with the 2023-2024 board), and would allow them to be elected for the position after not serving a full term. If a situation like this arises, applicants who otherwise may have been interested in the position might hold off on applying in order to run for the office in an election in order to hold the office for a full term. This amendment would encourage and reward those who apply to fill a vacancy, which would strengthen and make things easier for the board following a vacancy.

Spirit and Roll Call

Roll Call

Each chapter sends 2 students to perform a creative skit, song, etc. to present information about the chapter at General Assembly I.

The Roll Call must include the following:

- the chapter's name
- the number of students
- the number of officers
- the number of sponsors and/or chaperones
- the distance traveled to the Spring Forum (in miles)

Chapters are judged based on including all the information and incorporating it creatively.

The chapter's roll call should not last more than 45 seconds, and will be immediately stopped after the time runs out.

Spirit

The chapter can perform chants, sing songs, wear costumes, etc. to show spirit for Latin and their chapter at General Assembly II.

- Noisemakers are NOT allowed.
- **The performance must be no longer than 2 minutes.**
- Chapters are judged based on creativity, unity, participation, adherence to the time limit, and movement.

Agora

Chapters can sell pins, shirts, stickers, etc. as a fundraiser for their club during lunch time. To reserve a table, please email mbriner@portergaud.edu by February 28th.

Academic Testing

Rules

Students are NOT allowed to use outside sources, including the following: textbooks, teachers, cell phones, smart watches, class notes, and other students. The use of such sources is considered cheating. Students who cheat will be disqualified.

Though students are allowed to take as many tests as time permits, students are encouraged to take no more than 3.

Students do not need to pre-register for academic tests.

Testing Levels

Students must take tests at the level of Latin they are currently enrolled in.

For tests that are not specifically leveled, students will be scored against students of their own level.

NEW! The levels for tests are as follows: Novice (Latin ½ and 1), Intermediate (Latin 2 and 3) and Advanced (Latin 4 and higher)

Testing Categories

Vocabulary, Latin Grammar, Mythology, Derivatives, Roman History, Literature, Roman Life, Geography, Classical Art

Certamen

Certamen is a classics-themed quiz bowl tournament. In a round of certamen, a moderator reads out classically themed questions, and competing teams try to answer them. Questions can come from any of the testing topics.

Please be sure to read the NEW Certamen Rules on the SCJCL Website and follow the contest requirements closely.

Email mbriner@portergaud.edu to register teams by February 28th.

Creative Arts

Creative arts contests require a student to recite or present their work in front of a panel of judges at spring forum. This includes project categories like Costume, English Oratory, and Dramatic Interpretation.

Please be sure to read the NEW Creative Arts Rules on the SCJCL Website and follow the contest requirements closely.

Upon receipt of dues and registration, students will be assigned a 4-digit ID number which they will use to pre-register for Creative arts contests. **Only pre-registered students will be able to compete in the creative arts contests at Spring Forum. Creative arts pre-registration will close on February 28th at 11:59 PM.**

Graphic Arts

Graphic arts projects are 2D or 3D art representing a classical theme. This includes projects like photography, maps, mosaic, sculpture, etc.

Please be sure to read the NEW Graphic Arts Rules on the SCJCL Website and follow the contest requirements closely.

Upon receipt of dues and registration, students will be assigned a 4-digit ID number to enter projects in the Graphic arts contests **before** spring forum. Students will upload their project images through a Google form available on the SCJCL website. **Graphic arts submissions will close on February 28th at 11:59 PM. No judging of graphic arts projects will take place at the forum.**

New this year! Projects that earn a “Best in Show” award will be notified in advance of the forum, and are requested to be brought to the event for a showcase to receive a special ribbon! Projects will be returned at the end of the event.

Impromptu Art

Students competing in impromptu art will be given a theme and supplies to create a project based on those parameters. This competition will take place at the spring forum; students do not need to pre-register for this contest.

Olympika

Overview

- Olympika is a series of athletic competitions. Please see the Olympika rules on the SCJCL website for this year's offerings!
- All students participating in Olympika must be dressed appropriately for an athletic competition. No cleats or open toed shoes are allowed.
- Each event has separate competitions for middle school and high school, and those are further split into boy's and girl's competitions.
- Students do not need to pre-register for Olympika events.

Please be sure to read the NEW Olympika Rules on the SCJCL Website and follow the contest requirements closely.

Community Service Project

By participating in this service project, you can earn sweepstakes points for your school! All participating schools will receive 10 sweepstakes points.

This year's community service project is donating to children's homes and orphanages!

1. To begin, find an orphanage near you and find out what they need! You might find this on their website, or you can call or visit them to find out.
2. You can then donate it to them at whatever address they request, which may be on their website.
3. Send in photo proof of your club participating, or ask the children's home to send us an email at the end of the project or when your school has completed the donation drive so we can give your school points! Here's the email address: scjclvp1@gmail.com

T-Shirt Contest

Chapters have a chance to show off their creativity in the form of t-shirts.

- As a chapter, come up with a design illustrating both the Forum theme and your school spirit.
- Submit your design to Courtney Jolly at scjclprez1@gmail.com by **February 28th at 11:59pm.**
- Chapters are encouraged to wear the t-shirts they designed to the Spring Forum!

Important Dates Checklist

- **February 1st**
 - [Virtual candidate interest/Q and A meeting](#) (3PM)

- **February 14th**
 - Registration and attendee lists sent to mbriner@portergaud.edu
 - Dues and lunch money paid
 - Student list updated in NJCL Portal

- **February 28th**
 - Candidate pre-file forms submitted to scjclparli1@gmail.com
 - Agora table requests due to mbriner@portergaud.edu
 - Certamen team registration due to mbriner@portergaud.edu
 - T-shirt contest submitted to scjclprez1@gmail.com
 - Creative arts projects submitted via Google form on SCJCL Website
 - Graphic arts projects submitted via Google form on SCJCL Website

- **March 7th**
 - Candidate speeches and campaign materials (flyers, posters, etc.) submitted to scjclparli1@gmail.com