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- The crazy events at the State Convention.
- Nationals in Las Vegas!
- Our chapters' most recent success in said events.

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Rent-A- What?!

"Rent-A-Roman! Come get your Roman here!"

One of the most popular and exhilarating events at the state convention was Rent-A-Roman. During this is an event where you bid for- no, not a real Roman- your favorite executive board member, which are close enough to the real thing. This year, there were different levels based on the amount of money you bid. Each level granted the

winning bidder(s) the choice of having the board member wear a funny sign like "I pick up girls worse than Apollo." to having to wear a funny costumes like a cow costume. The most expensive "prize" was to be able to throw a pie in the President of JCL, Rahi Punjabi's, face. Most of the delegates put their money together to outbid other people and to get the highest level. BLA was able to buy our own,

Joana Jankulla, have her dress up in an adorable costume. So, in the end JCL raised a lot of money, we saw the members of the board in funny costumes and signs, and the President got a pie thrown at him. Overall, the JCL State Convention was an awesome experience and I can't wait to go to the next one.

- Shayla Hinds

BLA is second to none!



"B.L.A., WE'RE NUMBER ONE, SECOND TO NONE EVERYBODY KNOWS!", "WE ARE THE BLACC!" those were just some of the chants other schools learned that day. One of the loudest and most entertaining event at the state convention was the spirit

competition/toga parade, which BLA owned. Despite the somewhat tiring walk, from the marches and cheers, you could clearly tell not only did BLA enjoy the spirit competition, but many other JCLers did as well. It was amusing to see everyone in there white "togas", which

were really just bed sheets tactfully twisted, screaming at the top of their lungs. At the end, BLA ended up taking the win and going home with a sore throat. It was an amazing experience and I can't wait for the next.

-Branajha Rembert



BLA's Rent-a-Roman delegate in an alligator costume.

Letter from the Editor

Hello BLA!

My name is Ngozi Onwuamaegbu and I'm the editor along with Christina Kelly for the Forum BLArum. This issue includes highlights from our yearly State convention at Barnstable High School in Barnstable, Massachusetts. It shows the hard work and dedication all the members of the classics club showed during the State Convention which helped us come in first place this year! This issue also includes words from our Mass JCL president (2013-2014) Joana Jankulla about the trip to Vegas where Nationals were held. It also features some of the officers from Boston Latin Academy classics club. If you don't know them already, this is a perfect opportunity to get to know them. Join classics club!

-Ngozi Onwuamaegbu

Chariots and Worms

"...but I believed many loved cheering on their peers to cross the finish line in the chariot race."

"Joana's Angels"



Both, Rent-a-Roman and the Toga parade, were very entertaining but I believed many loved cheering on their peers to cross the finish line in the chariot race. We cheered, loud and strong, as our fellow BLACCers jetted across the dewy field, pulling our black and gold chariot. There was indeed some tough competition, but BLA pulled through winning the 1st place spot with the girls and a 2nd place spot with the boys. Other finish line

we crossed was the worm race. If you have never before witnessed a worm race it is a strange sight. Our experienced BLACCers won 1st place with a record time of 16 seconds, while others helplessly struggled to

get across the length of only a couple yards. I mean, can we say "light work"? With BLAs complex thrusting technique and skill, another 1st place win is in the near future.

-Branajha Rembert



Finals, AP Exams, and States!

"This decision was certainly last minute and somewhat of an accident but not one I regret."

My junior year, during the frenzy of finals and AP exams, I decided to go to States. This decision was certainly last minute and somewhat of an accident but not one I regret. The 2013 States Convention was my first time at states but will not be my last. All I

knew going into states was that apparently it was a "blast" and somehow related to Latin- I had never heard the two terms in the same sentence. I was never bored at states because there was always something interesting going on. From the myth

test I took Friday evening to the dance Saturday night and the weekend long MassJCL presidential campaign, I enjoyed every second- maybe except for the test, but hey you give a little you get a little. Come to states!

-Christina Kelly

Roman Hugs

I never knew I would be able to use the words: "I give the best hugs in the universe", as a skill that I have, but at the MassJCL State convention I was able to do just that. At Rent-A-Roman this year I had the unique, grand and thrilling chance to be sold as an officer. Throughout the whole year I had learned a lot about my office and contributing to the MassJCL board but nothing, could prepare me for being sold to the JCLers. I had spent

most of Friday and Saturday giving out "Jeff hugs" so I was ready to give out tons more to whoever bought me.

As they call me onto the stage I look out and see tons of smiling faces, including Chriso, who was selling me. After a few questions the bidding began and to my amazement it kept going up and up, I watched as out in the crowd new people were looking to be the winner. Then I made it to the 4th level, I would have to wear a costume, things

were getting really exciting then for me, because they SCL had brought some pretty cool costumes. Finally I was bought by Milton Public Schools (MPS), in particular by a kid named Declan. Declan once he won, ran all the way up to stage and picked out the cow suit. So I became Jeff the cow and hugged all the kids in the delegation, even hugging a few sponsors! It was truly a great experience for everyone.

-Jeffery Dubs



Jeffery disrupting one of his famous hugs!

Vote Joana 4 Prez "Just DO IT"

At the 2013 State Convention, Joana Jankulla ran for the prestigious title of MassJCL President. As a dedicated member of the Boston Latin Academy Classics Club, she began her JCL career as Reporter her freshman year of high school. The following year as co-editor of the Forum BLArum, her publications won first at the state level and second at the national level- a major accomplishment for the BLACC!

This year, she has amazingly balanced the responsibilities of BLACC 1st Vice-President and MassJCL Editor.

Publishing beautiful and frequent issues of the state newspaper, the Forum BLArum, and winning both best and most publicity at the State Convention, Joana has proven herself to be eager, hardworking, and devoted to the Classics- have you seen her Certamen track record? Having won over MassJCL with her outstanding qualities, Joana without a doubt has a great MassJCL year in store for us, especially the already highly anticipated 2014 State Convention.

-Georgie Contreras

"Joana has proven herself to be eager, hardworking, and devoted to the Classics"

"Gearing up for States!"



Success at Nationals

“Winning this championship is one of the happiest experiences of my life, and I’m glad I got to share it with my teammates.”



Success is defined as the achievement of something planned or attempted. This summer, my teammates and I went to the NJCL Convention at the University of Nevada Las Vegas with one goal in mind: for the Massachusetts Advanced Certamen team (that’s us) to be successful. Prior to the week-long convention at Las Vegas that lasted from July 22-28th my teammates Jeffrey, Chris (BLS) and Meghana (AMSA) did nothing but study and prepare for Convention. We knew going in we had a lot of competition but we were determined. Our coaches Michael

Howard and Ms. Hausey (BLS) named me captain of the team so it was my duty to make sure all of my teammates kept a good headspace, especially during the rounds. We had a shaky start and ended up eighth out of nine teams in the seeding for semifinals. In semifinals we faced Virginia and Illinois, an exact rematch of the 2012 NJCL Certamen finals. We came in as underdogs because no one thought we would win, and we came out as winners. Then, it was time for the 2013 NJCL Advanced Certamen Final Round which was against Florida and California, to very big competitors.

We came out on top and won the first ever NJCL Massachusetts Advanced Certamen Championship.

This win meant a lot for our team. We could have given up after the preliminary rounds because we didn’t do as well as we wanted to, we could have gone into semifinals thinking we were going to lose, but we didn’t. We always kept our heads up and never lost sight of our goal. Winning this championship is one of the happiest experiences of my life, and I’m glad I got to share it with my teammates.

-Joana Jankulla

“My Precious!”



Nationals team captain, Joana Jankulla, coveting the hard earned first place trophy.



A Week to Remember

One of the highlights of my summer is always the National Junior Classical League Convention. This year, the annual week-long event was held in the last week of July at the University of Las Vegas in Las Vegas Nevada. I knew on the nearly 6 hour flight- reminiscent of my flights back to my hometown- that this trip was going to be like nothing I had ever experienced in my last two years of going to Nationals.

The week full of intense Certamen, dances (which I heard

were extraordinary), and spirit competition was accentuated by the beautiful campus of UNLV, typical of a West Coast school. The dry heat- a running joke all that week- was a welcoming contrast to the sticky heat wave back in Boston. Another new experience was the roommate I shared one of the UNLV dorms with. A rising junior from a school out in the west of Massachusetts, we quickly bonded over JCL and through late night conversations, mainly fueled by the delirium of not getting enough sleep every night.

To cap off such an amazing week was the history-making win by the Advanced Certamen team from Massachusetts (of whom two are from BLA). There are no exact words to describe the ecstasy one feels watching their best friend, along with an equally-deserving team of remarkable individuals, realize a dream in winning first place in Certamen at the national level. The week I spent in Las Vegas- for a Latin convention, of all things- is surely one I will not forget anytime soon

-Georgie Contraires



BLA at the National Convention.

State Convention Results

Myth

Mckinnon, Taylor 12, 4, 5th
Burke, Moselle 8, 1, 5th
Zou, Jason 8, 1, 5th
Kornilowicz, Gabe 12,3, 5th
Stoddard, Thomas 12, 5, 1st
Jankulla, Joana 11, 4, 2nd

Der

Burke, Moselle 8, 1, 5th
Dubuisson, Jeffrey 11, 4, 4th
Nguyen, Dalena 9, 2, 4th
Medina, Arantxa 12, 5, 2nd

RoHiss

Stoddard, Thomas 12, 5, 1
Jankulla, Joana 11, 4, 2
Dubuisson, Jeffrey 11, 4, 1

Life

Burke, Moselle 8, 1, 5
Dubuisson, Jeffrey 11, 4, 1

Voc

Stoddard, Thomas 12, 5, 2nd
Dubuisson, Jeffrey 11, 4, 4th
Medina, Arantxa 12, 5, 4th
Low, Liam 10, 3, 5th
Yu, Christine 8, 1, 5th

Pent

Stoddard, Thomas 12, 5, 1st
Jankulla, Joana 11, 4, 5th
Dubuisson, Jeffrey 11, 4, 2nd
Nguyen, Dalena 9, 2, 4th

Hell Hist

Stoddard, Thomas 12, 5, 1st

MAQ

Mckinnon, Taylor 12, 4, 2nd
Dubuisson, Jeffrey 11, 4, 4th
Nguyen, Dalena 9, 2, 2nd

Gram: Up

Stoddard, Thomas 12, 5, 2nd
Jankulla, Joana 11, 4, 5th
Nguyen, Dalena 9, 2, 3rd
Medina, Arantxa 12, 5, 4th
Contreras, Georgie 11, 4, 3rd

Lit

Stoddard, Thomas 12, 5, 1st
Jankulla, Joana 11, 4, 4th
Dubuisson, Jeffrey 11, 4, 2nd

C: Novice

Burke, Moselle 8, 1, 3rd
Zou, Jason 8, 1, 3rd
Yang, Jun 8, 1, 3rd
Wu, Raymond 8, 1, 3rd

C: Up

Mckinnon, Taylor 12, 4, 2nd
Jankulla, Joana 11, 4, 2nd
Dubuisson, Jeffrey 11, 4, 2nd
Contreras, Georgie 11, 4, 2nd

S-1/2

Forges, Falianne 6, 7, 3rd

S-Poet

Stoddard, Thomas 10, 12, 1st
Medina, Arantxa 8, 12, 2nd
Dy, Bianca 4, 11, 4th
Website
Nguyen, Dalena 10, 9, 1st

Editor

Mckinnon, Taylor 8, 12, 2nd

Sty:col

Wu, Raymond 2, 8, 5th

Sty:b/w

Luo, Cindy 30,12, 2nd

Oil/acry

Huang, Jiali 8, 8, 2nd

Mix

Luo, Cindy 30, 12, 3rd

Cloth

Yu, Christine 10, 8, 1st

Sculp

Lagare, Veena 6, 8, 5th

Mosa

Kornilowicz, Gabriel 10, 12, 1st
Rembert, Branajna 8, 8, 2nd
Lagare, Veena 6, 8, 4th

Cartoons

Luo, Cindy 30, 12, 3rd

Misc

Lambropoulos, Sophia 4, 10, 4th

Multi Media

Jankulla, Joana 8, 11, 2nd
Mckinnon, Taylor 8, 12, 2nd

Scrapbk

Luo, Cindy 30, 12, 1st
Undag, Kyle, 10, 12, 1st

Bjump

Anderson, Malik 10, 11, 1st
Davis, Nick 8, 10, 2nd

Bshot

Rodriguez, Daniel 30, 12, 1st

B100

Rodriguez, Daniel 30, 12, 1st

B400

Rodriguez, Daniel 30, 12, 4th
Nguyen, Kennedy 14, 8, 2nd
Ramirez, Guillermo 12, 11, 3rd
Nguyen, Duy 10, 11, 2nd

Bmile

Rodriguez, Daniel 30, 12, 4th
Ramirez, Guillermo 12, 11, 3
Nguyen, Duy 10, 11, 5th

Gjump

Tapia, Sabina 22, 9, 4th

G200

Upchurch, Chante 10, 9, 1st
Do, Hana 6, 8, 3rd

Bfree

Nguyen, Kennedy 14, 8, 3rd

Bbrst

Wu, Raymond 8, 8, 2nd

Relay

Rodriguez, Daniel 30, 12, 4th
Tapia, Sabina 22, 9, 4th
Nguyen, Jenny 4, 10, 4th
Stoddard, Thomas 4, 12, 4th

Gfree

Bowers, Abigail 30, 8, 1st
Tapia, Sabina 22, 9, 3rd

Gbrst

Bowers, Abigail 30, 8, 1st
Tapia, Sabina 22, 9, 5th

Gback

Bowers, Abigail 30, 8, 1st
Tapia, Sabina 22, 9, 3rd

BLA Stats[Tot 1st]

ChariotG 2nd
ChariotB 2nd
Worm 1st
Srap 2nd
C:Nov 3rd
C:Up 2nd
Cat:Arrow 1st
Cat: 8lb. Ball 2nd
Newspaper 2nd
Web 1st
Best Pub. 1st
Toga \$ 1st
Video 2nd
Toga partc 1st
Outreach 1st

Coming (very) Soon!

- Kickoff Catapult Contest: October 12, 2013
 - Mt. Greylock High School
- Classics Day: December 6, 2013
 - Boston University
- Massachusetts State Convention: April 11-13, 2014
 - Barnstable High School

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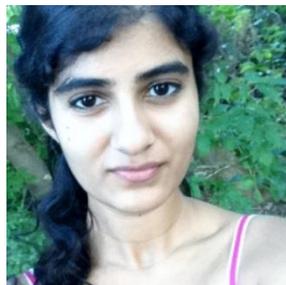
Natalia Saletnik



This year I am 2nd VP Previously I was a reporter and 2nd VP My favorite event with Classics Club is probably state convention because I

have the funniest memories from there. Fun Fact: I was born in Europe

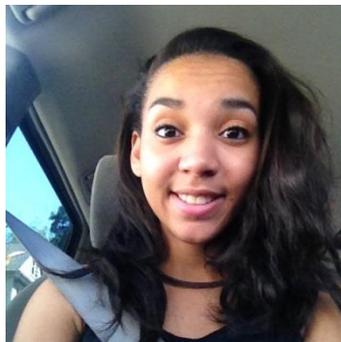
Niti Patel



I am 16 years old. My favorite colors are black, light pink, and ice blue. I like to read and write. I am obsessed with my iPod, The Weeknd (music artist), Nirvana, Taco Bell, and my sketchbook. I have the biggest crushes

on Tom Welling and Johnny Depp. My dream is to have a career in the medical field with a degree in writing. I've moved around and lived in over six states.

Christina Kelly



Hi everyone! This year I am a senior and the co-editor of this lovely newsletter. This is my first position on the BLACC board. Although this role is a lot more difficult than simply attending events as a delegate, it allows me to get more out of each event. I'm not very fond of Latin as a language

but I think the culture is genius.

Outside of the classics, you will see on the (soccer) field and on the track or in the classroom doing a case study lab for Biomed.

If you see me around feel free to introduce yourself.

Valē!



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83