



# Torch: WI

Wisconsin Junior Classical League  
Pre-State Convention 2011

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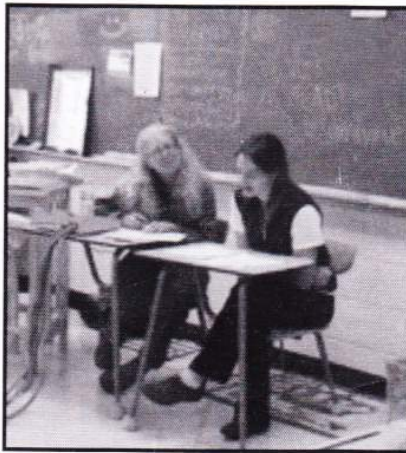
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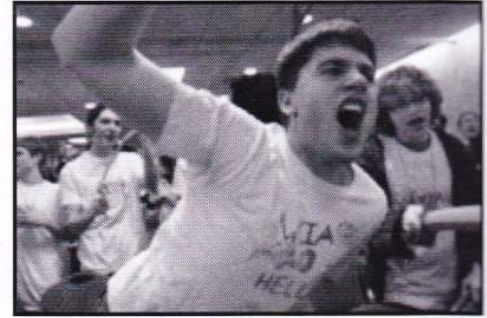


"CAN'T WAIT TO GET PIED!!!"

-Danny Trunzo  
Brookfield Academy

"I can't wait to see all the friends I made at last year's convention and at nationals."

-Julie Gokhman  
Homestead



"I'm excited to be spending time with people who value such rich history and work to keep it alive."

-Meredith Heneghan  
DSHA

"I am most excited to watch the Certamen finals. I am hoping that it will be really intense this year."

-Rebekah Faust  
Wayland Academy



"Can't wait for spirit, Certamen, and freezing my butt off with my best friends in the world!"

-Ari Pollack  
Madison West

"I'm amped for the spontaneous bursts of song and wicked jam sessions that will most assuredly take place."

-Evan Brown  
Madison West

"It is mind-boggling how unforgettable these conventions are. I have formed everlasting friendships and have had extraordinary experiences. Trust me, the impact that these conventions will have on your life will utterly boggle your mind."

-Aakash Shah  
Marquette

"I'm really looking forward to convention, but especially Certamen. It's going to be extremely competitive this year."

-Max Timm  
Homestead



"I'm excited to have no voice for at least three days after convention!"

-Jackson Reed  
Rufus King





Homestead works to build Roman sites out of candy.

### Homestead

Homestead has been working on a few things over the last couple of months. First, we kicked off our year with a number of bake sales to raise money to help our Latin program. Then, we released our students, and they raised over \$100 for UNICEF during the month of October and Trick or Treating. We had a few Latin club gatherings already, including an ice cream social and Caesar Salad Spectaculum, so people can socialize and meet each other. Recently, in the final days of Saturnalia, we had a gingerbread house/structure/whatever you can make contest that includes lots of frosting, graham crackers, and CANDY! We've had a lot of fun, and we cannot WAIT until convention comes! See everyone in January!

### Brookfield East

The Latin Club at Brookfield East has recently grown and we are excited to be more active in our community this year. Last year, we were third in the nation and first in Wisconsin in Toga Trick-or-Treating for Unicef. We continued this new tradition this year as well, raising \$242.08, about \$40 dollars more than last year! Hopefully, this upward trend will continue and we can keep on giving more to those in need. We also have been holding Certamen games every week for our Latin Club. People participate from all levels and everyone gains experience while having fun. We've also had club comissatios and even a Caesar Salad Spectaculum! (Thank you Homestead!) We are looking forward to more volunteer and fundraising opportunities for the rest of the year and are incredibly thankful to be coming to Convention this year. Everyone should come to our community Trivia Contest in the spring!

### Madison West

Madison West has been exceedingly productive since Nationals. Attendance has increased sharply, we have formally ratified a constitution, and the food has been delicious. We have participated in widespread hooliganism, absurd amounts of Schafkopf (sheepshead), a variety of shenanigans, plenty of singing, and weekly eating. The President of West Latin Club would like to formally commend member Alex Weldy for his great and generous contributions.



The infamous Alex Weldy, a student at Madison West

### Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy's Latin Club has been participating in WJCL service projects such as the ALA Lung Walk in early October and Dolus Aut Delectatio (Trick-or-Treat!) for UNICEF in togas on Halloween. The club also participated in the Great American Bake Sale and raised over \$500 for this organization. They've also enjoyed kicking back and relaxing, attending Festa Italiana together and hosting a "Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief" movie night. They have especially been looking forward to and preparing for WJCL state convention in January, a chance for them to see their friends from other WJCL chapters and show their spirit!

### Wayland Academy

The Wayland Academy chapter is having a great year. We started with a record number of Latin I students coming to meetings, and as well as a solid chapter enrollment of twenty. Shortly after summer break, we coordinated with another club on campus and started our fall charity drive. Then on Halloween, we donned togas and trick-or-treated in the dorms and community, raising a final total of \$165 for UNICEF. Our Annual Cookie and Cupcake Fundraiser—the goodies are delivered during final exam week—was a big hit again this year. The event looks to bring in plenty of money to supplement the state scholarships for convention. Through the generosity of Mr. Stemm and Mr. Greenwald, we are now able to practice with our new Certamen machine, and as soon as Rebekah and Megan get their boat built, we will be ready to go to state!



### Candidates for President: Nicole and Marnie



#### Nicole Bray

Brookfield Academy

Junior, Latin V

#### Conventions Attended:

4 State, 3 National

#### 1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek

(mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

My favorite aspect of Latin is grammar; I love how much more intricate it is than English, and all the ways there are to express specific ideas. It's fascinating, and it's fun!

#### 2. If you could spend the day with one god or goddess, who would it be and what would you do?

I'd choose Athena and spend all day listening to her and soaking up every word I could. Wisdom is priceless. (That sounded like a Mastercard commercial!)

#### 3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I'm obsessed with tap dancing! I love making rhythms and different sounds with my feet, and I always enjoy entertaining!

#### 4. Favorite part of convention?

My favorite part of convention is certamen; the competition gets so intense, and the team camaraderie and support is unlike anything I've seen in other sports!



#### Marnie Wallach

DSHA

Junior, Latin III

#### Conventions Attended:

3 State, 1 National

#### 1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek

(mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

My favorite part of Latin is the history in general. It's crazy how Rome went from a city of rejects to the greatest empire on earth.

#### 2. If you could spend a day with one god or goddess, who would it be and what would you do?

I would spend the day with Jupiter, and he would teach me how to throw thunderbolts.

#### 3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I sleep with a 3-foot teddy bear named Mr. Fluffy.

#### 4. Favorite part of convention?

My favorite part of convention is losing my voice from spirit. I count down the days until I can scream cheers in the midst of 500 other students who gave up their weekend to celebrate a "dead" language. Playing ninja is an added bonus.

### Candidates for 1st Vice President: Molly and Julie



#### Molly Horwitz

Rufus King

Junior, Latin III

#### Conventions Attended:

3 State, 2 National

#### 1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek

(mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

I love derivatives because it makes looking at English similar to a puzzle that you break down to understand.

#### 2. If you had the choice to see a gladiator fight, a chariot race, or the Roman theatre, which would you choose?

I would attend a gladiator fight because I wrestle and it would be cool to see the moves of the very in shape gladiators

#### 3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I trip up the stairs more than down the stairs... :P

#### 4. Favorite part of convention?

My favorite part of convention is meeting new people who are always so knowledgeable, friendly, and spirited.



#### Julie Gokhman

Homestead

Sophomore, Latin II

#### Conventions Attended:

2 State, 1 National

#### 1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek

(mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

My favorite aspect of Latin is mythology. I love learning about the crazy things the gods got away with, and it's like reading twisted fairy tales!

#### 2. If you lived in ancient Rome, what would be your favorite place to hang out?

My favorite place to hang out would have been the forum, since I'm really social and it'd be a great place to see everyone.

#### 3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I'm a genetic anomaly. No one in my family has ever had red hair!

#### 4. Favorite part of convention?

My absolute favorite part of convention is Certamen! I'm really competitive, but at the same time I love my team and meeting so many people from different schools. Certamen is always a great experience.



### Candidates for 2nd Vice President: Maddy and Jennifer



#### Maddy Crowley

DSHA

Junior, Latin IV

Conventions Attended:

3 State

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

My favorite aspect of Latin would be history, specifically the stories of Caligula and Nero. I'm a fan of insane tyrants.

2. If you lived in ancient Rome, what would be your favorite place to hang out?

If I lived in ancient Rome, you would find me at the Ostia Antica, chilling on boats and fighting off pirates.

3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I lie about my age to get kids' menus I can color on at restaurants.

4. Favorite part of convention?

My favorite part of convention is that wearing footie pajamas is completely socially acceptable. And losing all sense of time and space waiting for certamen rounds in the Union is fun too.



#### Jennifer Gehl

Homestead

Junior, Latin III

Conventions Attended:

2 State, 1 National

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

Definitely mythology. I love reading the crazy stories about the gods, and it's pretty cool to know that these stories have been passed down for thousands of years.

2. If you had the choice to see a gladiator fight, a chariot race, or the Roman theatre, which would you choose?

Charioteer race, it's like the olden day Kentucky Derby.

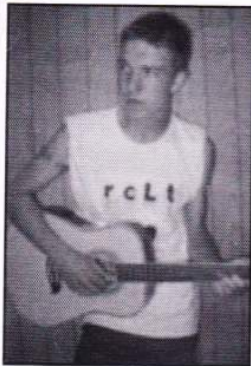
3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I'm actually the next dog whisperer...shhhh! Just kidding, but I do bake a mean chocolate cake.

4. Favorite part of convention?

War machine is great because we get to build a weapon and actually use it. Or karaoke because you really can't beat singing "Sweet Caroline" at the top of your lungs with your Latin friends.

### Candidate for Parliamentarian: Evan



#### Evan Brown

Madison West

Junior, Latin III

Conventions Attended: 3 State, 2 National

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

The ablative absolute. Do I need to explain?

2. If you had the choice to see a gladiator fight, a chariot race, or the Roman theatre, which would you choose?

Ridding the world of Tornado Bears is a full time occupation. I have no leisure for such trifling amusements.

3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

Malo malo malo malo.

4. Favorite part of convention?

Listening to the candidate speeches. They are all such fascinating people, don't you think?



### Candidates for Secretary: Safeeyah and Sarah



**Safeeyah Quereshi**  
 Brookfield Academy  
 Junior, Latin IV  
Conventions Attended:  
 4 State, 3 National

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

I love mythology. These stories are the foundation for all epics. The heroes of the legends are so perfect and strong, yet are cursed with mortal flaws like the rest of us.

2. If you could spend a day with one god or goddess, who would it be and what would you do?

Poseidon, and we would spend the day swimming and looking at all the pretty fishes, especially whale sharks.

3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I prefer physical CDs over digital downloads for music. There is something about holding the little paper booklet while listening to the CD spinning in my stereo, and I feel like I own actual art instead of mere music files.

4. Favorite part of convention?

I love it all: the people, the games, even the tests. This year, I'm hoping to do well in art competitions, specifically costume and impromptu.



**Sarah Pritchard**  
 Brookfield East  
 Junior, Latin IV  
Conventions Attended:  
 3 State

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

My favorite part of Latin and Greek is the mythology because it is so intricate and it's fascinating to learn about the society through it. I also love to study the etymology of the language; learning about cognates and the evolution of language is quite interesting.

2. If you lived in ancient Rome, what would be your favorite place to hang out?

My favorite place to hang out in Ancient Rome would have been the temples. It would be marvelous to see them in their original forms!

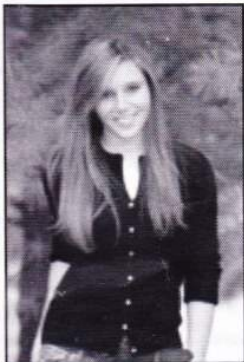
3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

One embarrassing moment (which my friends will never let me forget) is when I asked if there actually had been sea monsters in the Colosseum. I wasn't joking. It was a bad, bad day and I was really sleep deprived.

4. Favorite part of convention?

My favorite part of Convention is the Certamen Finals. It's interesting but the competition is also great. Everyone gets really into it but, when it's all over, there are no hard feelings and everyone had fun.

### Candidate for Treasurer: Maryellen



**Maryellen Metzendorf**  
 Homestead  
 Junior, Latin III  
Conventions Attended: 3 State

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

I like vocabulary. It's fun to see how English and Latin are so interrelated.

2. If you could spend a day with one god or goddess, who would it be and what would you do?

Nyx, the goddess of night. I'd sleep.

3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I've asked for a cat for Christmas every year since 4th grade, and I still haven't gotten one.

4. Favorite part of convention?

The general meetings, the atmosphere is amazing!



### Candidates for Historian: Daniel and Gabe



#### Daniel Octavius Trunzo

Brookfield Academy

Freshman, Latin II

Conventions Attended:

1 State, 1 National

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

The life lessons Latin teaches me, such as Semper ubi sub ubi. And labor omnia vincit

2. If could spend a day with one god or goddess, who would it be and what would you do?

Aphrodite, Stare at her all day

3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I am Trunz-O-Fun 2.0, better things come in smaller packages.

4. Favorite part of convention?

Certamen Finals and making friends



#### Gabe Jacobs

Homestead

Sophomore, Latin II

Conventions Attended:

1 State

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

YAY GRAMMAR!!

2. If you lived in ancient Rome, what would be your favorite place to hang out?

I would most likely be found in the wonderful port town of Cheddar.

3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I can create the electron configuration and orbital diagram for any element.

4. Favorite part of convention?

I have never been to convention before, but I am very spirited about my high school and love shouting.

### Candidate for Editor: Quinn



#### Quinn Otero

DSHA

Junior, Latin III

Conventions Attended:

3 State

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

My favorite part of Latin getting into

heated arguments with people who claim it's a dead language.

2. If could spend a day with one god or goddess, who would it be and what would you do?

I would spend a day with Apollo. Our day would most likely consist of him accompanying me on his lyre while I sing different Miley Cyrus songs.

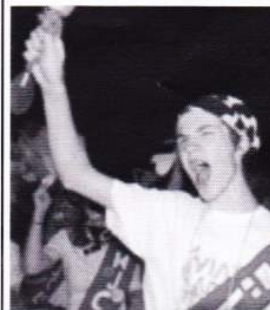
3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

Sometimes I leave Oreos by my bed so I can have a snack if I happen to wake up hungry in the middle of the night.

4. Favorite part of convention?

Naturally, spirit is my favorite part of convention; I mean it does not get much better than 500 crazy Latin students screaming.

### Candidate for Technology Coordinator: Duncan



#### Duncan Adams

Madison West

Junior, Latin III

Conventions Attended:

3 State, 1 National

1. Favorite aspect of Latin or Greek (mythology, grammar, private life, etc.)?

Private life, because I find the daily life and politics of Rome fascinating.

2. If you lived in ancient Rome, what would be your favorite place to hang out?

Probably the Forum, but I would stick close to wherever my time machine landed.

3. Fun fact about you (embarrassing fact, hidden talent, etc.)?

I like to build things, and on more than a few occasions I have broken municipal noise restrictions because of this.

4. Favorite part of convention?

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**Level One**Round One

1. MUHS vs. DSHA vs. Rufus King
2. St. Anthony vs. BA vs. Edgewood
3. Madison West vs. Brookfield East vs. Homestead

Round Two

1. MUHS vs. St. Anthony vs. Madison West
2. DSHA vs. BA vs. Brookfield East
3. Rufus King vs. Edgewood vs. Homestead

Round Three

1. MUHS vs. BA vs. Homestead
2. DSHA vs. Edgewood vs. Madison West
3. Rufus King vs. St. Anthony vs. Brookfield East

**Level Two**Round One

1. GMCHE vs. Brookfield Central vs. Rufus King
2. Brookfield East vs. Madison West vs. MUHS
3. Catholic Memorial vs. Homestead vs. BA
4. DSHA vs. Alpha vs. Wayland

Round Two

1. GMCHE vs. Brookfield East vs. Catholic Memorial
2. DSHA vs. Brookfield Central vs. Madison West
3. Homestead vs. Alpha vs. Rufus King
4. MUHS vs. BA vs. Wayland

Round Three

1. GMCHE vs. DSHA vs. Homestead
2. Brookfield Central vs. Wayland vs. Brookfield East
3. Rufus King vs. MUHS vs. Catholic Memorial
4. Alpha vs. Madison West vs. BA

**Level Three**Round One

1. Brookfield East vs. Beloit vs. BA
2. Homestead vs. Madison West vs. MUHS
3. Edgewood vs. Wayland vs. Rufus King
4. DSHA vs. Brookfield Central vs. Beta

Round Two

1. Brookfield East vs. Homestead vs. Edgewood
2. DSHA vs. Beloit vs. Madison West
3. Wayland vs. Brookfield Central vs. BA
4. MUHS vs. Rufus King vs. Beta

Round Three

1. Brookfield East vs. DSHA vs. Wayland
2. Beloit vs. Beta vs. Homestead
3. BA vs. MUHS vs. Edgewood
4. Brookfield Central vs. Madison West vs. Rufus King

**Level Four**Round One

1. Homestead vs. Beloit vs. Brookfield East
2. GMCHE vs. Madison West vs. Rufus King
3. Luther Prep vs. Edgewood vs. Brookfield Central
4. BA vs. DSHA vs. MUHS

Round Two

1. Homestead vs. GMCHE vs. Luther Prep
2. BA vs. Beloit vs. Madison West
3. Edgewood vs. DSHA vs. Brookfield East
4. Rufus King vs. Brookfield Central vs. MUHS

Round Three

1. Homestead vs. BA vs. Edgewood
2. Beloit vs. MUHS vs. GMCHE
3. Brookfield East vs. Rufus King vs. Luther Prep
4. DSHA vs. Madison West vs. Brookfield Central