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MHS LATIN CLUB GOES TO NATIONALS

By Grace Bell

Last year's NJCL National Latin Convention was held at Emory University in Atlanta, GA from July 22nd to July 28th. Nine delegates and two chaperones flew to the convention to represent California out of over twenty states. The convention experience invites all people to participate and foster community

Out of the many activities offered at convention, Ludi, colloquia, and That's Entertainment were student favorites. Miramonte did exceptionally well in Ludi winning first place in Ultimate Frisbee and placing third in Soccer. At the convention there were amazing colloquia like Coquus Ferreus "Iron Chef" cooking ancient dishes and touring the Michael C. Carlos Museum on the Emory campus. One of if not the most fun things to do at nationals is watching That's Entertainment. The performance included dancing, singing, and someone playing bagpipes, along with the JCL tradition of cheering "Let's go stage crew, clap clap". Every student attendee had to attend general assemblies to talk about convention and state fellowships to plan spirit ideas. These are some of

the many fun things that happen at conventions. Staying at Emory was a great time, students get to have a mini college dorm experience, live with roommates, and eat delicious meals as a group. Each day always had three meals, spirit competitions, certamen, state fellowship, colloquia, and an athletic event. The best part of the convention is bonding with everyone and meeting new people. Miramonte attendee Alex Cleveland sums it up best: “It was a great experience being in a team with people from all over the state.” Delegates from all around had great fun hanging out during downtime or ferociously competing for Latin glory. Even though each state wanted to win it all, the real treasure was the friends we made along the way. The true purpose of Latin conventions is to find new people and spread the JC-Love.



LUDI!

By Vivienne Arndt

In November, a group of 135 Latin students from Miramonte attended Ludi Novembres at St. Francis High School. The Northern Representative Franziska Kungys and Certamen Chair Dr. Briggs collaborated with a dedicated team of St. Francis students to ensure the convention ran smoothly. The Ludi schedule was jam-packed with activities and exciting ways to meet new students. The first event of the day was the opening assembly at 10:00 AM, where August Briggs, the CAJCL Second Vice-President, led the crowd of Latin students and sponsors in practicing some spirit cheers. Then, the assembly began, and CAJCL board members led the assembly through the JCL creed and NJCL crowd. After the assembly, students took part in academic testing.

In the week leading up to Ludi, Latin club officers at Miramonte hosted study sessions at lunch, covering topics such as grammar, daily life, mythology, history, and reading comprehension. These subjects were all featured in the Ludi tests, allowing Miramonte students to excel during the testing session and take two to three tests on subjects of their choosing.

After testing, students had a plethora of activities to choose from, including perler bead mosaics, volleyball, and even a mythological spelling bee. The fun continued post-lunch with activities such as face painting, capture the flag, and bracelet making (where students took the opportunity to make personalized bracelets for the Miramonte Magistri). Many of these activities encouraged healthy competition and bonding between Latin students. After the activities, students attended two colloquia sessions, where they could hear from high school and college professors about unique classical topics. At this Ludi, Students had fun attending lectures on Fas Food taught by Dr. Tom Garvey about the Ovidian patterns of eating. Other colloquia covered the progression of biological Latin nomenclature and ecology from Ancient Greece to the present.

The final event at Ludi was the closing assembly from 4:00-4:30. At this assembly, Franziska thanked everyone for attending Ludi Novembres and encouraged them to attend the two-day long state convention at Menlo in the Spring.



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Salvete Omnes!

We are so excited to welcome you to Miramonte's Latin Club! Miramonte Latin Club offers something for every student. From incredible academics to fun activities to engaging art projects, our club allows students to expand their Latin learning beyond the classroom. Miramonte Latin brings together all sorts of students. Our Latin club is proud to be the largest club at Miramonte, with over 270 members. Additionally, Miramonte's Latin Club is the largest Latin club in the nation. We work hard to display our Latin pride by re-



mindful individuals that Latin is not a dead language, celebrating ancient Roman holidays, and reciting Exegi in every class. Miramonte Latin is a wonderful opportunity to learn about grammar, history, and more. The many levels of Latin strive to make the classics accessible and applicable to all. Latin I students start their Latin journey by acquiring conversational vocabulary and basic knowledge of mythology and grammar. In the second level, Latin students concentrate on broadening their understanding of geography and mythology and begin working on more complex stories. Moving on to the third level, Latin learners enhance their grasp of grammar and vocabulary by

translating stories centered around the different forms of Ancient Roman government. At the fourth level, AP Latin students translate the written works of Caesar and Vergil. Finally, in the fifth level, students read various Latin works and enhance their learning with performances. We know you will find your place in our incredible Miramonte community. We are looking forward to a great year!

Itē Mats!

Vivienne Arndt and Nicole Guo

Miramonte Latin Club Caesars 2023-2024

Certamen

Certamen is a competitive Latin trivia competition. Certamen teams are composed of up to four members. At regional, state, and national Latin conventions, Certamen teams representing each school compete in a tournament-style series of elimination rounds for honor and glory! Miramonte High School has a passionate Certamen community that is often referred to as the “toxic Latin kids”. This is a joke...mostly. Our teams compete on national and statewide levels and have won many awards. The current Dux Certaminis is Harshal Puranik (Senior). He has many new ideas for this year’s Certamen, such as a “Salon” of Ancient Roman figures (you’ll have to come to our meeting at Magister’s room 184 on Tuesday lunch to learn more)! All students are invited to join this prestigious program and meet people from across the country. Certamen is for students who want more out of Latin than the traditional language requirement. Students will learn about the rich cultural, historical, and mythological stories of the ancient world (not to mention earning lots of Magis) and have fun with other Certamen members! This club is open to all students and is a great way to get more involved.



Meet the Magistri

At Miramonte Latin we have two of the best teachers in the world, Magister Davis and Magistra Mullowney. Magister teaches Latin I, III, and V, and has been working at Miramonte since 2001 which totals 22 years. Many Latin students at Miramonte claim Magister has come from Ancient Rome due to his extensive knowledge of the Latin language and passion for Latin culture which is evident in the Latin song singing, art projects, and holidays celebrated in his classes. Magister has always had a passion for the stories, myths, and history of the ancient world which has been crucial to the overwhelming success

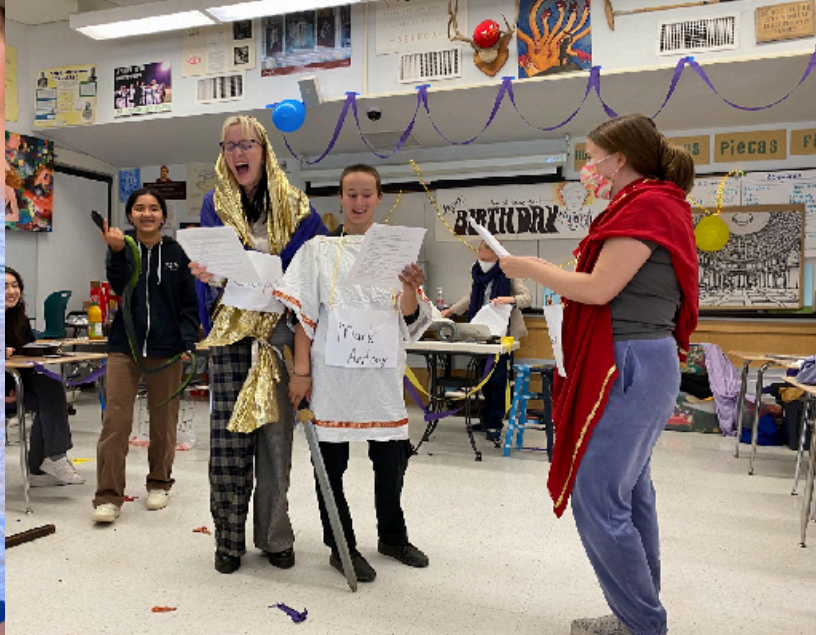


of Miramonte Latin events and culture. A fun fact about Magister is that he loves to spend his free time speaking in Latin to his cats Twizzler, Dragonfly, and Cricut.

Magistra, who teaches Latin II, III, and IV is one of the most knowledgeable and motivated teachers out there. Magistra has practice in eight languages as well as studying and teaching in five countries including the UK, New Zealand, Germany, and Australia. Magistra began at Miramonte in 2016 and has not only been a fabulous Latin teacher but has also taught history in the past. Magistra finds vocabulary, and the power of words fascinating, as

well as the ability to analyze ancient archaeology to better understand the lives of the subalterns. She said her favorite historical character was Cornelia: the daughter of Scipio Africanus.

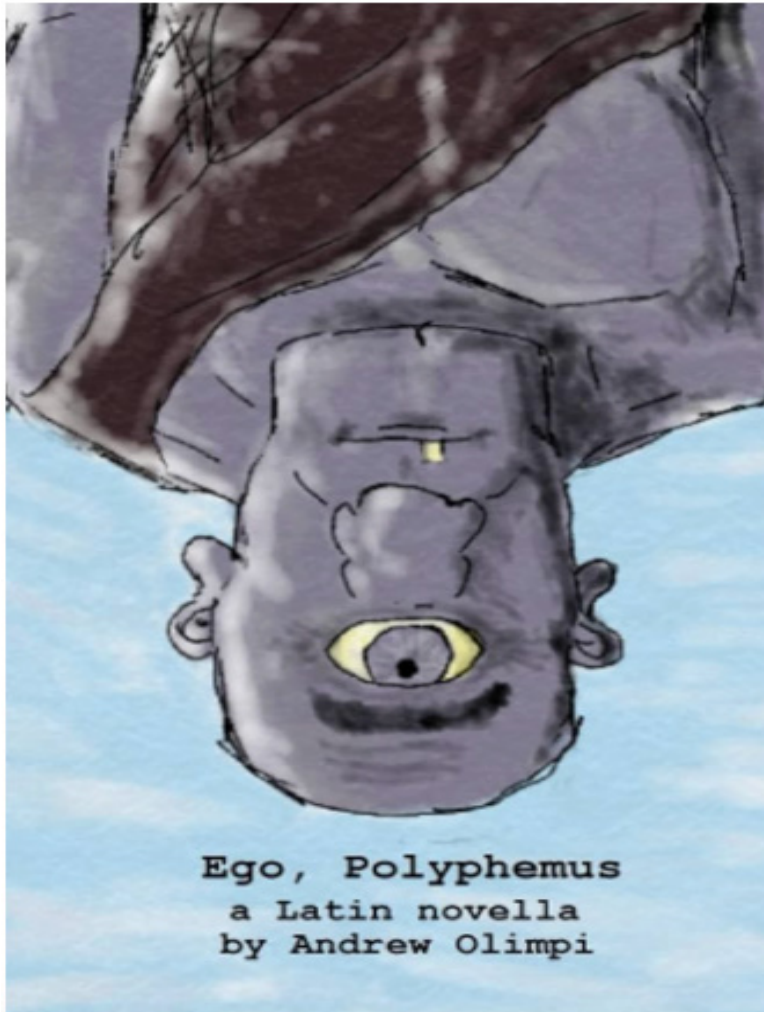
Our two exceptional Latin instructors are very excited to teach Latin this year. This year there will be many opportunities for Latin club events, culture, and spirit! What truly sets our Magistri apart is their ability and willingness to help each individual student succeed in Latin. They are some of the best teachers in this school and we are so thankful for them making Miramonte Latin what it is.



Ego Polyphemus

By Emma Wong

“Ego Polyphemus” by Andrew Olimpi entails the enthralling story of Polyphemus and his journey to peace. Polyphemus, the infamous Cyclops, actually has multiple brothers who are bigger and stronger than him and work as metal forgers on Mount Aetna. However, Polyphemus is not as strong and therefore does not want to work on Mount Aetna. Instead, he is a shepherd



on his island and lives in his cave, locked by a large boulder. One day, he hears a noise in his cave and discovers Greek people. Polyphemus meets “Nemo” or no one. He eats a Greek man, then another, then a third with cheese! However, Nemo is spared because Polyphemus wants him to help win the heart of Galatea. Galatea is a beautiful but arrogant nymph who lives under the sea. Polyphemus deeply loves her but she ignores him. Nemo advises him to get her flowers because they smell and in turn, Polyphemus gives Galatea a sheep. After Galatea’s disgust, Polyphemus tries giving her good-smelling cheese, which she hates as well. Sad and unloved, Polyphemus eats another Greek man. Then, Polyphemus tries to win Galatea over by reciting poems to her, which only angers Galatea more. Polyphemus storms off into his cave and eats, yet another, Greek man. When Polyphemus is in the forest, he hears a noise and finds a man, Acis, reciting Catullus 5, a famous love poem. Polyphemus kills Acis, angering Galatea, and sending him into another Greek man-eating rage. Nemo tricks Polyphemus by getting him drunk and Polyphemus

wakes up with a stick in his eye. He screams agony and rage for “no one” and only finds Achaemenides, who informs him that Nemo is really Odysseus and they have escaped to Ithaca. Ego, Polyphemus provides a new narrative regarding Polyphemus as not a monster, but a confused friendly giant. In fact, Polyphemus arguably fulfills many of the characteristics of ancient heroes, being an extraordinary individual, a special smaller child, help from Nemo and Achamenides, Nemo and Acis being his enemies, and a troubled relationship with Galatea. Perhaps, Polyphemus was the victim all along.

2023-2024 Latin Club Officers

Nicole Guo
Co-Consul



Hello! Outside of Latin, I'm an avid baker and love playing cards!

Vivienne Ardnt
Co-Consul



Outside of Latin I love to crochet, practice ballet, and listen to good music!

Alex Cleveland
Secundus Caesar



Never sure what to write when describing myself, so I'll just say that I enjoy history, video games, TV/movie, swimming, and hanging out with friends.

Rowan Neasmith
NJCL Coordinator



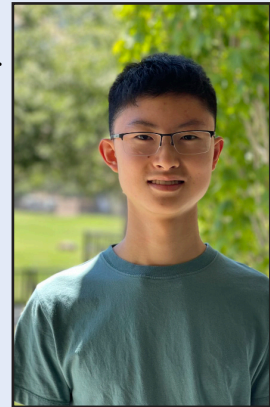
I've been an active member of Latin Club since freshman year, and as a senior this year can't wait to help the Latin Club grow further!

Erin McFeely
Secretary



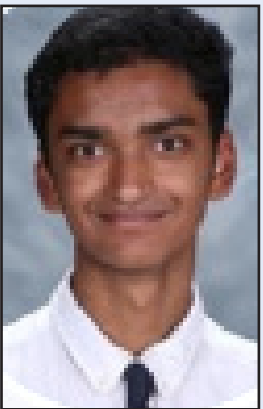
I am a junior and I have taken Latin for all three years. My other interests are hanging out with friends, drama, and reading!

Aidan Chan
Web Master



I'm a Latin Club officer because I enjoy the Latin Club events and love learning about the Latin culture! I have been in the Latin Club all 4 years of high school.

Harshal Puranik
Dux Certaminis



A 17-year-old trying to increase people's knowledge of the world, starting with the Latin students.

Cameron Berg
Dux Optimisimorum



I am an internationally competitive ski racer, and I play tennis for Miramonte. I also enjoy some good ol' singing.

Abigail Gardner
Sprit Leader



Abigail is a Senior this year in Latin 4 AP.

Ryan Lee
Historian



I am really interested in Latin and I want to be a historian.

Ethan Lee
Historian



Hi I'm Ethan and my favorite color is blue.

Deya Murthy
Co-Creative Director



I'm Deya Murthy, one of the co-creative directors. We have many new ideas to make Latin events engaging and fun.

Lizzie Howe
Co-Creative Director



I am a junior and Latin 3 honors student this year. I love to crochet, act, and craft and I am so excited to be one of this year's creative directors!

Elsa Cooke
Social Chair



I hope to include more people in Latin. It already has a tight knit community, and I intend for the school to recognize it more.

Mandana Berloui
Social Chair



I am in 11th grade. I take Latin 3 Honors and I love to travel.

Jessica Youn
Consul Editor



Hi! I'm Jessica Youn, Latin Club's 2023-24 Consul Editor!

Janie Hollerbach
Consul Editor



Hi! My name is Janie and I am Latin Club's 2023-24 Consul Editor!

Charley Matthews
Parliamentarian



=)

James Giquinto
Spirit Leader



I am a Sophomore in Latin 2 and I can't wait for an amazing year!

Derek Youn
Spirit Leader



I am very excited for a Latin filled year. Eugaepae!

Parker Hjortsvang
Spirit Leader



I have taken Latin for two years and I run Cross Country. Ite Mats!

Blaise Broderick
Spirit Leader



I am a Senior in Latin 4 AP.

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with MHS Latin?

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