

MURMURATOR MENSTRUUS

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Salvete omnes!

I hope everyone is having a great semester so far! I can't believe that it's already mid-April (which means I'm very late 😞 sorry again about that) but time truly flies in college 😞.

In this edition, I'll be highlighting upcoming events in April along with information about registering for National Convention, another ranking inspired by the Ides of March, and of course some monthly memes.

Personally, I'm very excited about our in-person State Finals, it's been so long since any in-person Certamen that I can't remember the last time I've been to one. Shoutout to my wonderful executive board, who put tremendous effort into organizing State Finals!

Good luck on your finals VSCL (saying this early in case the April MM comes out later than your finals) and hang in there! We're almost at the end of this semester!

See you at State Finals and the social event afterwards!

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL (+National Convention Registration)

Apr 16 – State Finals Certamen at UVA and VSCL Social!

State Finals is scheduled for 9AM-3PM, and it will be held in partnership with the UVA Classics Club! There will also be a VSCL Social event after the Certamen! (And it's going to be in person – WOWOWOW)

Ongoing – NJCL Convention Registration

NJCL Convention is at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, from Monday, July 25 to Saturday, July 30. If you register by May 1, the cost of Convention is \$595, which includes all meals, room, That's Entertainment Ticket, Fall TORCH, and a linen package. I have included the link to the Convention fact sheet below, which can also be found on the NJCL website.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RJGHCdsm9hVcqrs4t9K_7s5TiT7TV1NJvgl9af2k2WI/edit?usp=sharing



Raffle
Tickets at
State Finals



Drawing
Opportunities
at
State Finals

NUGAE



Thomas writing state final questions in one day



BEST ASSASSINATION RANKINGS

(Basically, how entertaining is their assassination story is to Classics nerds)

In honor of Julius Caesar's death, I decided it would be entertaining to rank the assassinations of Classical figures. I hope you enjoy! (I could only come up with 4 assassinations that might be even be remotely interesting :<)

Rank 4 Julius Caesar

Even if you were declared dictator for life and you marched on Rome three years prior, feels bad to be betrayed by your people and stabbed 23 times at the foot of your rival's statue.

Rank 3 Claudius

The fourth emperor of Rome, Claudius, was poisoned by Agrippina the Younger with mushrooms. (This is exactly the reason I avoid mushroom dishes!)

Rank 2 Commodus

Commodus was killed on New Year's Eve in 192 AD, what a way to go out in the year! When he was poisoned by Marcia, he supposedly threw up the poison, and his wrestling coach had to complete the assassination by strangling him.

Rank 1 Agrippina the Younger

Such elaborate plots by Nero to assassinate his mother – defective boats that automatically sink, collapsing ceilings, but the tried-and-true method of stabbing with a knife is what eventually kills her.