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Foothill High Latin Club Wins Big at State Competition

Pleasanton, California— On April 4, 2012, the Foothill High School Latin Club returned from the 57th California Junior State Classical League State Convention as state-wide winners.

- Best "New" Chapter in State
- First Place Chapter Statewide--Small School
- Latin 2 Certamen Competition Team - 2nd Place in State
 - Alyosha Bendebury, Katie Downey, Diana Fu, Jacob Richey
- Latin 1 Certamen Competition Team - 3rd Place in State
 - Roland Huang, Ben Singer, Aneel Yelamanchili, Grace Yu
- Jacob Saldinger received one of four state-wide \$2,000 scholarships.
- Jack Reed earned First Place in Advanced History

The CJCL Convention took place at the Menlo School in Atherton from March 30-31. Students had opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned over the past year, interact with 1,500 Latin students from throughout California and Nevada, and got to strut their stuff in togas.

Many students placed in statewide academic tests such as Mythology, Daily Life, Classical Art, Derivations, and the Certamen Teams did extremely well up against perennial state powerhouses as Harker, Woodbridge, University, and Harvard-Westlake. Certamen is a quiz-bowl game testing the Team's knowledge of the Latin Language, Roman History, Classical Mythology, and Roman Cultural Topics.

According to AP Latin IV student Christian Medved, "The convention gave the opportunity for Latin students of all levels to learn about the ancient Romans while still having a ton of fun. I especially enjoyed the astronomy presentation from UC Davis Classics Lecturer John Rundin about how the ancient Romans perceived and studied the Heavens."

Please join me in congratulating all our scholars for their excellence: Alyosha Bendebury, Katie Downey, Diana Fu, Eric Hitchens, Roland Huang, Anja Kong, Christian Medved, David Ni, Jack Reed, Jacob Richey, Jacob Saldinger, Ben Singer, Connie Wu, Aneel Yelamanchili, Grace Yu.

The team was led by Jack N. Reed, Foothill Latin Club President and Eric Heinitz, Latin Teacher, Foothill HS.

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