

**67th Tennessee Junior Classical League Convention**  
**Friday March 24 and Saturday March 25, 2023**  
**Crowne Plaza**  
**Knoxville, TN**

**Convention Theme:**

**Caelum, non animum, mutant qui trans mare currunt.**  
“They who rush across the sea change their sky, not their soul”  
Horace, Epistles 1.11

**Spirit Theme: Same as convention theme**

**Chapters Attending the 2023 TJCL Convention (By Division)**

**A (1-9 delegates)**

Bearden High School  
Blessed Sacrament Homeschool  
Brentwood High School  
Clarksville High School  
Dobyns Bennett High School  
Houston High School  
St. Mary’s Episcopal School

**AAA (20-36 delegates)**

Collierville High School  
Hume-Fogg High School  
Memphis University School  
MLK Magnet  
Stewarts Creek High School  
Webb School of Knoxville

**AA (12-18 delegates)**

Montgomery Bell Academy  
Redeemer Classical Academy  
Rossvie High School  
White Station High School

**Virtual**

Bartlett High School  
Clarksville High School  
Houston High School  
St. Mary’s Episcopal School

**2022-2023 TJCL Executive Board**

**State Co-Chair** - Mr. Ryan Vinson  
**State Co-Chair** - Mr. Tim Russell, HFA  
**East TN Sponsor** - Mr. Alex Mangone  
**Mid TN Sponsor** - Mr. Alexander Kee,  
Clarksville  
**West TN Sponsor** - Dr. Abigail Simone,  
Houston  
**Publicity** - Ms. Reagan Ryder, Bartlett  
**Academics** - Mr. Jim Long

**Treasurer** - Dr. Pat McFadden, St. Mary’s  
**President** - Jesse Cai, Brentwood  
**1st VP** - Elizabeth MacQueen, St. Mary’s  
**2nd VP** - Evie Todaro, Hume-Fogg  
**Communications Coordinator** - Alyaan  
Salman, MUS  
**Parliamentarian** - Hughes Putnam, Houston  
**Historian** - Lily Grace Wamble, Houston  
**Torch Editor** - Ella Curlin, St. Mary’s

**TJCL Convention Veterans (based on submitted information)**

TJCL salutes the sponsors and chaperones who are forever holding to the purple and gold.

10+: Alex Mangone, Reagan Ryder, Sandy Hughes, Talbot Fields, Gretchen Carstens  
20+: Abigail Simone, Jenny Fields, Pat McFadden, Ryan Vinson  
30+: Jim Long, Maria Marable      40+: Ed Long      50+: Nancy Howell, Robert Harper

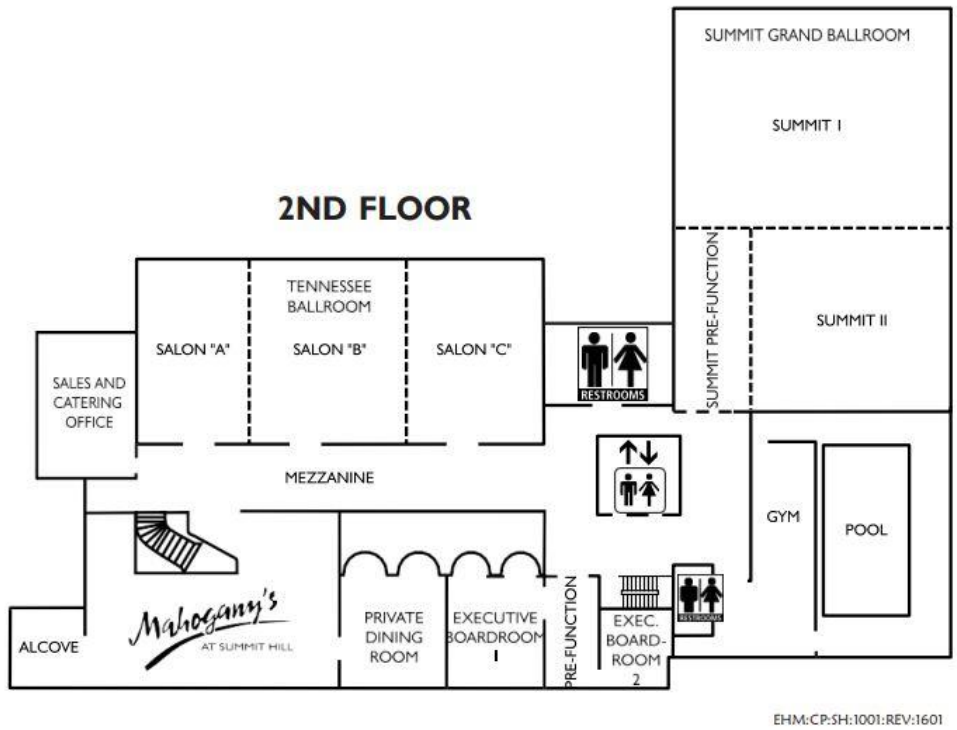
**Facilities Information:**

TJCL Office (Executive Board Room 1) - Information, first aid, name tags (replacements cost \$1.00), extra programs, lost and found, etc.

Due to space constraints, we will not have a Hospitality Room this year, nor will we have Olympika events.

The hotel has a restaurant, but we encourage you to explore nearby Market Square and other local options for meals. We would like not to overwhelm our hosts!

**Hotel Map**



If you're reading this on a device, [click here](#) for all the relevant TJCL 2023 links besides virtual testing. If you're reading this on paper, scan this QR code for all your links:



Special Thanks:

To all the sponsors and chaperones who make this convention possible and who teach their hearts out every day, as well as to our wonderful hosts at Crowne Plaza Knoxville.

**Latin Pledge of Allegiance**

*Fidem meam obligo,  
vexillo civitatum  
Americae foederatarum,  
et rei publicae pro qua stat,  
uni nationi, Deo ducente,  
non dividendae,  
cum libertate iustitiaeque omnibus.*

**JCL Creed**

We the members of the Junior Classical League, strive to promote the study of Greek, Latin, and ancient cultures.

We believe this study will help us examine the world and expand our understanding of literature, language, arts, sciences, and humanity.

We affirm the JCL experience develops leadership, fosters community, promotes enthusiasm, encourages competition, inspires dedication, and enriches our total growth!

**2023 Convention Schedule**

*Schedule of Events for Friday, March 24, 2023:*

**7:45 – 8:30 General Registration— Summit Pre-Function**

Sponsors should turn in permission slips and pick up registration packets. Vocal Performance, Dramatic Latin, and English Oratory contestants should sign up.

**8:30 – 9:30 General Assembly I— Summit I**

Call to Order / Introductions / Opening Remarks – Jesse Cai, TJCL President

Remarks - Dr. Jessica Westerhold, University of Tennessee

General Announcements – Tim Russell, TJCL State Co-Chair

**(8:45 Spirit Contest Judges Meeting - Summit Pre-Function)**

Academic Testing Instructions – Mr. Jim Long, Academics Chair

Nominations Committee Instructions – Hughes Putnam, TJCL Parliamentarian

Spirit Contest Instructions - Evie Todaro, TJCL 2nd VP

Roll Call - Each chapter should send two or three students to the stage to introduce their chapter to the audience. Presentations have a 30 second max.

Dismissal – Jesse Cai, TJCL President

**9:30 – 10:00 Testing Proctors – Summit Pre-Function**

All test proctors should attend.

This meeting will begin immediately after the Spirit Procession leaves the room.

**9:30 – 10:00 Spirit Procession— Market Square & Krutch Park**

Clear all book bags and personal items from the ballroom before you leave.

**9:30 – 10:00 Nominations Committee – TN Salon B**

All prospective officer candidates must attend, and each school should send at least one delegate.

**10:00 – 12:30 Academic Testing— Summit**

All test packets are exactly the same.

**10:00 – 12:00 Art Judging — TN Salon A**

**11:30 – 12:00 Certamen Workers – Mezzanine**

**11:30 – 12:15 Mythology Spelling Bee— TN Salon B**

Only two delegates per school may compete. No need to sign up in advance.

**12:30 – 1:30 Academic Testing Bonus Time—Summit**

Anyone may stay through and continue testing. This is NOT designed to be a second period after lunch, though.

**12:30 – 2:00 Lunch** on your own. Certamen players should be back by 1:45.

**1:45 – 2:30 Certamen Qualifying Testing— Summit**

All prospective Certamen teams **MUST** participate in order to qualify for play.

**2:15 – 2:30 Costume Contest Judges Meeting—Mezzanine**

**2:15 – 2:30 Vocal Performance Judges Meeting—TN Salon A**

**2:30 - 4:00 Olympika** - Listen for details during General Assembly.

**2:30 – 4:00 Costume Contest— Mezzanine**

Be sure to bring a photograph of yourself in costume (or be prepared to pay \$5) and a completed registration form.

**2:30 – 4:00 Vocal Performance—TN Salon A**

These are performance rooms; contestants should wait in the Mezzanine.

**2:30 – 4:00 Service Project—Mezzanine**

Join the TJCL student officers for this service project.

**3:00 – 3:30 Certamen Group A – Round One – Novice Level**

Team One v. Team Six— Summit I

Team Two v. Team Five— Summit II

Team Three v. Team Four— TN Salon

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**3:00 – 3:30 Certamen Group B – Round One – Novice Level**

Team Seven v. Team Twelve - Board Room 2

Team Eight v. Team Eleven - Summit Pre-Function

Team Nine v. Team Ten - TN Salon B

**3:45 – 4:15 Certamen Group A – Round One – Intermediate Level**

Team One v. Team Six— Summit I

Team Two v. Team Five— Summit II

Team Three v. Team Four— TN Salon

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**3:45 – 4:15 Certamen Group B – Round One – Intermediate Level**

Team Seven v. Team Twelve - Board Room 2

Team Eight v. Team Eleven - Summit Pre-Function

Team Nine v. Team Ten - TN Salon B

**4:30 – 5:00 Certamen Group A – Round One – Advanced Level**

Team One v. Team Six— Summit I

Team Two v. Team Five— Summit II

Team Three v. Team Four— TN Salon

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**4:30 – 5:00 Certamen Group B – Round One – Advanced Level**

Team Seven v. Team Twelve - Board Room 2

Team Eight v. Team Eleven - Summit Pre-Function

Team Nine v. Team Ten - TN Salon B

5-7:45 Break for **Dinner** on your own (Same restrictions on outside food apply.)

7:45 – 8:00 **English Oratory Judges** – TN Salon A

7:45 – 8:00 **Dramatic Latin Judges Meeting**— TN Salon B

8:00 – 9:00 **Candidates’ Open Forum**— TN Salon C

All candidates for office must meet to discuss issues and answer questions from voters. Each chapter must send one delegate in order to get two votes during the election.

8:00 – 9:30 **English Oratory**— TN Salon A

8:00 – 9:30 **Dramatic Latin**— TN Salon B

8:00 – 8:30 **Certamen Finals – Group A – Novice Level**— Summit I

Three winning teams from afternoon matches.

8:00 – 8:30 **Certamen Finals – Group B – Novice Level**—Summit II

Three winning teams from afternoon matches.

8:45 – 9:15 **Certamen Finals – Group A – Intermediate Level**—Summit I

Three winning teams from afternoon matches.

8:45 – 9:15 **Certamen Finals – Group B – Intermediate Level**—Summit II

Three winning teams from afternoon matches.

9:30 – 10:00 **Certamen Finals – Group A – Advanced Level**—Summit I

Three winning teams from afternoon matches.

9:30 – 10:00 **Certamen Finals – Group B – Advanced Level**—Summit II

Three winning teams from afternoon matches.

9:30 - 10:00 **Art Claim** - TN Salon A

10:00 **End of Friday’s Events**

*Schedule of Events for Saturday, March 25 2023:*

9:00 – 10:50 **General Assembly II – Summit**

Call to Order – Jesse Cai, TJCL President

Spirit Awards – Evie Todaro, TJCL 2nd VP

Membership Awards – Elizabeth MacQueen, TJCL 1st VP

Community Service Awards – Alyaan Salman, TJCL CoCo

Academics Awards – Mr. Jim Long, Academics Chair

Creative Arts Awards – Mr. Tim Russell, TJCL State Co-Chair  
Graphic Arts Awards – Dr. Abigail Simone, West TN Sponsor  
Publicity Awards – Reagan Ryder, Publicity Chair  
Student Officer Election Procedures – Hughes Putnam, TJCL Parliamentarian  
Student Officer Election Speeches – Candidates for student office (2 minutes max per speech)  
Voting / Evaluations (**15 minute break**)  
Certamen Awards – Mr. Tim Russell, State Co-Chair  
Best of Show / Academic Heptathlon Awards – Mr. Jim Long, Academics Chair  
Announcement of TJCL Scholarships – Mr. Tim Russell, State Co-Chair  
Announcement of Elmore Scholarship – Mr. Tim Russell, State Co-Chair  
Individual Sweepstakes Awards – Mr. Tim Russell, State Co-Chair  
School Sweepstakes Awards – Mr. Tim Russell, State Co-Chair  
NJCL Convention Promotion—Alyaan Salman, TJCL CoCo  
Valediction – Jesse Cai, TJCL President  
Election Results – Hughes Putnam, TJCL Parliamentarian  
Inauguration of New TJCL Officers  
Dismissal – New TJCL President

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM **Sponsors - Pick Up Awards Packets**

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM **Meeting for New TJCL Student Officers**