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Spring Meeting at Washington & Lee University

We could not have asked for a lovelier day to gather on the campus of Washington & Lee University in Lexington for our Spring meeting on May 10th. The nearly two score attendees (including a few via Zoom) were treated to a full program of contest and awards results, presentations, silent auction, and inspiring collegiality.

You will find results for the Latin Tournament, as well as the Classical and Latin Essay Contests in this newsletter. Kudos to all the students and their teachers! Great thanks are owed to *Lexi Harrell* for her first-year stewardship of the Latin Tournament, as well as to *Andy Becker* for his continued directing of the Arthur Stocker Latin Essay Contest and for his and his Virginia Tech students' role as readers for the Classical Essay Contest.

For the first time in several years, we were able to recognize the achievements of fabulous teachers and students in presenting all of our teacher and student awards. *Mihaeli Sati* of Waynesboro High School received the Angela Lloyd Book Award, and *Patty Lister* of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology received the Lurlene W. Todd Teacher of the Year Prize. *Alex Bakalov* (Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology) was the recipient of the Wayne Wray Student Scholarship, and *Sabrina Gernhardt* (Midlothian High School) received the Jim Bigger Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to all those who took the time to submit nominations to recognize their worthy colleagues and students. The CAV also would like to thank *Wayne Wray* for his continued generous support in sponsoring the Wray and Todd awards which reflect his love of the Classics as student and teacher himself, as well as his appreciation of his beloved teacher, Lurlene Todd.

Amy Petersen announced recipients of CAV Professional Development Grants, and a robust silent auction was a fun exchange of teaching and research materials, bringing in funds to support the Professional Development Grant program.

Katelin McCullough (Hollins University), in her talk, "Womens Inscribed Communities in Greco-Roman North Africa," showed how she uses her epigraphical and archaeological research and fieldwork to reconstruct the role of women in the religious life of ancient north African Roman cities.

In the “New Educator Panel,” organized by *Cully Wilkins* (Matoaca and Midlothian High Schools), several educators relatively new to the field discussed the trials and triumphs that they are experiencing in light of the ever-changing face of education. The panel was enlightening and inspiring, and sparked lively conversations and ideas on how to move our work forward. Thanks to the panelists for their thorough preparation, good humor, and engaging discussion: *Lexi Harrell* (Clover Hill High School); *Abigail Lund* (Georgetown Day School); *Bethany Rhodenizer* (Maury River Middle School); and *JP Wilusz* (St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School).

We concluded the day with a talk by *David Bradley* about the powerful and healing uses of ancient texts outside of traditional classroom environments: “Inescapable Humanity”: An Iliad, a Veterans’ Hospital, and the Power of Story.” David’s own poignant story telling and reflections on his experiences in theater and chaplaincy were moving and provoked deep, thoughtful discussion.

President’s Message

It’s always refreshing and calming to see the green leaves fluttering in the early summer breezes and to hear them gently whooshing. Sometimes I can’t help but think that these early summer breezes are really the result of a great, collective exhalation from the universe of teachers. While we all love our students and classroom experiences, we also love that sigh of relief when we get to close the book on another academic year. Even when there is still work to be done over the summer, the change of pace and chance to reflect and regroup are always welcome.

Our spring meeting always feels like the signal that we’re almost to the finish line. We recognize the achievements of our students and fellow teachers. We reconnect with old friends. We welcome new members into the fold. We also take the time to remember the passing of longtime CAV colleagues. This time we honored the memory of John Harris and Shirley Hall. The lovely and moving remembrance that Lori Kissell presented for Shirley reminded us how important the bonds are that we form through our professional associations. Often, there are fellow teachers whom we really see only several times a year, but who bring us such happiness and much needed support and inspiration when we do see them. We might be the only teacher at our school, but we are sustained, in part, by knowing that we have other colleagues around the state who are grinding away daily in the same way to educate and inspire the next generation. And when we get to see them again, whether through CAV, FLAVA, VJCL, SCS or some other acronymic group, we know we are not alone and we are reminded of what it is all about.

As I hit the midway point of my term as President, I am grateful for all the hard work, dedication, and support from so many friends and colleagues, old and new, whom I have come to know over the years through CAV.

Maximas gratias vobis ago et aestas salubris iucundaque omnibus sit!

E corde imo,

Pat Bradley (RCHS / Lexington)

CAV Fall Meeting 2025

Please mark your calendars for the fall CAV meeting to be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 in the Gibson Room of Cocke Hall on the grounds of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

FLAVA REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Fall Conference will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, VA on October 9-11. This year's theme is "Rooted in Language." Come see, share, and learn with and from your colleagues! The link below includes registration and hotel information. Hope to see you there!

<https://flavaweb.org/conference/fall-conference/>

And now, for our financial news:

Please see this link for the Treasurer's report  CAV Finance Report 24/25

CAV Professional Development Grant Recipients

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's silent auction. We had a huge room for the auction with numerous tables, but there were so many items that some had to be displayed on chairs, and even a few on the floor! As a result of this amazing shopping spree for attendees, the professional development fund ended up with \$305 more in its coffers.

Congratulations to the following individuals who will be receiving a CAV Professional Development Grant this year:

Stephanie Buckler will be receiving \$100 to attend the Dickinson Conventiculum this summer

Holly Fitterer will be receiving \$200 to participate in the American Academy in Rome's summer program.

Ryan Peck will be receiving \$200 for a research trip to Rome to help her prepare for the creation of an "Ancient Day" so that her online students can do something together in person.

Mihaela Sati will receive \$100 for attending the SALVI Biduum to improve her spoken Latin abilities.

It's never too early to apply for a grant for next year. Simply fill out the application at bit.ly/CAVGrant by April 30, 2026. Recipients will be announced soon thereafter. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Amy Petersen at MagistraP@gmail.com.

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From the new Classical Essay Contest Director

Please follow this link to give your feedback to Christina Salowey on the Classical Essay Contest (Tina Salowey: csalowey@hollins.edu):

 [CAV Newsletter re CAV essay contest Salowey.docx](#)

Assessing the CAV Classical Essay Contest

The CAV Classical Essay began in 1998 and the number of submissions grew from 134 to 243 essays in the years 2000-2006. While the number of submissions did not reach over 200 in very many years the average between 2006 and 2015 was 174 entries. After 2015, numbers declined steadily reaching a low of 46 in 2020 and dropping even further into the teens during the Covid years. While there have been signs of a turnaround in 2024 and 2025, the number of schools participating remains very low. These data indicate that it is time to rethink the Classical Essay Contest and try to discover what changes would make the contest more accessible and appealing. With that in mind, I developed a short survey to gather as many opinions as possible about the Classical Essay Contest. I hope to gather information both from teachers who successfully encourage their students to participate and from teachers who do not find the current format of the contest suitable to their students or classroom. All evaluations and ideas are welcome! If you prefer to contact me directly instead of taking a survey, please feel free to write me at csalowey@hollins.edu.

The survey can be found [here](#), and I thank you all in advance for your time in providing some valuable feedback. If you are willing to help with crafting new topics or themes for the Classical Essay Contest, there is a place on the survey to indicate that. I hope to have a revised and hopefully revived contest announcement in the fall newsletter!

Tina Salowey
Hollins University
Director of Classical Essay Contest "

Website Update News

The CAV website has been undergoing some revisions and is looking for your input. Please send announcements, advertisements, and photographs of things Latin, Greek, and classical which may be of interest to our members to Mark Keith, the new CAV Website Editor (makeith753@gmail.com). Our goal is to make the site a "one-stop shop" for what's going on classically for all teachers, professors, and Latin-lovers in Virginia. Also, please check out the site (cavclassics.org) and let him know if anything is missing or amiss. Communication and advertising is key, so let's make the website a place useful for everyone!

Greek Play Time (or is that “playtime?”)

You and your students are invited to attend—at no cost—the 2025 Greek Play in the Whiteside Greek Theatre at Randolph College. We thought you might like to know about this opportunity for further enrichment of your study of the ancient world, and we hope you’ll enjoy the chance to introduce your students to Greek drama.

This year our production is *Antigone* by Sophocles. Sophocles’ *Antigone* pits the title character against Creon, the current ruler of Thebes. Antigone’s brother Polynices has died while attacking Thebes to regain the throne from his brother Eteocles, who also dies in the conflict. Creon decrees that Eteocles may be given a proper burial, but that Polynices must be left for the birds and dogs, since he traitorously raised an army against his hometown. Antigone defies the order and buries her brother, and Creon condemns her to death. Their actions set in motion many unintended consequences. The play dramatizes the conflicts we still have between public and private, male and female, law and religion, state and family.

Randolph College will host two special performances for schools on Wednesday, October 1: one at 9:30 a.m and one at 1 p.m. Although you are most welcome at the public performances (October 3, 4, and 5 at 4 p.m.), the cast and I will be available after the schools’ shows to answer questions, explain the costumes and the masks to students, and discuss the songs and dances.

For more information, or to make a reservation and be put on the list for visit details, please email me: acohen@randolphcollege.edu. Please also let me know if an invitation on letterhead would help with your institutional process for field trips or travel.

hoping to see you in October,

Amy R. Cohen



We have a new feature, the Member Spotlight! Please enjoy this inaugural article:

CAV Member Spotlight ~ Dr. John F. Miller

The CAV is initiating a new column to spotlight a member whom the organization would like to recognize and give its members the opportunity to know better. The first “spotlight” features Dr. John F. Miller, the Arthur F. and Marian W. Stocker Professor of Classics, at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Miller just recently retired from a forty year career in Classics at UVA. Dr. Miller earned his Honors BA at Xavier University in Cincinnati, MA in Comparative Literature, and PhD in Classics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His first six years of full-time teaching were at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, after which he taught at the University of Virginia for 40 years.

John grew up in Northern Virginia and went to high school in DC. At college in Cincinnati, he met Mary and they married right after graduation. For a honeymoon they went to Chapel Hill for the six years of his graduate study, during which Mary was the main breadwinner. They will celebrate their 53rd anniversary in August.

When asked about a favorite educational memory, Dr. Miller responded, “I have had so many wonderful opportunities and rewarding experiences in my teaching career that it’s impossible to single out one. Some of the highlights are the courses at UVA that I team-taught with colleagues who were specialists in adjacent fields like ancient art or history (e.g. the Age of Augustus; Roman Religion), both at the undergraduate and graduate level; the many weekend workshops and summer seminars for high school teachers that I organized, which gave me the opportunity to know better the challenges of K-12 teachers, and of their students whom I would see at UVA in the future; and the lectures to the gung-ho high school students at the Virginia Governor’s Latin Academy, at which I’m proud to say I was invited to speak every year since the founding in 1988 through last summer (2024).”

Dr. Miller stated that the Latin poet Ovid is his “favorite Latin author because of his penetrating exploration of human experience and his challenging take on contemporary Augustan culture; also because he responds to so much of Greek and Latin literature and because of his nearly inexhaustible capacity throughout his many works over a long career to revisit the same or similar moments in mythology or human life again and again from different points of view.”

Lately John has been reading many memoirs of travel and a lot of Italian novels. Although John claimed to not be much of a hobbyist, he had been a devoted (daily) runner until he shattered his back in an accident a few years ago. Now he satisfies “his addiction to aerobic exercise with long walks every afternoon.”

Dr. Miller closed out the interview with this thought for any young person considering a career in the classics. “One piece of advice I would share with teachers of Latin and Classics at any level is to seek out colleagues beyond your school to share perspectives and resources and for mutual support. Often in a K-12 school there is only one Latin teacher; at colleges and universities Classics departments are usually small. So there are a lot of benefits to reaching out to colleagues elsewhere—this applies as well to college faculty interacting with their K-12 colleagues and vice versa. One of the strengths of the classical community in Virginia is that there is a real such community comprised of teachers from middle schools, high schools, and colleges, centered in the Classical Association of Virginia. At a time when everyone is busier than ever, it’s important, I think, to remember how much your participation in such efforts are appreciated by colleagues, and how much you—and your students—have to gain from keeping Virginia’s classical community flourishing.”

If you have not read the recent [article](#) by Lorenzo Perez, A&S Editorial Director at UVA, please do so as it is a lovely tribute to Dr. Miller and his stellar career.

Please join me in celebrating Dr. John F. Miller for his extraordinary career, and when you see him next, ask John for updates on how he is spending his “retired life.” I bet there will be many classically related moments and travels.

submitted by Sue Robertson, Historian



CAV TEACHER PLACEMENT SERVICE

Do you know of a Latin teaching position in your area? Or are you currently searching for a Latin teaching position? The CAV Placement Service offers a free program to bring together teachers seeking Latin positions in Virginia and schools in Virginia which are seeking Latin teachers. Schools send us listings of their positions, and we send these listings by e-mail to the teachers who have registered with the CAV Placement Service. We provide continuous updates from March until September. If you know of a position available, have the school principal or personnel office get in touch with the service. If you wish a position, send in your name and e-mail address. We ask schools and teachers to contact Jon D. Mikalson by e-mail at: jdm9x@virginia.edu. There are no charges for these services!

A Moment of Silence, Please for Shirley L Hall in Memoriam

It is with shock and grief, and much admiration and appreciation, for Shirley.
From her obituary:

She left us much too soon, at only 45 on April 22, 2025. She was THE Latin teacher at Ocean Lakes High School for 21 years, after teaching at Pasquotank County High School in Elizabeth City, NC from 2002 to 2004. Shirley came to these positions with her undergraduate degree from Indiana State University earned in 1998, and her master's degree in education from Averett University in 2010. She taught multiple levels of Latin and advised many extra-curricular activities such as the Dolphin Dash, Latin Club/Honor Society, Cubing Club, D&D Club, Fandom Club, and Investment Club. She was also a member of many professional organizations and associations including FLAVA, CAV, ACL, VJCL, Mid-Atlantic Association of Language Learning and Technology, and many more.

Shirley was a passionate and devoted Latin teacher whose love for the language was only matched by her unwavering commitment to her students. A multiple-time recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award, she inspired curiosity, built lasting relationships, and made every student feel seen, valued, and capable. Her impact extended far beyond the classroom, shaping lives with wisdom, grace and heart.

In her spare time, Shirley devoted herself to events at the high school and spent time with her family and friends. She was an avid fan of movies, especially rom-coms, listening to audio books, and Italian cuisine. Her family and friends will remember her dedication to her family, commitment to her students, quirky wit and sense of humor, compassion for others, and her endless faith in God.

Personally:

I met Shirley at FLAVA many years ago and was amazed at her in-depth, astoundingly thorough presentations. She created something amazing every year, and always seemed stunned that it was so well-received by her colleagues. A few years ago there was a flamboyantly boisterous keynote speaker at FLAVA who requested audience participants to be out of our seats and bouncing around the room. Being myself too curmudgeonly to play these games, I continued sitting, scowling, and knitting. Shirley quietly walked over and asked if we could pretend to be doing this activity that made her so uncomfortable. Absolutely! Flamboyant and boisterous were not her style - but that should not be taken as calling her staid or boring. Shirley shone with strong, bright, and quiet joy and passion for her topic and for her students, those in her school and her colleagues at her presentations alike. Her smile, genuinely bestowed, could light a meeting hall. This year we were presenting back to back and as we exchanged technology connections we spoke for a moment and I told her how much I admired her presentations every year. How wonderfully and powerfully she presented her material and her love for all she did. She seemed taken aback for a moment, and then she just glowed, literally and figuratively radiant for a few moments. That's why I volunteered to speak for her. Too often superb people such as Shirley don't hear how much they mean to us; we take our "I'll see you at the next

meeting, the next conference” friends for granted. I expected to be able to say more about her next presentation, but I’m so glad that I said it about her fall one.

Ave atque vale! You have created a monument more lasting than bronze, my friend.

Lori Kissell

And for John Harris in Memoriam

John Hubbard Harris

May 14, 1951 - April 19, 2025

John Hubbard Harris, 73, of Richmond, Va., passed away after a long illness on April 19, 2025. Born on May 14, 1951, John was predeceased by his parents, Dr. William Henry Harris, Jr., and Katherine Kraft Harris; and by his niece, Katherine Harris McCart.

John filled his life with academic pursuits. He graduated from St. Christophers School in Richmond in 1969. John especially loved books, literature, music, theatre and film. He earned a B.A. in English, an M.Ed. in English education and an M.A. in English from The University of Virginia. John returned to St. Christophers as an English teacher, The Pine Needle adviser, baseball coach, and organizer of the school’s first three Battle of the Brains teams. He also served as a Latin tutor to Upper School students. John shifted his academic focus to the study and teaching of Latin. He enrolled at UVA to earn an M.A. in classics. During that time, he taught Latin at St Anne’s - Belfield in Charlottesville and helped coach the school’s very successful academic team.

John was a player on UVA’s College Bowl team, winning the National Championship in 1993 and 1997. He was even a contestant on Jeopardy in 1994 and on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire. He loved baseball and spent summers as a camper and counselor at Camp Maxwelton, where the camp baseball field was named “Harris Diamond” in his honor. His other summer passion was attending the Chautauqua Institute in New York State, where he enjoyed lectures and concerts.

He spent his final ten years of teaching at Saint Gertrude High School in Richmond. He taught English and Latin and coached the academic teams. As the “Voice of the Gators,” he called the varsity basketball games, and as a faculty member, he was honored twice with yearbook dedications. In 2019, he received the “Distinguished Friend of the School” award.

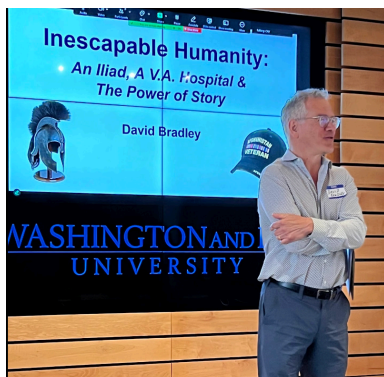
John is lovingly remembered by his family, friends and students. He is survived by his two brothers, Tyler R. Harris (Frances) and William H. Harris III (Gail), and their children, Rendall Harris, Tyler Harris, Jr. (Bentley), Kevin McCart, and Lizzie Harris Oglesby (Joe). He is also survived by eight grandnieces and grandnephews.

A private family graveside service was held at Hollywood Cemetery followed by a Memorial Service at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, where John served as an Elder, as well as the

announcer for the Sunday service radio broadcast for many years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of John to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1627 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220, The Maxwellton and Lachlan Foundation, PO Box 2201, Charlottesville, VA 22902, St. Gertrude High School, 12829 River Road, Richmond, VA 23238, or St. Christophers School, Attn: Development Office, 711 St. Christophers Road, Richmond, VA 23226.

Photos from the Spring Meeting courtesy of Sue Robertson, historian



David Bradley



New Teachers Panel



Katie McCulloough (above)
The Whole Group (below)



Student Award Winners Alex Bakalov (left) and Sabrina Gernhardt (right)
Teacher Award Winners Patty Lister (left center) and Mihaela Sati (right center)



The lovely words about our Lurlene W. Todd and Angela P. Lloyd Award Winners

LURLENE W. TODD AWARD Spring 2025 to Patty Lister

As Patty's nomination said, she is a dedicated, accomplished teacher who contributes to the Latin community outside the classroom. Patty has taught all levels of Latin, from beginning to beyond AP, at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Fairfax County Public Schools. Her program is well-known both in Virginia, and nationwide, for outstanding performance on academic and extra-curricular assessments and contests. Patty runs this busy program with a part-time colleague out of love for her students and dedication to the profession. She devotes much time and energy to Latin endeavors outside of the classroom including certamen and Junior Classical League, and anyone who has participated in either of these pursuits knows well the success of her students! Furthermore, Patty serves as co-chair of the National Latin Exam, leading the way to creating eight exams annually for over 100,000 students nationwide. For these efforts, and her admirable results, Patty deserves to be recognized and lauded with the Lurlene W. Todd Award!

ANGELA P. LLOYD AWARD SPRING 2025 to Biliana Mihaela Sati

From Mihaela's nomination, she has been a friend and coworker at Waynesboro Public Schools for over twelve years where the nominator has witnessed firsthand her unwavering dedication to and enthusiasm for the growth and development of her students.

She has taught Latin and mythology for over seventeen years with passion, commitment, and unparalleled knowledge which inspire students to explore the rich histories and cultures that have shaped the world. She connects with students not just by teaching the content but instilling a love for learning that transcends the classroom. Her engaging and enriching approach, coupled with a warm and approachable demeanor, ensure that all students feel valued and

encouraged to grow as demonstrated in the student groups she leads which participate annually in state and national Latin competitions, with many wins to their credit.

Beyond the classroom, Mihaela plays an integral role as the driving force behind the Key Club, cultivating a spirit of service and leadership in the students. Mihaela is a professional in all senses, bringing a level of dedication and work ethic to everything she does, always striving to provide the best experiences for her students and colleagues.

Her warmth, kindness and professionalism create a supportive atmosphere that encourages students to reach their full potential as shown by guiding them in the classroom and extra-curricular activities, or offering mentorship and service. She is an exceptional educator, a dedicated leader, and a truly remarkable person who has made a lasting impact on our school community.

Last, but never least - the tests, contests, and awards results:

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA 2025 LATIN TOURNAMENT AWARDS

INTRODUCTION TO LATIN (ALPHA DIVISION)

First Place	Melody Coddington (52) Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
Second Place	Jamie Micheltmore (51) Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
Third Place	Eve Niebur (50) Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
Honorable Mentions	Henry Cline Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
(scores: 49-47)	Sally de Lissovoy Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
	Fintan McGrath Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner

BEGINNING LATIN (ALPHA DIVISION)

First Place	Camila Borisov (56) Yorktown High School Ian Hochberg
Second Place	Will Ditzel (55) Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
Third Place	Audrey Forman (53) Yorktown High School Ian Hochberg
Honorable Mentions	Joseph Vargas Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley
(scores: 52-44)	Alex Eastwood Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
	Elizabeth Margalus Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
	John Francis Ayoub-Winder Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner

INTERMEDIATE LATIN (ALPHA DIVISION)

First Place	Maeve McGrath (51) Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley
Second Place	Ian Cochran (49) Yorktown High School Ian Hochberg
Third Place	Asher Hunt (47) Hayfield Secondary School Nadia Ghosheh
Honorable Mentions	Taeryn Graham Yorktown High School Ian Hochberg
(scores: 45-41)	James Gallagher Yorktown High School Ian Hochberg
	Jude Eichholz Lylburn Downing Middle School Laura Joyner
	Shelby Strode Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley

ADVANCED LATIN (ALPHA DIVISION)

First Place	Jay Osler (51) Hayfield Secondary School Nadia Ghosheh
Second Place	Joseph Bellanti (47) Stafford High School Stephanie Buckler
Third Place	Sarah Edgar (44) Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley
Honorable Mentions (scores: 42-37)	Russell Bucy Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley Ashley Kauffman Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley Edison Rahl Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley Graham Shester Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley Luke Eichholz Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley

LATIN LITERATURE: PROSE (ALPHA DIVISION)

First Place	Laura Su (51) Yorktown High School Ian Hochberg
Second Place	Samuel Eastwood (50) Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley
Third Place	Simona Seiter (32) Hayfield Secondary School Nadia Ghosheh

LATIN LITERATURE: POETRY (ALPHA DIVISION)

First Place	Liam Courtney-Collins (40) Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley
Second Place	Liam Stillwell (39) Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley
Third Place	Corinna Allen (33) Rockbridge County High School Patrick Bradley

INTRODUCTION TO LATIN (BETA DIVISION)

First Place	Sutton Brower (37) Flint Hill School Theri Andino
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BEGINNING LATIN (BETA DIVISION)

First Place	Ian Kestenbaum (57) Flint Hill School Theri Andino
Second Place	Ariana Arabi (52) Flint Hill School Brad Savage
Third Place	Felicity Polley (51) Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman
Honorable Mentions (scores: 44-40)	Sophie Acosta Classical Cottage Consortium Nancy Juday Stephen Spinelli Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman Raphael Cuddeback Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman Morgan Kim Flint Hill School Theri Andino Paul Spinelli Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman

INTERMEDIATE LATIN (BETA DIVISION)

First Place	Alec Sweet (59) Flint Hill School Brad Savage
Second Place	Sylvie Zochowski (53) Flint Hill School Brad Savage
Third Place	Lilou David (46) Flint Hill School Ken Andino
Honorable Mentions (scores: 45-42)	Bethel Daniel Flint Hill School Ken Andino Ben Garner Flint Hill School Brad Savage Seth Walkenhorst Flint Hill School Brad Savage Leo Estes Flint Hill School Brad Savage

ADVANCED LATIN (BETA DIVISION)

First Place	Patrick Beer (47) Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman
Second Place	Thomas Wilson (46) Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman
Third Place	Benedict Keogh (45) Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman
Honorable Mentions	Simone Crater Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman
(scores: 44-41)	Catherine Robertson Classical Cottage Consortium Jennifer Hoffman

LATIN LITERATURE: PROSE (BETA DIVISION)

First Place	Mackenzie Sanford (51) Flint Hill School Ken Andino
Second Place	Soren McKay (50) Classical Cottage Consortium Jocelyn Robertson
Third Place	Jack Rutter (44) St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School Kevin Jefferson
Honorable Mentions	Cormac Kaplan Flint Hill School Ken Andino
(scores: 40)	

LATIN LITERATURE: POETRY (BETA DIVISION)

First Place	Reese Lai (39) St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School Kevin Jefferson
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INTRODUCTION TO LATIN (GAMMA DIVISION)

No students competed on this level in this division.

BEGINNING LATIN (GAMMA DIVISION)

First Place	Charlotte Causey (59) MWGS Steven Ross
Second Place	Clementine Mannell (58) MWGS Steven Ross
Third Place	Kritika Goel (57) MWGS Steven Ross
Honorable Mentions	Emily Garcia Recinos MWGS Steven Ross
(score: 56-52)	Emery Mize TJHSST Karen Donohue
	Ishaan Patankar MWGS Steven Ross
	Shaivi Shankhwar MWGS Steven Ross
	Sophia Wang TJHSST Karen Donohue
	Eesha Bhat MWGS Steven Ross

INTERMEDIATE LATIN (GAMMA DIVISION)

First Place	Matthew Bond (58) MWGS Steven Ross
Second Place	Tristan Raffo (54) TJHSST Patty Lister
Third Place	Isobelle Villarivera (53) TJHSST Patty Lister
Honorable Mentions	Leah Dober TJHSST Patty Lister
(scores: 50-49)	McKenna Wallace MWGS Steven Ross
	Caden Cosgrove TJHSST Patty Lister
	James Fleming TJHSST Patty Lister
	Anna Xu TJHSST Patty Lister
	Peter Torrico TJHSST Patty Lister
	Alisha Kapila MWGS Steven Ross

ADVANCED LATIN (GAMMA DIVISION)

First Place	Vir Maniar (54) TJHSST Patty Lister
Second Place	Angela Yan (53) TJHSST Patty Lister
Third Place	Mark Johnson (47) TJHSST Patty Lister
Honorable Mentions	Bonna Koo TJHSST Patty Lister
(scores: 46-44)	Sarah Kate Kangas TJHSST Patty Lister Peter Beatty TJHSST Patty Lister

LATIN LITERATURE: PROSE (GAMMA DIVISION)

First Place	Ethan O'Hara (55) TJHSST Patty Lister
Second Place	Brenden Stremmler (54) MWGS Steve Ross
Third Place	Sarah Trainer (52) TJHSST Patty Lister
Honorable Mentions	Aidan Wright TJHSST Patty Lister
(scores: 50-45)	Rishabh Kumaran TJHSST Patty Lister Samantha Schappert MWGS Steve Ross Nikita Lugovoy TJHSST Patty Lister Samuel Payne TJHSST Patty Lister Breanne Graham TJHSST Patty Lister

LATIN LITERATURE: POETRY (GAMMA DIVISION)

First Place	Michael Klausner (55) MWGS Steven Ross
Second Place	Sydney Buhler (51) TJHSST Patty Lister
Third Place	Alex Bakalov (50) TJHSST Patty Lister
Honorable Mentions	Arnav Kadambi MWGS Steven Ross
(scores: 47-45)	Aarav Lodha MWGS Steven Ross Vivian Xue TJHSST Patty Lister

N.B. Students are recognized by name with an honorable mention for achieving a score in the top 20% of students in their division for each exam.

CAV LATIN TOURNAMENT: SCHOOL AWARDS

Alpha Division:	Rockbridge County High School (Patrick Bradley)
Beta Division:	Flint Hill School (Brad Savage, Ken Andino, Jason Bowler, Theri Andino)
Gamma Division:	Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology (Patty Lister, Karen Donohue)

Cum Laude (for multiple choice scores of 30/40 or 20/30) was awarded to students at:

Classical Cottage Consortium	Rockbridge County High School
Flint Hill School	St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School
Heritage High School	Stafford High School
Hayfield Secondary School	Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology
Lylburn Downing Middle School	Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Yorktown High School	

CAV LATIN TOURNAMENT LEGENDS

Reese Lay (St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School)	Advanced Latin 2023 (Second Place) Latin Literature: Prose 2024 (Second Place) Latin Literature: Poetry 2025 (First Place)
Maeve McGrath (Rockbridge County High School)	Introduction to Latin 2023 (Second Place) Beginning Latin 2024 (First Place) Intermediate Latin 2025 (First Place)
Mackenzie Sanford (Flint Hill School)	Advanced Latin 2023 (First Place) Latin Literature: Prose 2024 (First Place) Latin Literature: Prose 2025 (First Place)
Simona Seiter (Hayfield Secondary School)	Latin One 2022 (Second Place) Intermediate Latin 2023 (Third Place) Advanced Latin Prose 2024 (Third Place)
Brenden Stremmler (Maggie L. Walker Governor's School)	Latin Literature: Poetry 2023 (Second Place) Latin Literature: Prose 2024 (Second Place) Latin Literature: Prose 2025 (Second Place)

Classical Association of Virginia Latin Essay Contest 2025

Director: Andy Becker, Virginia Tech

Beginning (Latin 1)

1. Tyler Whitlock, Rockbridge County High School, Patrick Bradley
2. Natasha Shorter, Rockbridge County High School, Patrick Bradley

Intermediate (Latin 2)

1. Zae Ramsey, Rockbridge County High School, Patrick Bradley
2. Reeve Khan, Heritage High School, Lindsay Herndon
3. Shelby Strode, Rockbridge County High School, Patrick Bradley

Advanced (Latin 3 and above)

1. JoAnn Morris, Colonial Forge High School, Stephanie Buckler
2. Liam Courtney Collins, Rockbridge County High School, Patrick Bradley
2. Sara Tun, Heritage High School, Lindsay Herndon
3. Lillian Parker, Clover Hill High School, Lexi Harrell

CAV Classical Essay Contest Results 2025 Presented by Patrick J. Bradley, RCHS

Readers: VT Prof. Andy Becker & VT Classics Students: Grayson Ellington, Wayne Brim, Briseis Ferrufino, Ashlyn Turner

Latin I: Let's Stroll Through the Roman Forum

First place: Liam McDonald Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Second place: Sydney Pons Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Third Place: Josephine Brooke Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Honorable Mentions: Caitlin Burke Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Eva Matlack Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg

Latin II: From the Lararium to Olympus: What Religion Meant to the Average Roman

First place: Dylan Stare Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Second place: Violet Dunkel Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Third Place: Eden Smith Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley
Honorable Mentions: Shelby Strode Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley
Audrey Forman Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg

Latin III +

Vergil: The Death of Turnus: Evaluate the Ending of the Aeneid

First place: Noah Alexander Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley
Second place: Evelyn McClung Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley
Third Place: Corinna Allen Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley
Honorable Mention: Theo Martini Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley

History: Oro ut faciatis: Campaigning and voting in ancient Rome

First place: Ashley Kauffman Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley
Second place: Ethan O'Hara TJHSST Patty Lister
Third Place: Graham Shester Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley
Honorable Mention: Claire Simon Rockbridge County HS Patrick Bradley

Ovid: Cupid in Ovid's Amores

First place: William Schwebach Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Second place: Grace Bouda Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Third Place: Laura Su Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Honorable Mention: Simon Wood Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg
Cara Van Geison Yorktown HS Ian Hochberg

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