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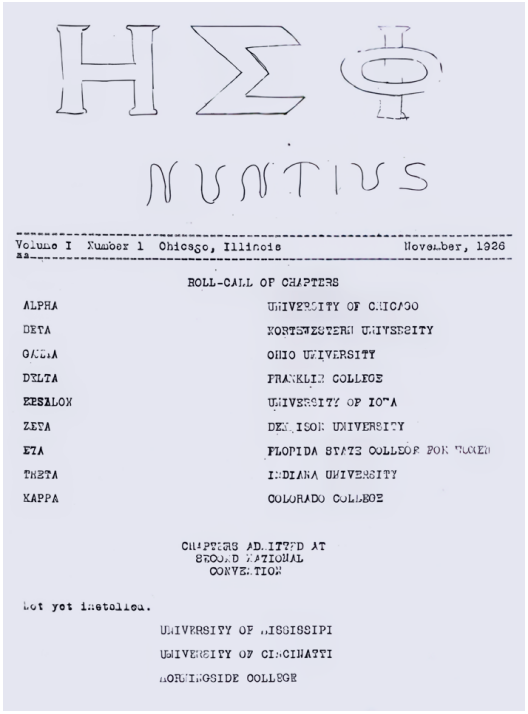
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Special Issue of *Nuntius* Planned to Celebrate its 100th Year

The first issue of *Nuntius* was published in November, 1926. It was only four pages in length and was printed on a mimeograph machine. In the fall of 2026 Eta Sigma Phi plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of *Nuntius* with a special edition featuring highlights from the newsletter's past issues. Printed copies of this special edition will be distributed to all delegates attending the 2027 convention in Philadelphia.



ΝΥΝΤΙΥΣ

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ROLL-CALL OF CHAPTERS

ALPHA	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
BETA	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
GAMMA	OHIO UNIVERSITY
DELTA	FRANKLIN COLLEGE
EPSILON	UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
ZETA	DENISON UNIVERSITY
ETA	FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
THETA	INDIANA UNIVERSITY
KAPPA	COLORADO COLLEGE

CHAPTERS ADMITTED AT SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION

Not yet installed.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPI
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

Individual chapters of Eta Sigma Phi are invited to submit for inclusion in this volume an 8½ x 11 in. page commemorating this event in any way they see fit. The page can be in color or black-and-white. The inclusion of photos, drawings or other images are encouraged. All submissions will be included in the issue but the chapter submitting the best page (in the opinion of a panel of anonymous judges) will receive a $100 cash prize. Send submisions to the Executive Secretary, Dr. Katherine Panagakos, at Katherine.Panagakos@stockton.edu. Deadline for submission is December 1, 2026.

New *Nuntius* Editor

The Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi is delighted to announce that Dr. Karen Klaiber Hersch, the advisor of Zeta Beta chapter at Temple University, has accepted the position of Editor of *Nuntius*, beginning in the next academic year, 2026–2027. Members of Eta Sigma Phi can welcome her in her new position and send her newsworthy notes at karen.klaiber@temple.edu. See page 3 for her story.

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ETA SIGMA PHI: Statement of Purpose and Benefits of Membership

The purposes of Eta Sigma Phi, the national Classics honorary society, are to develop and promote interest in Classical study among students of colleges and universities; to promote closer fraternal relationship among students who are interested in Classical studies, and to stimulate interest in Classical studies and in the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome.

Members are elected by local chapters which have been chartered by the society. Most members are undergraduates but chapters can also initiate graduate students, faculty, and honorees. There are more than 180 chapters of Eta Sigma Phi throughout the United States.

Benefits of membership include:

- membership card, lapel pin and certificate
- subscription to *NUNTIUS*, the biannual newsletter of the society
- an annual national convention including a certamen and banquet
- the opportunity to give academic presentations before an audience of peers and scholars
- annual sight translation exams in Latin and Greek
- honor cords and sashes for graduation
- bronze and silver medals of achievement
- eligibility for summer travel scholarships to Greece, Rome or southern Italy
- eligibility for a Latin teacher training scholarship

About *NUNTIUS*

NUNTIUS is the newsletter of Eta Sigma Phi, the national Classics honorary society. It is normally published twice a year, in September and in January. Copies of the *NUNTIUS* are sent free of charge to active, associate, and honorary members at active chapters. A lifetime subscription to the *NUNTIUS* is also available to members who wish to continue receiving the newsletter after graduation. The cost of this lifetime subscription is a single payment of $50.

Non-members interested in subscribing to the newsletter should contact the editor for further information. Thomas J. Sienkewicz of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College, a former *Nuntius* editor, served as editor pro temp for this issue. Graphic designer is Jon Marken of Lamp-Post Publicity in Meherrin, Virginia, who also provides the printing. Electronic copies of back issues of *Nuntius* can be found in the Eta Sigma Phi Archives (www.esparchives.org).

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Meet the Incoming *Nuntius* Editor

Dr. Karen Klaiber Hersch, advisor of Zeta Beta Chapter at Temple University

I am so honored to have been appointed the Editor of *Nuntius* and to give my time to an organization that has given me so much professional and personal happiness. I joined Eta Sigma Phi in 1988 as a freshman at the University of Massachusetts, as an Anthropology major taking Greek for fun; the Classics Department was so wonderful, I soon changed my major. I worked my way up the *cursus honorum* and in my senior year I served as our chapter's (Epsilon Omicron) President. We students were so lucky that the chair at the time, Ed Phinney, was adamant about sending the chapter officers to attend the National Convention. I was thrilled to be elected National Secretary in 1990, and as Secretary at the next convention in 1991, I finally got to talk at length with the incomparable Brent Froberg. From that year until his passing, we always exchanged holiday cards with all our news; his words to me were a boundless source of support and encouragement that I came to rely on. I am brought to tears remembering that it was, in fact, Brent's voice on my answering machine in 1995 (remember answering machines?) telling me that I had won the prize from



Eta Sigma Phi allowing me to attend the six-week summer program at the American Academy in Rome. May all the Gods bless Brent.

Hired at Temple in 2001, I was fortunate to be co-Advisor of Temple's Chapter, Zeta Beta, with the equally incomparable Martha Davis, who put our students and Eta Sig first. Under Martha's direction, Eta Sigma Phi was always booming at Temple. If there was a speaker or event of interest to the students within a 50-mile radius, you could be sure our students went. Arranging bake sales, coffee sales and tee shirts sales, Martha made sure all who wanted to attend National Convention could. During her tenure, our Winter Solstice parties were epic: She might remember differently, but I recall that Martha always won the Parthian Chicken Cook-Off (it was succulent).

This fall I will have taught (and people say we don't often use the future perfect) at Temple for 25 years. I try hard to live up to the examples of the marvelous people I have mentioned here, and give my students the same opportunities Eta Sig gave me — lifelong friends, fruitful travels, the endless joys of learning. As I said at the outset, I am so glad that as Editor of *Nuntius* I can give something back. I am excited to take the reins of *Nuntius* in the same academic year that our Temple chapter Zeta Beta hosts the 99th Annual Convention (March 2027) and to work under the direction of our peerless Executive Secretary, Katherine Panagakos. I hope very much to continue the excellent work of my *Nuntius* predecessors and I am especially eager to feature more narratives about how our beloved Eta Sigma Phi continues to change lives in the way it did mine.

Eta Sigma Phi *Fasti*

September 23, 2026
Augustus' birthday

October 15, 2026
Vergil's birthday

November 15, 2026
Annual Reports Due

January 7–10, 2027
Eta Sigma Phi Next Generation Panel at the 2027 meeting of the Society for Classical Studies in Boston, MA

January 15, 2027
Deadline for submission of papers to be read at the Undergraduate Paper Panel at the 2027 Convention in Philadelphia, PA

January 29, 2027
Registration deadline for 2027 National Latin Exam

February 1, 2027
Deadline for submission of papers for the Eta Sigma Phi Next Generation Undergraduate Panel at the 2028 meeting of the Society for Classical Studies in Denver, CO

February 15, 2027
Application Deadline for all Eta Sigma Phi Scholarships

February 2027
Eta Sigma Phi Translation Exams Administered

March 1–19, 2027
Testing window for National Latin Exam

March 4, 2027
Exelauno Day

March 15, 2027
Beware of the Ides of March

March 12–14, 2027
99th Eta Sigma Phi Convention hosted by Zeta Beta Chapter of Temple University in Philadelphia, PA

March 20, 2027
Ovid's birthday

April 21, 2027
Rome's birthday

May 15, 2027
Chapter Reports Due



National Officers 2025–2026

Left to right:

Megale Prytanis, Violet Ecklund-Johnson, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

Megas Hyparchos, Martin Albright, Theta Beta at The University of Alabama

Megas Grammateus, Zachary Chen, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Megale Chrysophylax, Kailee Rowe, Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas

Lifetime Subscription to *NUNTIUS*

If you wish to continue receiving news about Eta Sigma Phi after graduation, you can receive a lifetime subscription to *NUNTIUS*, with payment of a one-time fee of $50.00 made payable to Eta Sigma Phi and mailed, along with this form to:

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Convention Program

THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION 20-22 MARCH 2026

AT THE INVITATION OF ETA ZETA TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY KIRKSVILLE, MO

Friday, March 20th

Transportation to campus will be provided upon request.
Parking on campus is open to all on weekends.

5:00-7:00 pm, *Down Under, Student Union Building*
Registration

6:30-7:30 pm, *Down Under, Student Union Building*
Birthday Party for Publius Ovidius Naso
20 March 43 BCE in Sulmo, Italia
Light refreshments will be served.

7:30-9:00 pm, *Down Under, Student Union Building*
Certamen
Transportation to the hotel will be provided afterwards.

Saturday, March 21st

Enjoy complimentary breakfast @ the hotel

8:20-8:50 am, *Holiday Inn Express & Suites*
Transportation from the hotel will be provided.

9:00-10:30 am, *Baldwin 102 - Little Theatre*
First Business Meeting
Megale Prytanis presiding

Minutes of the 97th Annual Convention
Megas Grammateus

Reports
1. Chapter Reports
2. Report of Contests
3. Report of Scholarships
4. Report of *Megale Chrysophylax*
5. Report of *Megas Hyparchos*
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Bids to host the 99th Annual Convention (2027)
9. Nominations for 2026-2027 National Officers

10:30-10:40 am, *Baldwin 102 - Little Theatre*
Break
Light refreshments will be served.

10:40-11:40 am, *Baldwin Little Theatre*
Presentation of Student Papers

1. Madison Grohman, Theta Tau at Stockton University
"The Role of Nausicaa in Homer's *Odyssey*: A New Approach"

2. Annie Spencer, Beta Psi at Rhodes College
"Parthenoi on Pottery in Athenian Funerary Contexts"

3. Zachary Chen, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
"ἅ τε παρθένος ἠΐθεός τε παρθένος ἠΐθεός: *Argonautica* 3.954-65 And Allusive Expansion or the Duel of Achilles and Hektor"

Convention Program (Continued)

12:00-1:00 pm, *SUB, Alumni Room*
Boxed lunches will be provided.

12:00-2:00 pm, *Student Union Building 3202 and 3203*
Latin (3202) and Greek (3203) Declamation Contests

Breakout Sessions
1:20-2:00 pm, repeated 2:10-2:50 pm

Session A
Baldwin Hall 301
Title: Winter to Spring in the Meters of Horace's Odes
Leader: Alex Tetlak, Truman State University
Description: Tired of the snow? Still want one more sweater-weather day? Horace the Epicurean wants us to enjoy every day—we will look at a few of his atmospheric odes and their meters, considering how their form contributes to their function.

Session B
Pickler Memorial Library 303, Special Collections
Title: Greek and Latin Early Printed Books and Ancient Artifacts
Leaders: Cheryl Musch, Truman Special Collections, and Amy Norgard, Truman State University
Description: Explore Truman's unique collection of Greek and Latin early printed books and ancient artifacts with this hands-on workshop. Items on display include a set of cuneiform tablets (2300 BCE), leaves from the first illustrated printed edition of Vergil's works (1502 CE), and a student exhibit of woodcuts inspired by *Aeneid* Book 6.

Session C
Baldwin Hall 308
Title: Playing with the Ancient World: Archaeogaming with Chants of Sennaar (2023)
Leader: Hannah Stark, Truman State University
Description: Do you like video games and language puzzles? Come see how the ancient world is a source of inspiration for modern video games in this play-thru and discussion of *Chants of Sennaar,* an indie game from Rundisc and an example of archaeogaming.

3:00-3:40 pm, *Various Rooms in Baldwin Hall*
Committee Meetings
1. New Chapters (Baldwin 301)
2. Finance (Baldwin 312)
3. Contests and Scholarships (Baldwin 302)
4. Convention (Baldwin 313)
5. Resolutions (Baldwin 308)
6. Officers (Baldwin 304)

4:00-5:00 pm, *Del & Norma Robison Planetarium in Magruder Hall*
Career Panel featuring recent Classics graduates:
Clarissa Goebel and Zara Callahan
plus
"Seven Wonders" (ancient wonders and star show)
Transportation from Magruder to the hotel will be provided.

5:00-6:30 pm, *Holiday Inn Express & Suites -* Prepare for Banquet
6:30-6:50 pm Transportation from the hotel will be provided.

7:00-9:00 pm, ***Activities Room, Student Union Building***
Banquet
Welcome by Dr. Sue Thomas
President, Truman State University
Awards Ceremony
vir et femina vestiti splendidissime
Certamen Award
Paper Award
Outreach Award
Greek Declamation Contest Winner
Latin Declamation Contest Winner
Lifetime Achievement Awards:
- Clifton Kreps, Professor Emeritus of Classics, Truman State University
- Daniel Levine, Professor Emeritus of Classics University of Arkansas

Transportation to the hotel will be provided afterwards.

Sunday, March 22nd

Enjoy complimentary breakfast @ the hotel

8:20-8:50 am, *Holiday Inn Express & Suites*
Transportation from the hotel will be provided.

9:00-10:20 am, *Baldwin 102 - Little Theatre*
Second Business Meeting,
Megale Prytanis presiding
1. Contest for Chapter Regalia
2. Committee Reports
3. Report of the Executive Secretary
4. Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees
5. Election of 2027 Convention Site
6. Resolutions and Amendments
7. Election of 2026-2027 National Officers
8. Installation of Officers

10:20-10:30 am, *Baldwin 102 - Little Theatre*
Break - Light refreshments will be served.

10:30-11:59 am, *Baldwin 102 - Little Theatre*
Second Business Meeting, continued
Closing Remarks

ΗΣΦ wishes to thank the National Latin Exam for providing the prizes for *Certamen* and other complimentary materials.

ΗΣΦ also wishes to thank the Truman State University Department of Languages & Linguistics for its support of our convention.

Gratias maximas vobis agimus!

Executive Secretary's Report

By Dr. Katherine Panagakos

Χαίρετε! Salvete! I'd like to start my report by acknowledging the chapters in attendance at our 98th Annual Eta Sigma Phi Convention:

- Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)
- Beta Psi (Rhodes College)
- Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)
- Delta Theta (Dickinson College)
- Delta Chi (St. Olaf College)
- Epsilon Epsilon (Rockford University)
- Zeta Beta (Temple University)
- Eta Delta (Hillsdale College)
- Eta Zeta (Truman State University)
- Theta Beta (University of Alabama)
- Theta Tau (Stockton University)



Dr. Katherine Panagokos

Thank you all for being here in Kirksville to celebrate Eta Sigma Phi.

I want to thank our amazing host chapter, Eta Zeta, for all their hard work and creativity in making the 98th convention superb. As some of you may know, Eta Zeta hosted our 93rd "Virtual" Convention in 2021, which was fantastic. We had *Taberna Trivia*, watched some classic Hercules, Zoomed a yoga session, and had a choice of five very cool break-out sessions. We also spoke with special guest David Elliott, author of *Bull* and many other works. David regaled us with his experiences as a creative writer, author, and fan of the Greco-Roman world. *Bull: A Novel* is a clever, dark, and modern reimagining of the minotaur. You should read it!

I'm so glad that Eta Zeta agreed to host again so soon because I really wanted to visit Kirksville and Truman State University. The weekend has been really wonderful. I think we can all agree on that.

In January, Eta Sigma Phi sponsored a panel at the Society for Classical Studies annual conference: The Next Generation: Papers by Undergraduates in Classics. Three students presented their papers (see their abstracts on page 41). This year's respondent respondent was Dr. Kenny Morrell of Rhodes College.

I'm happy to report on two reactivated chapters (to date): Delta Omicron at Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX) and Epsilon Tau at Beloit College (Beloit, WI).

Along with this happy news is the very sad news of the closing of Epsilon Eta at Kent State University, which became a chapter in our honorary in 1976. Dr. Radd Ehrman reported that there will no longer be a major in Greek, Latin, or Classics at Kent State.

The Board of Trustees has agreed to denote on the website chapters that are inactive either from entire or partial closure.

As of March 22, 2026, we have welcomed 291 new members this year. That is 5 more than last year at this time. Over the course of the next few months, we anticipate that number will increase to 700.

Thanks to the hard work, dedication, and impetus of Dr. Tom Sienkewicz, the *Nuntius* has nearly caught up. Under his guidance, we have three new issues (all available on the website): 96.2 (Spring 2023), 97.1-2 (2023-2024), and 98.1-2 (2024-2025). At the time of this writing, 99.1-2 (2025-2026) is underway. *MAXIMAS GRATIAS* TOM!

I encourage all chapters to submit original poetry, book and film reviews (Odyssey July 17, 2026!), original art, chapter news and outreach, and photos to the *Nuntius*.

Don't forget to submit the Annual Report by November 15 and the Chapter Report/*Res Gestae* by May 15. These reports are available on our website.

Annual Reports were submitted by the following chapters:

- Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney College)
- Delta Sigma (Univ. of California, Irvine)
- Epsilon Tau (Beloit College)
- Epsilon Xi (Gustavus Adolphus College)
- Eta Gamma (Loyola University of New Orleans)
- Eta Mu (University of California, Davis)
- Theta Tau (Stockton University)
- Kappa Zeta (Elon University)

Please visit our website at www.eta-sigmaphi.org for all sorts of information and to purchase regalia.

Finally, we extend a special thanks to the Eta Zeta Chapter.

Local Committee:

- Lillian Boehlke
- Wren Crocker
- Lauren Meitz
- Sagan Wilson
- Molly Wright

Chapter Advisors:

- Professor Bridget Thomas
- Professor Amy Norgard
- Professor Alex Tetlak

Chapter Officers:

- Emma Crutchfield (Prytanis)
- Hannah Stark (Hyparchos)
- Nolan Wilson (Grammateus)
- Wren Crocker (Historian)

Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees

In a remote meeting in May, 2025, the Board of Trustees voted to name as its chair Dr. Robert Holschuh Simmons of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College to replace Dr. Antonios Augoustakis of Alpha Kappa at the University of Illinois, whose term as chair was expiring. Many thanks to Dr. Augoustakis for his many years of service as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Eta Sigma Phi.

Here is Dr. Simmons' report on the recent activities of the Board of Trustees:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who came to the meeting, hosted by Eta Zeta of Truman State University, and made our convention once again a very enjoyable and successful one.

The duties of the Board of Trustees include financial and policy decisions, as well as personnel matters. As usual, the Trustees communicated electronically regarding different matters throughout the year and met in person as a group during the 2026 convention. Among matters that we discussed and, in most cases, resolved, either at those meetings or otherwise, were the following:

- *Nuntius*:
  - The Board discussed ways to express formal thanks to Tom Sienkewicz for his gargantuan efforts in assembling the 2023–2025 editions of the *Nuntius* and expressed willingness to do so for the 2026 edition as well, all on a volunteer basis.
  - Executive Director Panagakos noted that there is an advertisement for an ongoing editor in the current *Nuntius*, and one individual has expressed interest.
  - Pictures from the 2026 meeting and submission of them for potential use in this year's *Nuntius* were crowd-sourced to the attendees.
- Committee memberships in the organization remained mostly stable, with the following confirmations and changes:
  - Board member Joseph Garnjobst agreed to stay on as Translation Contest Coordinator.
  - Board member Daniel Levine, who has been the coordinator of the Greek contests for more than two decades, asked to step down from that role.
    - We are deeply grateful for Dr. Levine's conscientious service for all these years.
    - Bob Holschuh Simmons reached out to another candidate to take on the role, and that person agreed. (The person in that role must remain anonymous due to the nature of the position, we are sorry to say, but we are very grateful to her/him/them for taking it on.)
  - Kirsten Day of Augustana College agreed to continue in her role on the Summer Travel Scholarships Committee
  - The Bernice Fox Teacher Training Scholarship: Since there were no applicants in the last two years, we decided to let it build in value in each year in which it is not redeemed, so that, when it is, it has more value, with $2250 being the value of it for next year.
- Use of funds from the Masciantonio endowment:
  - There have been few applications for funds from it, but more demand for funds to travel to the annual meeting. There was thus discussion of whether funds from the Masciantonio bequest could be used for travel.
    - Executive Director Katherine Panagakos will check to see what the Masciantonio contract allows and what the parameters would be for setting up a separate account for travel to the meeting.
- SCS student panel in Boston in January, 2027:
  - Student submissions for it had already come in, and Executive



Robert Holschuh Simmons (l), Chair of the Board of Trustees, with Trustee Daniel Levine (r)

Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees (Continued)

Director Panagakos was on the brink of sending submissions out to the panel's judges.
  - She had a plan for a respondent and would soon reach out to that candidate.

- ESP's own paper presentation session:
  - There's no money for the paper winner as things currently are, but CAMWS membership instead.
  - Going forward, instead of that, the prize will be a check for $100.
- ESP-sponsored presentation session for undergrads at CAAS:
  - We decided to look into starting it again.
  - ESP would pay for CAAS memberships or registration fees for students in the sessions, and perhaps CAAS would pay for other student costs.
- ESP-sponsored presentation session for undergrads at CAMWS-Southern Section:
  - Not happening this year, because this year's version of the conference is facing some challenges.
- Paid staff:
  - The Board's resolutions, in 2025, to make some changes to ESP's paid staff were brought to a vote of the student membership in 2026, with the following outcomes:
    - The "Executive Secretary" title was changed to "Executive Director."
      - This name change will require another vote of confirmation in 2027.
    - The salary of that position was confirmed at $10,000.
  - New proposed position: Associate Executive Director
    - Proposed salary: $5000
      - Executive Director Panagakos proposed that, instead of this new position, the executive director position be divided into two jobs, one of which would handle membership and regalia, and the other of which would handle travel to conferences, coordination of sessions at SCS etc., and being the liaison for the convention.
      - The Board members decided that we should think through how to break down responsibilities and then have another brief meeting over the summer to confirm details.
- Website:
  - Needs a major overhaul. Plans?
    - Board member Daniel Levine, who will be CAMWS's president for the 2026–27 school year, noted that CAMWS is going to be changing its website as well, and it has a document of wishes for the web site that he shared with the Board.
    - It was decided that we should note on the site programs that are no longer active because their schools closed or canceled their Classics programs, to distinguish such programs from those that are simply inactive in ESP.
- Board member Joe Garnjobst asked Rockford University faculty member Yoandy Cabrera whether he could share documentation of how he got his school to approve his new Classics and Religion major, and Dr. Cabrera agreed to do so.
- Finally, and critically importantly, the Zeta Beta chapter of Temple University agreed to host the 2027 convention, with dates still to be determined!

I hope to see many of you next year at Temple University!

Quistis nos omnes feliciter tueatur!

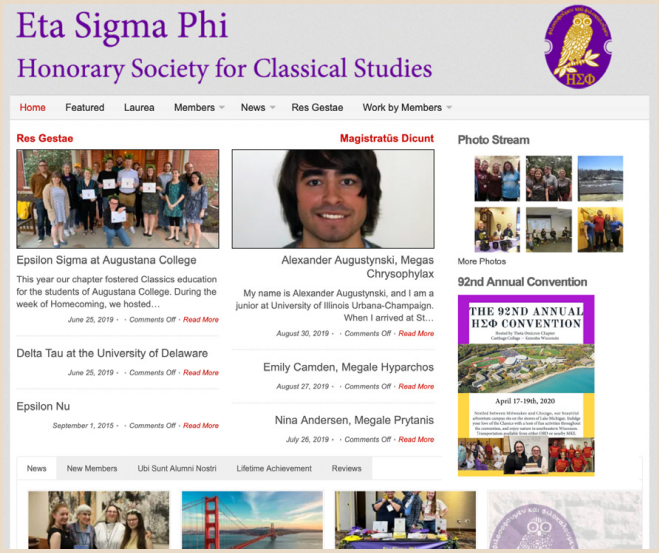
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Eta Sigma Phi Website

Take advantage of ΗΣΦ's national website. Powered by WordPress, the setup makes it easy for any registered personage to comment on others' work and publish their own.

If your chapter just pulled off a great event — tell us about it. If you've written a great Classics-related something — let us read it. If we all take advantage of the new website, it will provide convention-style collaboration and idea-trading in the comfort of our own homes.

To check it out, go to www.etasigmaphi.org.



Ovatio for Daniel B. Levine

By David Sick at the invitation of the Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi

As every educated person knows, Eta Sigma Phi would have been a far inferior organization for the last forty years but for the energetic participation of Daniel Levine. Dr. Levine was the advisor for the Beta Pi Chapter at the University of Arkansas from 1984 to 2026. The chapter was established in 1950, and so, by my calculation, he was the advisor for 55% of the chapter's existence. And, to the best of our knowledge, he was, at the time of his retirement in 2026, the longest serving advisor in this society that loves beauty and wisdom.

The word "participation" though hardly captures the extent of his investment in the society. Dr. Levine has served in numerous positions of leadership. He first caught the attention of the national society in 1995 when he was the local coordinator for the national convention when it was held in Fayetteville. This meeting has a prominent position in the lore of the society because of its Ozarkian spelunking expedition. After a lecture from Dr. Levine entitled "Caves in Ancient Greece," which according to one former Board member covered "every cave in the ancient world," thanks to an early application of Perseus, the delegates, advisors, and Board members descended into an Arkansan cave. One must imagine nattily-dressed professors, including the bow-tied Executive Secretary Brent Froberg, climbing into the dirt, dust, and cobwebs of a dark hole only to emerge into the Platonic light of wisdom. Many other attendees at conventions for the past thirty years have gained from Dr. Levine's creativity, vigor, and good humor. His name has become synonymous with our *certamina* and Resolutions Committee. He has also served on the Board of Trustees since 2003 and has been a member and chair of numerous committees over these years. Another former Board member describes Dr. Levine's contribution to our society as follows:



Danile Levine (r.) receiving his Lifetime Achievement Award Certificate from David Sick (l.)

> (He) has provided opportunity for laughter that diffuses taut situations or supports the most dignified purpose. Dan has his totally sober side as well, and his contributions to such undertakings as Eta Sigma Phi Board meetings have always been cogent and positive. What he has achieved in his lifetime has inspired all who have had the good fortune to make his acquaintance.

Ovatio for Daniel B. Levine (Continued)

Of course, Eta Sigma Phi has been only one focus in Dr. Levine's *curriculum vitae*. He has been an active member of the American School of Classical Studies, since his time as a student in an ASCSA Summer Session in 1974. He went on to direct Summer Sessions and Seminars himself in five different decades from the 1980s to the 2020s. In 2024 the American School honored his contributions with the *Aristeia* Award. He has also been dynamic member of the American Classical League, the Society for Classical Studies, and the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. He will serve as President of CAMWS for the 2026–27 academic year. And we should not omit his diverse research agenda including fifty published pieces and over sixty public presentations. His topics of interest range from feet in Aeschylus to hybris in Josephus to acorns among the rustics to the love of third-declension Latin nouns.

His most diligent professional attention has been reserved for the students, faculty, and community of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. When a young Daniel was trudging across the bridge to the library in -20 degree temperatures at the University of Minnesota or studying in the Blegen Library at the University of Cincinnati, surrounded by images of Minerva, dolphins, and owls, he could not have guessed that he would complete forty-five years of teaching, service, and scholarship among the scenic hills and forests of northwest Arkansas. His commitment to the university and the value of classical education has been profound. Consider, for example, the organizations and conferences he has addressed as a representative of his institution and our discipline: the Fayetteville Public Library, the University of Arkansas Teaching Academy, the Beyond the Holocaust lecture series, the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, University of Arkansas Fulbright Colloquium, the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food, the Arkansas Parks and Recreation Commission, the American School of Tangier, Morocco, to name a few. He has appeared in plays at the University, served on the Faculty Grievance Committee, the Fringe Benefits Committee, Promotion and Tenure, Fellowship Selection Committee—so many efforts to improve his community and demonstrate the relevance of our study of the ancient world.

Yet, as we in Eta Sigma Phi know, his greatest commitment is to his role as an educator, as a teacher, as a mentor. His skills in this regard have been recognized both by the University of Arkansas and the Society for Classical Studies. From the latter he received the Excellence in Teaching Award in 2001, but from the former, by my account, he has received fourteen different awards from schools and organizations at the University, including recognition as Outstanding Advisor, for his work with the Beta Pi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. His students may express our esteem best. Here are just three examples of their sentiment:

> …His passion for the language and teaching alike was so infectious that I was inspired to pursue my degree in Classics with a concentration in ancient languages. I carried his enthusiasm with me throughout these past four years, looking to him as a role model as I discovered my own passion for the study of classics and medieval history. When I think of what kind of professor I would like to be someday, I think of the wonderful, kindly Dr. Levine, who was — and still is — the foundation of our Classics Department.
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> His dedication extended well beyond the classroom…Perhaps most memorably, he opened his home to student groups, fostering a sense of community and a shared love for the classics; it is rare to find someone who ignites such lasting passion in his students. There is no one better suited for the title of ἄριστος διδάσκαλος than Dr. Levine.
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> The devotion and ardency that this man possesses for his peers, his pupils, and his career is unmatched. Σε ευχαριστώ, δάσκαλε, που φροντίζει για μένα όπως φροντίζει για τους δικούς σου. Με αγάπη…

I therefore call out to all educated people, please join me in honoring Dr. Daniel Levine*, et plaudite omnes, vos quaeso!*

ἡ συνουσία φιλελλήνων

Ovatio for Dr. Clifton Kreps

By Bridget Thomas at the invitation of the Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi

It is my honor and great pleasure to bestow an ETA SIGMA PHI Lifetime Achievement award to our colleague, teacher, and friend: Emeritus Professor of Classics Dr. Clifton Kreps.

Dr. Kreps earned his B.A. in Classics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1977 and an M.A. in Greek and Classical Archaeology, University of Texas at Austin, in 1981. He was a member of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens in1985-86 and earned a Ph.D. in Classics, University of Texas at Austin, in 1989, after defending his dissertation entitled "*Miasma in the Plays of Aeschylus*."

Dr. Kreps came to Truman State University in 1988 and was instrumental in building a Classics major program here soon after the school's mission change to become the state's premier public liberal arts and sciences university. He created courses. He built the major curriculum. He mentored dozens of Classics graduates. In many ways, he was an admirable helmsman (*kubernetes)* of Truman's Greek sequence, leading his students from the alpha, beta, gammas, through the arguments of Socrates in his *Apology*, all the way to the elaborate strains of his beloved tragedies and epics.

In addition to being an excellent Greek and Latin professor who published book reviews, presented scholarly papers, and trained hundreds of students (including many future teachers and more than a few seminarians), Dr. Kreps also did the harder work of managing a department as the first Chair of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages from 2007 to 2013. He was an excellent administrator, forging our identity as a department, overseeing hiring and other personnel issues, KEEPING HIS COOL, and supporting faculty and student research. (He was always generous in his support of student travel to Eta Sigma Phi conventions.)

We (Alex, Amy, and I) treasure most the memories of the annual Homerathon at his home on many a snowy night near year's end. His practice was to divide the lines of a single book of Homer's *Odyssey*, so that everyone had Greek lines to read aloud. How fitting it was to read an ancient story about a perversion of *xenia* (Cyclops episode from Od 9) while being treated to a full spread of Greek appetizers (thanks, Patti!), a roaring fireplace, some wine for adults 21+, and a fire poker perfectly placed for miming monster blinding (σίζει)!

Ha ha! But of course the best part was hearing only ancient Greek for a solid hour — hearing readers of all abilities sound out their hexameters, with Clifton's voice always sounding the most like music; we would all lean in a little the better to hear him.

Indeed, music and art are major forces in Clifton's work and leisure. He met his wife Patti, a painter and at that time an art history graduate student, pulling Classics slides at the Art History library in Austin. They brought their love of the arts to Kirkville and let it shine through their support of the Kirksville Arts Association and participation in its many area events.

Clifton performs (on electric guitar and voice) regularly at community venues with a blues band called "Deadwood" — they've been around for 30 years and are still going strong. We cannot count the number of wonderful evenings we've spent listening to Deadwood play at the local winery or "Summer on the Square" concert where people cannot resist the pull to the dance floor. (It's almost as if Terpsichore, the music of song and choral dance, summons them.) Rhythm is a Greek word, after all! It's such a pleasure to witness such a talented friend and colleague share his myriad talents outside of the classroom.



Clifton Kreps (r.) receiving his Lifetime Achievement Award Certificate from Bridget Thomas (l.)

Ovatio for Dr. Clifton Kreps (Continued)

And now I will close with three statements of student appreciation.

David Giovagnoli, Assistant Director, Scholarly Teaching Unit, Center for Integrated Professional Development, at Illinois State University, writes:

> I first met Dr. Kreps in 2007 when I arrived at his office for an advising appointment, soaking wet from the rain and without an umbrella. His bemused reaction gave me my first glimpse of what would become one of his most memorable qualities: he was unflappable, laid-back, and genuinely avuncular. In another word, professorial in the best sense.
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> As my advisor throughout my undergraduate years and into my master's program, Dr. Kreps was unfailingly patient — especially with a student whose Greek grammar far outpaced his vocabulary. By my later years at Truman State, our advanced Greek classes had shrunk to just two or three students, and I feel lucky to have gotten such close attention. He supervised independent studies during my graduate work and served on my thesis committee, all without additional compensation. His generosity with his time was extraordinary.
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> I also have fond memories of the Homerathons and Vergil Vigils he hosted at his home— informal gatherings that made the classical world feel less distant and more alive. His patience and his willingness to meet students where they were are qualities I continue to strive for in my own work as an educator.

Jennifer Ice, Latin Teacher at Saint Louis High School, writes:

> In many ways, I credit Dr. Kreps to where I am now. I spent so much time with him when I was at Truman and I was really fortunate to have an independent study with him my senior year. I remember meeting with him once a week or so to sit and read Seneca's "Thyestes" together. It was a lovely experience to be able to pick what I wanted to read || and to be able to read with Dr. Kreps was magical. He was so patient with me and so helpful and I appreciated his time immensely. I'm sure you know just how cool he is and I worshipped him. He had a sort of cult of personality around him. Iremember going to watch him perform in his Deadwood band. I think I even bought a CD. Dr. Kreps was key in my discernment for grad school and it really was with his encouragement that I went to UT-Austin (which he attended as well). Both Truman and UT gave me so much and I owe a big part of that to Dr. Kreps.

Matt Crutchfield, Latin Teacher at Clayton High School, writes:

> I first had Dr. Kreps for a Latin reading course. We read comedies by Plautus and Terrence. When Dr. Kreps introduced these works, he said we were reading these plays because they were funny. That was enough. From that course, through Greek, and the graduate Seminar, Dr. Kreps was a constant presence of calm and humor in my academic career. I fondly remember attending the Homerathon at his house and watching Deadwood play at the Dukum Inn. Thank your Dr. Kreps for your inspiration!

It is with a profound sense of gratitude that we recognize Dr. Clifton Kreps with this ETA SIGMA PHI Lifetime Achievement Award.

Congratulations, Clifton!



The Faculty at Truman State University celebrate their colleague, Clifton Kreps, and his Lifetime Achievement Award. Left to right, Alex Tetlak, Bridgit Thomas, Clifton Kreps, and Amy Norgard.

Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

Jane Hall of the National Latin Exam (2006)

Rudolph Masciantonio of Philadelphia Public Schools (2007)

Kenneth Kitchell of the University of Massachusetts Amherst (2008)

Adam D. Blistein of the Society for Classical Studies (2009)

Alice M. Sanford of Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School in Nashville, TN (2009)

Christine F. Sleeper of the National Latin Exam (2010)

Sally R. Davis of the National Latin Exam (2010)

Edward V. George at Texas Tech University (2011)

Robert LaBouce of Houston Public Schools (2011)

Susan Marquis of St. Theresa's Academy in Kansas City MO (2012)

Theodore A. Tarkow of the University of Missouri (2012)

Robert W. Ulery Jr. of Wake Forest College (2013)

Sr. Thérèse Marie Dougherty of the College of Notre Dame (2013)

Brent M. Froberg of Baylor University (2014)

Thomas J. Sienkewicz of Monmouth College (2014)

Martha Davis of Temple University (2015)

Fred Mench of Stockton University (2015)

Linda Montross of the National Latin Exam (2016)

Marty G. Abbott of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (2016)

Michele Valerie Ronnick of Wayne State University (2017)

Ruth Scodel of the University of Michigan (2017)

Judith P. Hallett of the University of Maryland (2018)

Hans-Frederick Mueller of Union College (2018)

James M. May of St. Olaf College (2019)

Stanely Iverson of Concordia College (2019)

Rebecca Harrison of Truman State University (2021)

David Sick of Rhodes College (2022)

Anne H. Groton of St. Olaf College (2023)

James J. Hessinger of the Educational Testing Service (2024)

Steve Reese of St. Olaf College (2025)

Daniel Levine of the University of Arkansas (2026)

Clifton Kreps of Truman State University (2026)

Exegerunt monumenta aere perenniora

On the Selection of Lifetime Achievement Awardees

Now that we have established the presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards as a part of the banquet activities at national conventions, the Board of Trustees invites the membership at large, and particularly the membership at the host institution, to submit nominations for these awards. The awardee should be a person who has pursued a long career in Classics, and who has contributed in an outstanding fashion to ΗΣΦ and to the discipline, especially as regards outreach into the community. The Board reserves the right to select the recipients (one or two each year) from the list of persons nominated.

Please send a CV of your nominee and a brief letter stating why you think he or she deserves our recognition. Materials should be sent to the Chair of the Board of Trustees or the Executive Secretary by 1 January preceding the convention in which the award is to be made.

A Festive Convention







March 20, 2026, the first day of the 98th Convention, was an appropriate occasion to celebrate Ovid's birthday. Delegates wore party hats as part of the celebration.

Many delegates signed a birthday card for Ovid.



A Festive Convention (Continued)







A Festive Convention (Continued)







Above, delegates to the 98th Convention

Right, Dr. Sue Thomas, President of Truman State University, welcoming delegates to the 98th Convention

Left, Yoandy Cabrera of Epsilon Epsilon at Rockford University, and Daniel Levine of Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas

A Festive Convention (Continued)



The members of the organizing committee for the 98th convention resting on their laurels after the banquet; left to right, Sagan Wilson, Lillian Boehlke, Wren Crocker, Molly Wright, Lauren Meitz of Eta Zeta at Truman State University



2025–2026 officers, left to right: Megale Prytanis Violet Ecklund-Johnson of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College; Megas Hyparchos Martin Albright of Theta Beta at The University of Alabama; Megas Grammateus Zachary Chen of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College; and Megale Chrysophylax Kailee Rowe of Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas

Eta Sigma Phi Medals

Eta Sigma Phi medals awarded to honor students in secondary school Latin classes help promote the study of Latin in high school and give Eta Sigma Phi an excellent contact with high school students of the Classics. Chapters can use them as prizes for contests or as a way to recognize achievement. In addition, chapters can award the medals to outstanding students of the Classics at their home institutions. Two silver medals are available: the large medal (1½ inches) and the small (¾ inch). A bronze medal (¾ inch) is available. The various medals can be awarded to students at various levels of their study. Medals may be ordered through the Eta Sigma Phi website. See www.etasigmaphi.org for order forms and prices.



A Festive Convention (Continued)

Special Collections







Delegates Exploring Truman's Unique Collection of Greek and Latin early printed books and ancient artifacts in Saturday afternoon's break-out session.



A Festive Convention (Continued)



Swearing in the newly-elected officers for 2026–2027; left to right, Megas Grammateus Zachary Chen of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College; Megas Hyparchos Martin Albright of Theta Beta at the University of Alabama; Megale Chrysophylax Sylvia Fleck of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College; and Megale Prytanis Julia Thomas of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College



This classical maiden statue is a centerpiece of the historic Sunken Garden on the campus of Truman State University.

Awards Presented at the 2026 Convention



Left, The Maenads: Jilliyn Iannace, Abigail Miller, Alice Thompson (Delta Theta, Dickinson), judged Feminae vestitae splendidissime at the banquet.

Below, The Goths (Violet Ecklund-Johnson, Sylvia Fleck, Lorelei Larson, Paavo Rundman, Julia Thomas, Alexander Van Etten, Emma Winkler Delta Chi, St. Olaf), judged Viri et Feminae Vestiti Spendissime at the banquet.

Vir et femina vestiti splendidissime:

The Maenads (Jilliyn Iannace, Abigail Miller, Alice Thompson of Delta Theta at Dickinson College)

and the Goths (Violet Ecklund-Johnson, Sylvia Fleck, Lorelei Larson, Paavo Rundman, Julia Thomas, Alexander Van Etten, Emma Winkler of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College).

Prize: $50



Awards Presented at the 2026 Convention (Continued)



The Ovidiots, the winning Certamen Team, left to right: Martin Albright of Theta Beta at the University of Alabama; Laura Medina and Frankie Tilbrook, both of Epsilon Epsilon at Rockford University; and Zachary Chen of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College.

Certamen Winners:

Team Ovidiots: **Zachary Chen** of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College, **Martin Albright** of Theta Beta at the University of Alabama, and **Frankie Tilbrook** and **Laura Medina** of Epsilon Epsilon at Rockford University.

Prize: Book

Best Paper:

Madison Grohman of Theta Tau at Stockton University for her paper "The Role of Nausikaa in Homer's *Odyssey*: A New Approach."

Prize: Publication of the Winning Paper in the *Nuntius* (see pp. 27–30) and a membership in CAMWS.

Outreach Award:

Theta Tau at Stockton University for its Latin Day Program which brought local middle and high school students to campus for hands-on, interactive activities.

Prize: $100

2026 Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Dr. Clifton Kreps of Truman State University (see pp. 12–13)

Dr. Daniel Levine of the University of Arkansas (see pp. 10–11)

Awards Presented at the 2026 Convention (Continued)

6th Annual Martha A. Davis Greek Declamation Contest:

2nd Place: **Zachary Chen** of Eta Delta at Hilldale College

1st Place: **Madison Grohman** of Theta Tau at Stockton University

Prizes:
2nd place: $50
1st place $100 and the honor of reading the declamation at the banquet

10th Annual Thomas J. Sienkewicz Latin Declamation Contest:

2nd Place: **Martin Albright** of Theta Beta at the University of Alabama

1st Place: **Zachary Chen** of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Prizes:
2nd place: $50
1st place $100 and the honor of reading the declamation at the banquet

Declamationes are judged on the following criteria:

1. **Pronunciation** (You may use any accepted pronunciation; e.g., classical or ecclesiastical; but be consistent.)
2. **Interpretation of the Text**
3. **Smoothness of Delivery**
4. **Appropriate Use of Gestures** (Use of costumes, props, and appropriate background is encouraged but is not necessary.)
5. **Demeanor**
6. **Textual Accuracy**



Madison Grohman of Theta Tau at Stockton University, winner of the Davis Greek Declamation Contest, recites a passage from Demosthenes' On the Crown, at the banquet



Zachary Chen of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College, Winner of the Sienkewicz Latin Declamation Contest, recites a passage from the Laudatio Turiae, at the banquet

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Rudolph Masciantonio Diversity Outreach Grant

Eta Sigma Phi, the national undergraduate honorary society, announces the Rudolph Masciantonio Diversity Outreach Grant. Any active chapter of Eta Sigma Phi is eligible to apply annually for a grant of up to $1000 in order to support the chapter's efforts to promote the Classics, especially in communities which are limited in their access to the study of the Greco-Roman world. Such communities include: various racially, ethnically, sexually (including LGBTQIA+), physically, and religiously disadvantaged groups; first-generation students (including those from immigrant families); those educated at schools which have abandoned Latin, Greek, and Classics; those for whom misunderstanding or bias has meant lack of prior exposure to the Greco-Roman past; and those for whom narrower definitions of "Classics" have meant denying the importance of other parts of the Mediterranean basin as legitimate parts of the ancient world.

This grant can be used to enable the chapter to purchase teaching materials, book prizes, museum admissions, and other activities (such as field trips) for the outreach group. Grants are made to Eta Sigma Phi chapters, not to their host departments, colleges, or universities.

In order to apply for this grant, a chapter must submit a 500-word description of the project and planned activity along with a budget. The deadline for submitting applications for the 2026–2027 academic year is October 1, 2026. Chapters receiving this grant will be required to submit a follow-up report for the 2027 convention. (Attendance at the convention by a member of the chapter is encouraged but not required. The report can be submitted *in absentia*.) Failure to submit this follow-up report for the convention will make the chapter ineligible to apply for another Masciantonio Grant for the following year. Grant recipients will also work with the editor of *Nuntius* in writing an article about the project, accompanied by several photos of participants, for the fall issue.

Chapters receiving this grant are eligible for the Outreach Prize awarded annually at convention to the chapter with the best outreach activity.

Rudolph Masciantonio devoted his teaching career to bringing the Classics to inner-city grade school children in the Philadelphia Public Schools. His generous bequest to Eta Sigma Phi funds this Diversity Outreach Award.

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98th Annual Eta Sigma Phi Convention Student Papers

The Role of Nausicaa in Homer's *Odyssey*: A New Approach

Madison Grohman, Theta Tau at Stockton University

Note: This paper was judged the best undergraduate paper read at the 98th Convention and therefore appears in full on pp. 27–30 of this issue of *Nuntius*.

Madison Grohman is a senior at Stockton University majoring in ancient Greek and Latin. She is grammateus of the Theta Tau chapter and has served as secretary of the OGRE (Order of Greco-Roman Enthusiasts) Club. One of her favorite pieces of Greco–Roman literature is Euripides' *Medea*. Madison is an avid art lover, interested in works from the High Renaissance and Impressionist movement. Madison had the opportunity to study Italian and put it to use in a trip to Italy in May 2024. She especially enjoyed the Uffizi Gallery. Next fall she will begin an M.A. in Classical Studies at Villanova University. One fun fact about Madison is that she is obsessed with hedgehogs.

Abstract
Several scholars, such as Gerald Vallillee and W.J. Woodhouse, have theorized that when writing Book VI, Homer borrowed from an earlier folk–tale about a shipwrecked hero–prince marrying a princess. They provided the athletic contest and the banquet that follows in Book VII as evidence that these events were held to celebrate the marriage of Nausicaa and Odysseus, rather than to welcome Odysseus into the Phaeacian kingdom. Because of Homer's mutilation of this folk–tale, Book VI has disappointed many scholars and has led them to discount its significance to the narrative. Scholars have also depicted Nausicaa as a minor character that Homer included to be an object of temptation, another obstacle for Odysseus to overcome. However, in this paper, I aim to show that Book VI is not simply a tale of a missed opportunity for romance. It is the pivotal point in the story where he meets hope again, hope that he has not seen in quite some time. The hope that he encounters comes in the form of Princess Nausicaa. Nausicaa is more than just a source of lust. She plays a crucial role in Odysseus' return home. Through close examination of certain passages in Book VI, I will demonstrate how she is more independent and courageous for a young woman during this time period and how these features add to her complexity. I will also show why Nausicaa's character deserves more recognition than past scholars have attributed to her.

Parthenoi on Pottery in Athenian Funerary Contexts

Annie Spencer, Beta Psi at Rhodes College

Annie Spencer is a junior Ancient Mediterranean Studies and Anthropology/Sociology double major at Rhodes College. Her favorite Greek text is the *Odyssey*, but she is currently reading and enjoying Xenophon's *Symposium* in Greek. She is the president of the Rhodes College Dance Company, is a member of Rhodes Theatre Guild, works in the Rhodes College McCoy Theater, is a member of the Chi Omega sorority, is on the executive board for the Anthropology/Sociology club, and is the secretary of the Beta Psi chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. She attended the American School of Classical Studies at Athens last summer and was able to walk on the Parthenon!

Abstract
A large part of what we know about death and burials in ancient Greece comes from vase paintings. The vases, created by people and for people, when approached anthropologically provide context for the way the Greeks lived and the values they hold dear. In this case, it is important to acknowledge the driving force of funerary and burial practices themselves: women.

I am speculating how death reflects the important role of women when it comes to burials and funerals, as well as how young, unmarried women, or *parthenoi*, are depicted on their own funerary vases. Women are so often the ones burying their relatives, so when it is a woman, especially an unmarried woman that has died, it changes the dynamic of the tradition. The most common funerary pottery that is used in the case of an unmarried woman is the loutrophoros.

Used as grave markers for the deceased, the loutrophoros is a vessel that carries water, specifically, the water that is used for nuptial baths. A loutrophoros-hydria was used to signify a deceased unmarried woman, but lekythoi were also used as they provide oils that serve as grave markers for the dead. They typically depicted the deceased women, as well as some of the family members of the deceased. These vases are able to tell us the significance of the roles of women and some Athenian funerary and marriage practices.

Student Papers (Continued)

ἅ τε παρθένος ἠΐθεός τε παρθένος ἠΐθεός: Argonautica 3.954-65 And Allusive Expansion on the Duel of Achilles and Hektor

Zachary Chen, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Zachary Chen is a junior at Hillsdale College studying Latin, Greek, and German. He is broadly interested in intertextuality and allusion, Homeric and Hellenistic epic, Augustan-era Latin poetry, and Dante's *Divine Comedy.* Outside of his academic pursuits, Zachary can be found reading, hiking, or singing in choir.

Abstract

Homeric allusions, especially to the Dog Star similes of Homer's *Iliad*, are well-documented in studies of Apollonius Rhodius' meeting between Jason and Medea at *Argonautica* 3.954-65. In this paper, I argue that the passage also contains a broader Apollonian incorporation of *Iliad* 22.1-130. Building on prior treatments, which have convincingly read the scene as a literary successor to the duel of Achilles and Hektor, I hope to show that the Homeric resonances of *Argonautica* 3.954-65 extend well beyond the Dog Star intertexts. Apollonius expands and transforms Hektor's short παρθένοι simile, thereby recasting an idyllic Homeric impossibility as an ominous Apollonian necessity and demonstrating the inversion of heroic into erotic epic.



Student panelists, left to right, Zachary Chen of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College, Anne Spenser of Beta Psi at Rhodes College, and Madison Grohman of Theta Tau at Stockton University

The Role of Nausicaa in Homer's *Odyssey*: A New Approach

Madison Grohman, Theta Tau at Stockton University

This paper was judged by an anonymous group of judges to be the best paper read in the undergraduate panel at the 2026 Convention.

Book VI is the shortest book in Homer's *Odyssey*,[1] yet it has raised much speculation from scholars about its purpose in the narrative. Some, like Justin Glenn, believe that Homer has "borrowed his Phaeacian tale from a timeless folktale of a shipwrecked hero–prince who wins a princess bride after defeating all comers in trials of strength. The story originally contained many romantic elements, culminating in the marriage of the hero and princess."[2] However, despite this theory, Odysseus and Nausicaa do not marry, leaving several scholars dismayed. Gerald Vallillee describes Homer's portrayal of the Nausicaa episode as a "tragic artistic blunder."[3] Vallillee, having examined W.J. Woodhouse's analysis[4] of Book VI, is disappointed that Homer does not have Nausicaa and Odysseus marry; and he highlights certain events, like the athletic contest in Book VII, that would lead one to infer that their marriage took place. He states, "The meeting of all the Phaeacians, the great value of the gifts they bear, the athletic contests, the dance and the banquet–all point to a wedding feast, not to the entertainment of an unknown stranger."[5] While Vallillee and Woodhouse make a strong argument, perhaps Book VI can be seen as something other than a tale of a missed opportunity for romance. What if Nausicaa were viewed in a different light, not as an object of temptation but rather as a more pivotal character than scholars have depicted her? By examining certain passages in Book VI, I will demonstrate how crucial Nausicaa's role is in Odysseus' return home.

Book VI opens with Princess Nausicaa's peaceful slumber, a drastic shift from the tumultuous storm and shipwreck that Odysseus endured in Book V. Nausicaa is the daughter of Alcinous, king of the hospitable Phaeacians. As she sleeps, Athena, disguised as her best friend, visits her in a dream. She scolds her for being lazy and allowing her dirty clothes to heap up in piles in her bed chamber. Athena says (VI.27–38):

> "σοὶ δὲ γάμος σχεδόν ἐστιν ἵνα χρὴ καλὰ μὲν αὐτὴν | ἔννυσθαι"
> "You will marry soon, so it is necessary to dress [yourself] in beautiful clothes."[6]

Then, she adds (VI.34–35):

> "ἤδη γάρ σε μνῶνται ἀριστῆες κατὰ δῆμον | πάντων Φαιήκων"
> "For already, the best men in the land of the Phaeacians court you."

Nausicaa is at the age where she will soon marry; and since she already has suitors fancying her, she must appear well–kept. Therefore, Athena advises Nausicaa to wash her clothes in the river once the sun rises.

The next day, Nausicaa, mindful of her dream, goes to the river with her handmaids to do the laundry. It is here where she encounters Odysseus. At first, she and her handmaids are startled by Odysseus' disheveled appearance. While her handmaids scream and run around frantically, Nausicaa remains steadfast, for Athena had put courage in her heart. Nausicaa advises Odysseus in his return home to Ithaca. She orders her handmaids to bathe and dress him and then to give him food and drink. Next, she suggests that Odysseus seek help from her mother and father.

In the laundry scene, Nausicaa defies these traditional gender and status roles…

After advising Odysseus, Nausicaa rides back to the palace ahead of him, for she does not want people to see her in town with a foreigner and think that she plans on marrying Odysseus over any of her Phaeacian suitors. Nausicaa rarely appears again after her departure,[7] leading scholars to disregard her significance to the plot. However, after a deeper analysis, Nausicaa emerges as more than just a minor character in the epic.

In ancient Greece, women played a passive role in society. Their responsibilities were centered in the home on activities such as weaving, cooking, and taking care of their families while their husbands worked. Women were rarely allowed to leave the home; but when they did, they were accompanied by a male chaperone or relative.[8] Upper–class women would have had no need to leave, for "slaves did any duty outside the home, such as fetching water or shopping at markets."[9] In the laundry scene in Book VI, Nausicaa defies these traditional gender and status roles, showing that she is not a typical young woman. After Athena tells her to do her laundry, Nausicaa, although she is royalty and could have easily bid her slaves to do this work, decides to go to the river herself along with her handmaids to wash her and her family's clothes. Since laundry was the task of servants, it would have been unusual for a princess to be doing such a chore; yet Nausicaa does just this. While Nausicaa's domestic duties can be attributed to Athena's will, she defies another status and gender norm, further demonstrating her more independent nature. This second act of defiance takes place during her journey to the river.

Nausicaa drives herself and her handmaids to the river in a wagon. (VI.81–82):

> "ἡ δ' ἔλαβεν μάστιγα καὶ ἡνία σιγαλόεντα, | μάστιξεν δ' ἐλάαν"
> "She seized the whip and glittering reins, and she whipped the mules to drive away."

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Typically, women in ancient Greece, especially those of the upper class, did not drive themselves because of their limited mobility. What makes Nausicaa's driving to the river more intriguing is that she went with no other male, accompanied only by her handmaids. Not only is Nausicaa more independent than most women, but she is also braver.

The girls' first encounter with Odysseus is frightening, though not for Nausicaa. (VI.130–136):

"βῆ δ' ἴμεν ὥς τε λέων ὀρεσίτροφος ἀλκὶ πεποιθως,
ὅς τ' εἶσ' ὑόμενος καὶ ἀήμενος, ἐν δέ οἱ ὄσσε δαίεται:
αὐτὰρ ὁ βουσὶ μετέρχεται ἢ οἰεσσιν
ἠὲ μετ' ἀγροτέρας ἐλάφους: κέλεται
δέ έ γαστὴρ μήλων πειρήσοντα καὶ ἐς
πυκινὸν δόμον ἐλθεῖν:
ὣς Ὀδυσεὺς κούρησιν ἐυπλοκάμοισιν
ἔμελλε μίξεσθαι, γυμνός περ ἐών: χρειὼ
γὰρ ἵκανε."

"He went to go, like a mountain–bred lion trusting in his strength, who appeared rained on and beaten by the wind, and his eyes blazed like fire; nevertheless, he pursued the oxen or the sheep, or he went after the wild deer; his belly urged him to make an attempt on the sheep and to go toward their compact fold: so Odysseus was about to mix with the fairhaired maidens, being completely naked: for need came to him."

Homer compares Odysseus to a hungry mountain lion on the prowl for food. Naked and disheveled, he approaches Nausicaa and her handmaids as if they are innocent sheep. The handmaids scream, running to and fro, but Nausicaa is not afraid. (VI.139–140):

"οἵη δ' Ἀλκινόου θυγάτηρ μένε· τῇ γὰρ Ἀθήνη θάρσος
ἐνὶ φρεσὶ θῆκε καὶ ἐκ δέος εἵλετο γυίων."

"Only the daughter of Alcinous stayed: for Athena placed courage in her heart and seized the fear from her limbs."

She kindly greets Odysseus and promises to provide food and clothes for him. While Nausicaa's courage in this scene is partly due to Athena's intervention, perhaps her young and naive nature also plays a role.

Nausicaa is referred to as a κούρη (maiden); but she will not be called this for much longer. With marriage, and her suitors, encroaching upon her, Nausicaa will eventually become a γύνη (woman/wife).[10] This transition is visible when she plays catch with her handmaids while she waits for the laundry to dry. (VI.99–100):

"αὐταρ ἐπεὶ σίτου τάρφθεν δμῳαί τε καὶ αὐτή, σφαίρῃ
ταὶ δ' ἄρ' ἔπαιζον, ἀπὸ κρήδεμνα βαλοῦσαι."

"But after both Nausicaa and her female servants enjoyed their food, they played with a ball, having cast away their veils."

In ancient Greece, the κρήδεμνον (veil) protected a female's purity. Κρήδεμνον can also be translated as 'city walls.' Lloyd Llewellyn–Jones writes, "In an epic context, the female veil and the defensive walls of a city–state are regarded as systematically analogous. The Iliadic phrase κρήδεμνον λύεσθαι, 'to loose a veil/covering/wall,' is used as a vivid metaphor for the sacking of a city and for the breaching of a woman's chastity."[11] By casting away her κρήδεμνον, Nausicaa is breaking away from girlhood; she is maturing into a woman while also making herself more vulnerable. However, she says something later to her handmaids regarding the treatment of Odysseus which illustrates how she still holds onto her naivety during her transition to womanhood. (VI.201–205):

"In an epic context, the female veil and the defensive walls of a city–state are regarded as… analogous."

"οὐκ ἔσθ' οὗτος ἀνὴρ διερὸς βροτὸς
οὐδὲ γένηται, ὅς κεν Φαιήκων ἀνδρῶν
ἐς γαῖαν ἵκηται
δηιοτῆτα φέρων· μάλα γὰρ φίλοι
ἀθανάτοισιν. οἰκέομεν δ' ἀπάνευθε
πολυκλύστῳ ἐνὶ πόντῳ, ἔσχατοι, οὐδέ
τις ἄμμι βροτῶν ἐπιμίσγεται ἄλλος."

"Up to now, there is no mortal man alive who has come to the land of Phaeacian men
bearing strife; for we are very loved by the immortal gods. We live far away in the stormy sea,
the farthest, and no other among mortals mingles with us."

This is quite a strong statement for Nausicaa to make, but her innocence allows her to view foreigners as mainly virtuous. Geoffrey Riddehough notes that Nausicaa's life was "unusually comfortable and sheltered."[12] Due to her lack of experience and social contact outside of Phaeacia, she assumes the best in people. Her naivety plays to Odysseus' advantage, providing him with hope.

Woodhouse writes, "Who does not feel that there is something hard and unsatisfying in this ending of her first passion?"[13] Yes, there are instances where Odysseus is enamoured by Nausicaa's beauty. He compares her looks to those of Artemis and even says (VI.160–161):

"οὐ γάρ πω τοιοῦτον ἴδον βροτὸν ὀφθαλμοῖσιν,
οὔτ' ἄνδρ' οὔτε γυναῖκα· σέβας μ' ἔχει εἰσορόωντα."

"For never have I seen such a mortal with my eyes, neither man nor woman; awe holds me as I look upon you."

Although Odysseus finds Nausicaa beautiful, perhaps his admiration for her is something other than a sexual attraction. He says to her (VI.162–169):

"Δήλῳ δή ποτε τοῖον Ἀπόλλωνος παρὰ βωμῷ φοίνικος
νέον ἔρνος ἀνερχόμενον ἐνόησα· ἦλθον γὰρ καὶ κεῖσε,
πολὺς δέ μοι ἕσπετο λαός, τὴν ὁδὸν ᾗ δὴ μέλλεν
ἐμοὶ κακὰ κήδε' ἔσεσθαι. ὣς δ' αὔτως καὶ κεῖνο ἰδὼν
ἐτεθήπεα θυμῷ δήν, ἐπεὶ οὔ πω τοῖον ἀνήλυθεν ἐκ δόρυ
γαίης,

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ὡς σέ, γύναι, ἄγαμαι τε τέθηπά τε, δείδια δ' αἰνῶς
γούνων ἅψασθαι· χαλεπὸν δέ με πένθος ἱκάνει."
"Once in Delos, I saw such a thing, a young palm
having risen beside the altar of Apollo;
for I went there, and many men followed me,
a journey upon which evil troubles were destined to be
mine.
Even so, after seeing that palm, I was amazed in my spirit
for a while, since such a tree had never risen from the
ground, so you, lady, I admire and am amazed, and I
am dreadfully afraid to grasp your knees; painful grief
has come upon me."

Apollo's mother, Leto, gave birth to him and Artemis under a palm tree (presumably, the date palm) in Delos.[14] The date palm's genus is *Phoenix*, derived from the Greek word φοῖνιξ, meaning 'palm tree.' The palm is also connected with the mythical Phoenix. The earliest tales of the Phoenix originated in ancient Egypt during the Old Kingdom (c. 2700–2200 BCE). According to the tale, a red–and–purple–plumed Bennu bird would visit the temple of the Sun God Ra. There, the bird was burned upon a pyre and reborn from its ashes.[15] The Greeks and Romans borrowed from this myth; they called the bird Φοῖνιξ, which can also mean 'reddish–purple' in Greek, referring to the Bennu's plumage. In the 4th century CE, the Roman poet Claudian substituted Phoebus Apollo for Ra, who is associated with the sun in Greek mythology. Claudian wrote:

"quem procul adductis vidit cum Phoebus habenis, stat
subito dictisque pium solatur alumnum:
'o senium positure rogo falsisque sepulcris natales
habiture vices, qui saepe renasci exitio proprioque soles
pubescere leto, accipe principium rursus corpusque
coactum desere. mutata melior procede figura.'"[16]

"When Phoebus saw him [Phoenix] far away, having
tightened the reins,
he suddenly stood up and comforted his pious foster
son with these words: 'Oh, you who are about to place
old age on the pyre and with false tombs
are about to have an alternate birth, you who often are
born from destruction and are renewed by your own
death, receive your beginning again and abandon the
body. Proceed better with a changed appearance.'"[17]

As the Phoenix represents rebirth, so does the date palm. The palm's leaves rise in the air similar to how the Phoenix arose from its ashes. Odysseus compares Nausicaa to a palm tree because, in a way, she symbolizes his rebirth. Odysseus is at his lowest point when he meets Nausicaa. Every attempt he has made so far to return home has failed somehow, whether that be his men loosening the winds of King Aeolus or his ship being battered by Poseidon. His arrival at Phaeacia seems like déjà vu. He is stranded on yet another beautiful island and has met an even more beautiful female. Circe and Calypso set him back several years, leading one to think that Nausicaa would do the same. However, Nausicaa does not take advantage of Odysseus. Because of her xenia, Odysseus sees a glimmer of hope within Nausicaa, hope that he has not seen in a long time. If Odysseus had felt romantically towards Nausicaa, he would have given into temptation, like he did with Calypso and Circe; but he does not. He could have easily overpowered Nausicaa; but instead he respects her and is even afraid to touch her knees. He does not act lustfully towards her. Therefore, it seems like he is not sexually attracted to her nor does it seem that he has intentions of marrying her, as Vallillee and Woodhouse have suggested.

Odysseus compares Nausicaa to a palm tree because, in a way, she symbolizes his rebirth.

Book VI has disappointed several scholars. They believe that Homer unsuccessfully borrowed from an earlier folk–tale when creating the Nausicaa episode. Because of their dismay, scholars have discredited the significance of Book VI as well as Nausicaa's role in the narrative. Riddehough remarked, "In the *Odyssey*, Nausicaa is only a minor character; more than that she cannot be."[18] However, I have highlighted that Nausicaa plays a much more crucial role in the epic than scholars have attributed to her. Similar to how Phoebus Apollo caused the rebirth of the Phoenix, Nausicaa is responsible for Odysseus' new beginning. Ultimately, she saves Odysseus; and while she is aware that she has done a great deed, she does not need praise from others to feel justified in her actions.

Notes

[1] In the Greek text, Book VI is three hundred thirty–one lines, compared to the other twenty–three books which contain at least four hundred lines.

[2] Justin Glenn, "Odysseus Confronts Nausicaa: The Lion Simile of *Odyssey* VI.130–136," *The Classical World*, 1998, 115.

[3] Gerald Vallillee, "The Nausicaa Episode," *The Phoenix*, Winter 1955, 179.

[4] W.J. Woodhouse, "Nausikaa's Romance," in *The Composition of Homer's* Odyssey (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1930), 54–65.

[5] Vallillee, 176.

[6] Unless noted otherwise, all English translations are my own.

[7] Although she is talked about in Book VII, Nausicaa does not physically appear again until VIII.460–462, where she bids farewell to Odysseus.

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[8] Kay O'Pry, "Social and Political Roles of Women in Athens and Sparta," *Saber and Scroll*, Jan. 2012, 9.
[9] Ibid.
[10] Nausicaa is referred to as a γύνη once in the epic, by Odysseus, interestingly, at VI.168.
[11] Lloyd Llewellyn–Jones, "House and Veil in Ancient Greece," *British School at Athens Studies*, 2007, 252.
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[13] Woodhouse, 64.
[14] *Homeric Hymn 3 to Delian Apollo*, trans. H.G. Evelyn–White (New Haven: Harvard University Press, 1914), 333.
[15] "The Bennu Bird," The Iseum Sanctuary, May 14, 2019, https://iseumsanctuary.com/2019/05/14/the-bennu-bird/
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2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 1
What is now Truman State University was originally founded in 1867 by Joseph Baldwin, where a building named Baldwin Hall was later erected [It burned in 1924.] In honor of his 100th birthday, the school in 1927 commissioned a statue of Joseph Baldwin. The sculptor was not able to cast the piece in time, so the school unveiled a plaster cast painted bronze at the dedication ceremony in October. The completed bronze statue was erected the following April, in time for spring commencement.

Here's the tossup:
Give a noun in ancient Greek or Latin for 'statue,' or for 'bronze.'
Latin: STATUA/SIMULACRUM/SIGNUM… AES/PYROPUS/AERAMEN
Greek: ΑΓΑΛΜΑ/ΑΝΔΡΙΟΝ … ΧΑΛΚΟΣ

BONUS 1 If the word Missouri were a second-declension masculine plural nominative noun, what would its nominative singular form be?
MISSOURUS

BONUS 2 What would its genitive plural form be?
MISSOURORUM

BONUS 3 What would its vocative singular form be?
[O] MISSOURE

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 2
In 1967 Truman State erected the aptly named Bell Wall on its campus, which, as its name implies, is a wall that contains five bronze bells which were taken from other buildings in Northeast Missouri.

Here's the tossup:
Give a noun in ancient Greek or Latin for 'bell,' or 'bronze.'
Latin: CAMPANA/TININNABULUM…. AES/PYROPUS/AERAMEN
Greek: ΚΩΔΩΝ/ΚΩΔΩΝΙΝΟΝ…. ΧΑΛΚΟΣ

BONUS 1 Answer in Latin: How many letters are there in the Latin word TINTINNABULUM?
TREDECIM

BONUS 2 What is a Latin word for 'wall'?
MURUS/PARIES/MACERIA/VALLUM/MOENIA

BONUS 3 What is an ancient Greek word for 'wall'?
ΤΟΙΧΟΣ/ΤΕΙΧΟΣ

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 3
In 1974, Gail Albright, retired assistant professor of speech, wrote the Truman fight song, *Hail to the Bulldogs!*

Here is the Tossup:

How would you say "Hail, O Dogs" in Latin?
AVETE/SALVETE, O CANES!

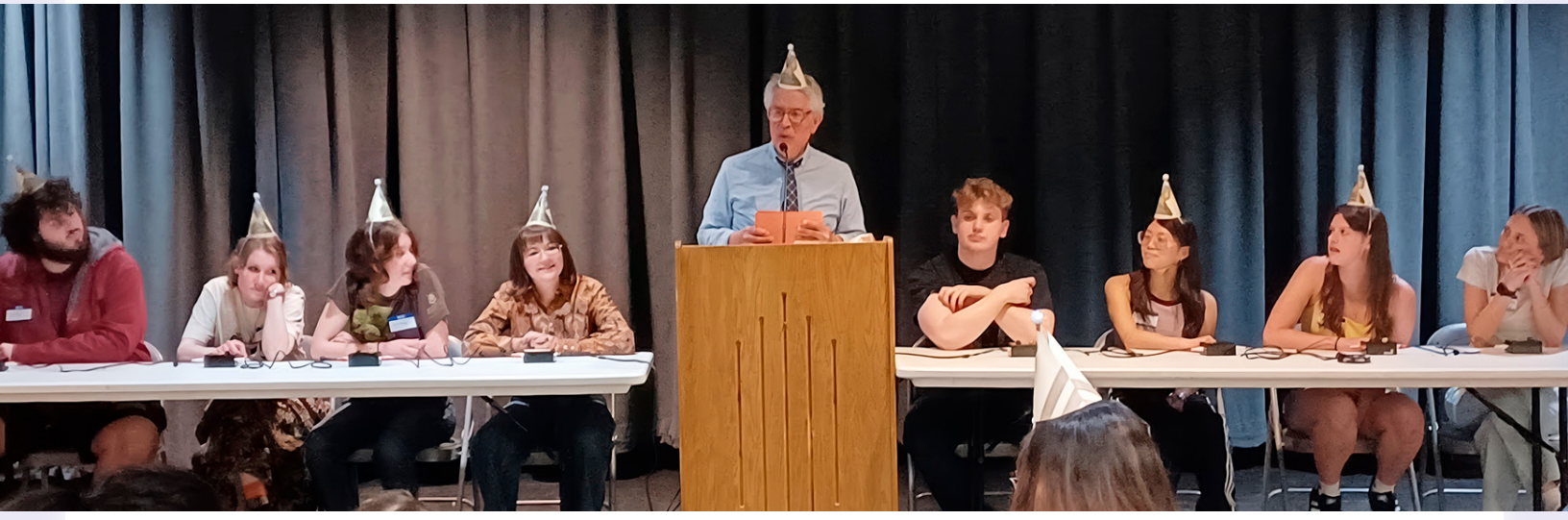
BONUS 1 What is the dative plural of CANES?
CANIBUS

BONUS 2 What is a Greek word for 'BULL'?
ΤΑΥΡΟΣ/ΒΟΥΣ

BONUS 3 What is a Latin word for 'BULL'?
TAURUS/BOS

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 4
Which ancient Greek city-state issued coins with an image of Athena on the obverse and an owl on the reverse?
ATHENS

BONUS 1
Which ancient Greek city-state issued coins with an image of a turtle on the obverse?
AEGINA



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BONUS 2
Which ancient Greek city-state issued coins with an image of Pegasus on the obverse?
CORINTH

BONUS 3
Which ancient Greek city-state issued coins with an image of the nymph Arethusa on the obverse?
SYRACUSE

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 5
What is the Greek motto of Eta Sigma Phi?
ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΟΥΜΕΝ ΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΟΚΑΛΟΥΜΕΝ

BONUS 1
What name do the letters eta, sigma, and phi stand for?
Η ΣΥΝΟΥΣΙΑ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ

BONUS 2
What do these three words mean?
The Society of Philhellenes

BONUS 3
What is the literal meaning of the title *Chrysophylax*?
Gold Guarder

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 6
What do the words ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΟΥΜΕΝ ΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΟΚΑΛΟΥΜΕΝ mean?
WE LOVE WISDOM AND WE LOVE THE GOOD/BEAUTY

BONUS 1
From what literary work does this motto of ours derive?
THUCYDIDES *HISTORY OF PELOPONNESIAN WAR*

BONUS 2
Who are the "We" in the expression as originally used?
ATHENIANS

BONUS 3
Whose speech did Thucydides quote when he wrote these words?
PERICLES

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 7
Who was the author of the *Satyricon*?
PETRONIUS ARBITER

BONUS 1
Who was the author of the *Apocolocyntosis of Divine Claudius*?
LUCIUS ANNAEUS SENECA (THE YOUNGER)

BONUS 2
Who was the author of the *Letters of Pliny the Younger*? [An extra point is possible if you give at least two parts of his Latin name.]
PLINY THE YOUNGER. LATIN:GAIUS PLINIUS CAECILIUS SECUNDUS

BONUS 3
Who was the author of *De Rerum Natura*? [An extra point is possible if you give at least two parts of his Latin name.]
LUCRETIUS LATIN: TITUS LUCRETIUS CARUS

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 8
Who was the author of Cicero's Philippic orations? [an extra point is possible if you give at least two parts of his Latin name.]
CICERO LATIN: MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO

BONUS 1
Against whom were Cicero's Philippics directed? [An extra point is possible if you give at least two parts of his Latin name.]
ANTONY LATIN: MARCUS ANTONIUS MARCI FILIUS MARCI NEPOS

BONUS 2
Why were these speeches called "Philippics"?
THEY RESEMBLED DEMOSTHENES' ORATIONS AGAINST PHILIP II OF MACEDON

BONUS 3
How did Mark Antony's reaction to Cicero's Philippics affect Cicero's life?
PROSCRIPTION AND DEATH

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 9
The triumph of Augustus in 27 BCE marked the change between what two Roman historical periods?
ROMAN REPUBLIC AND ROMAN EMPIRE

BONUS QUESTIONS
Tell us whether the three following occurred during the Roman Republic or the Roman Empire.

BONUS 1
The death of the poet Vergil
EMPIRE

BONUS 2
The death of the Gracchi brothers
REPUBLIC

BONUS 3
The death of Lucius Aelius Sejanus
EMPIRE

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 10
What is the genre of the writings of Marcus Fabius Quintilianus, also known as Quintilian?
RHETORIC/ORATORY

BONUS 1
From what language is the English word 'oratory' derived?
LATIN

BONUS 2
From what language is the English word 'rhetoric' derived?
GREEK

BONUS 3
What influence did Quintilian's masterwork *INSTITUTIO ORAT*ORIA have on the speeches of Cicero?
NONE. CICERO DIED (43 BCE) BEFORE QUINTILIAN WAS BORN (35 CE)

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 11
What was the name of the city in Epirus that Octavian founded to commemorate his Victory over Antony and Cleopatra in the Battle of Actium (31 BCE)?
NICOPOLIS (Νίκη, Victory Town)

BONUS 1
What was the name of the city where Alexander the Great supposedly solved a very knotty problem?
GORDION (The Gordian Knot. Phrygia)

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BONUS 2
What was the name of the Thracian city near where the Lysander and the Spartans defeated the Athenian fleet at the end of the Peloponnesian War, whose name means 'goat's rivers'?
AEGISPOTAMI

BONUS 3
What was the name of the Great Big City in the Peloponnese that Epaminondas founded to be the center of an anti-Spartan Arcadian Confederacy after the Theban victory in the Battle of Leuctra of 371 BCE?
MEGALOPOLIS (ἡ μεγάλη πόλις)

2026 CETTAMEN TOSSUP 12
As all educated people know, on July 17, 2026, Christopher Nolan will release a film based on an ancient Greek epic poem. Name that epic poem.
ODYSSEY

BONUS 1
Name the epic poem that Vergil wrote about the founding of Rome.
AENEID

BONUS 2
Name the epic poem by Apollonius of Rhodes about the expedition of Jason.
ARGONAUTICA

BONUS 3
Name the epic poem by Lucretius that deals with Epicurean philosophy and atomic theory.
DE RERUM NATURA

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 13
Some cities in North America are named for ancient people and places. Give the name and one fact about the eponymous namesake of the Ohio city of Cincinnati.
CINCINNATUS ROMAN FARMER, SOLDIER, AND DICTATOR

BONUS 1
What is the name and classical origin of the city in New York state where Cornell University is located?
ITHACA. HOME OF ODYSSEUS

BONUS 2
What is the name and classical origin of the city in Georgia where the University of Georgia is located?
ATHENS. CITY IN GREECE. ATHENA.

BONUS 3
What tiny Missouri village in Pike County (69 miles from Kirksville) is named after the Greek mythic Keeper of the Winds?
EOLIA, MO.
[Wikipedia: because the day on which the surveying was done was one of the windiest the surveyor had ever seen.]

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 14
Who was the mythical founder of the Boeotian site of Thebes?
CADMUS

BONUS 1
Cadmus had come to Greece to look for his lost sister. Who was she?
EUROPA

BONUS 2
Where were Cadmus and Europa from?
PHOENICIA/TYRE

BONUS 3
What was the fate of Cadmus and his wife Harmonia at the end of Euripides' play *Bacchae*?
EXILE, EVENTUALLY TO BECOME SNAKES

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 15
If a classics professor were to bring some *terra sigilata* to class, what would the students see?
RED ROMAN POTTERY

BONUS 1
If a classics professor were to bring a *lekythos* to class, what would the students see?
GREEK OIL VESSEL

BONUS 2
If a classics professor were to bring a *dupondius* to class, what would the students see?
ROMAN BRASS COIN

BONUS 3
If a classics professor were to take students on a field trip to see a *cinerarium*, what place would they most likely visit?
A CEMETERY

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 16
If a classics student were to tell the professor about an upcoming religious absence due to the need to take part in a *Taurobolium*, what kind of ritual would you expect that student to attend?
BULL SACRIFICE/MITHRAS/MAGNA MATER, ASIAN DEITY

BONUS 1
If a student were to complain to a classics professor that the university does not offer training in *disciplina hauriscipina* so that the student could train to be a *haruspex*, what would that student's intention be?
TO LEARN TO DIVINE BY ENTRAILS

BONUS 2
If a classics student would try to start a university student organization devoted to oneiromancy, what would you think the members would discuss in their meetings?
DREAM INTERPRETATION

BONUS 3
If some classics students told the professor that they had to miss class because of a religious reason — that they owed veneration to the *di pen*ates — where would the teacher expect them to go?
HOME

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 17
If you ask a Roman to add *tres* plus *tres*, what would the answer be, in Latin?
SEX

BONUS 1
What is the sum of *sex* plus *sex*?
DUODECIM

BONUS 2
What is the sum of *duodecim* plus *duodecim*?
VIGINTI QUATTUOR

Certamen Questions 2026 (Continued)

BONUS 3
What is the sum of *viginti quattuor* plus *viginti quattuor*?
QUADRAGINTA OCTO

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 18
What Latin number is one of the roots of the English word *semester*?
6 SEX

BONUS 1
What Greek number is one of the roots of the English word *dodecahedron*?
12 δυώδεκα ορδώδεκα

BONUS 2
What Latin number is one of the roots of the English word *quadruped*?
4 QUATTUOR

BONUS 3
What Latin number is one of the roots of the English word *centennial*?
100 CENTUM

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 19
Please state the principal parts of the following Latin verb, and give one English derivative: *traho, trahere*.
TRAHO TRAHERE TRAXI TRACTUM (TRACTOR, DISTRACT, TRACTION, EXTRACT, DETRACT, ATTRACT, VEL SIM.)

BONUS 1
Give the principal parts of the Latin verb *ago, agere* and give one English derivative.
AGO AGERE EGI ACTUM (AMBIGUOUS, AGENDA, ACTIVE, ACTION, NAVIGATE, AGITATE, VEL SIM.)

BONUS 2
Give the principal parts of the Latin verb *possum posse* and give one English derivative.
POSSUM POSSE POTUI (POTENTIAL, POTENT, POSSIBLE, VEL SIM.)

BONUS 3
Give the principal parts of the Latin verb *pono ponere* and give one English derivative.
PONO PONERE POSUI POSITUM (IMPOSE, POSITION, POSE, COMPOSE, PROPOSE, SUPPOSE, SUPPOSITORY, COMPOSITION, DEPOSIT, VEL SIM.

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 20
Give the last word to complete the following phrase: γνῶθι _____ .
σἀυτόν.

If nobody gets it in Greek, ask this in English: Know _____ .
THYSELF

BONUS 1
Give the last word to complete the following phrase: νίψον ἀνόμημα μὴ μόναν _____.
ὄψιν

If nobody gets it in Greek, ask this in English: Wash your sin, not only your _____.
FACE

BONUS 2
Give the last word to complete the following phrase: ἕν οἶδα ὅτι οὐδὲν _____ .
οἶδα

If nobody gets it in Greek, ask this in English: I know one thing, that is that I know _____ .
NOTHING

BONUS 3
Give the last word to complete the following phrase:

Πάντων χρημάτων μέτρον ἔστιν _____.
ἄνθρωπος

If nobody gets it in Greek, ask this in English: The measure of all things is _____.
MAN, A HUMAN, A PERSON

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 21
You all know your Roman metals, don't you? AURUM, PLUMBUM, FERRUM, AES, ARGENTUM.

Which metal was associated with the emperor Nero's infamous DOMUS?
AURUM (GOLD. DOMUS AUREA)

Good. Now answer each of the bonus questions with one of the metals: AURUM, PLUMBUM, FERRUM, AES, ARGENTUM

BONUS 1
Which metal was associated with the Roman weapon called PILUM?
FERRUM

BONUS 2
Which metal would a GLADIARIUS use to make a GLADIUS?
FERRUM

BONUS 3
Which metal was the primary ingredient in a Roman DENARIUS?
ARGENTUM

2026 CERTAMEN TOSSUP 22
We all know our Roman metals, don't we? AURUM, PLUMBUM, FERRUM, AES, ARGENTUM.

What metal did the Romans use for pipes, aqueducts, and food vessels?
PLUMBUM

Good. Now answer each of the bonus questions with one of the metals: AURUM, PLUMBUM, FERRUM, AES, ARGENTUM

BONUS 1
What metal in irregular rough lumps did the Romans use for their proto-coins?
AES

BONUS 2
What metal did the Romans use to make the coin called the SOLIDUS?
AURUM

BONUS 3
Which metal did the Romans use as the basic ingredient to produce steel?
FERRUM

Report of the Resolutions Committee

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In nova fert animus mutatas dicere formas
corpora; di, coeptis (nam vos mutastis et illas)
adspirate meis primaque ab origine mundi
ad mea perpetuum deducite tempora carmen!

The opening lines of the *Metamorphoses* by Publius Ovidius Naso, born in Sulmo 2069 years ago. His theme was CHANGE, a principal part of life, which we on the Resolutions Committee have taken as our inspiration, although if there's one thing that we hate more than the *status quo*, it's change.

Whereas the Stockton delegates were trapped in exile for an ungodly time in Chicago's O'Hades airport,

And

Whereas the Stockton leader Persephone Panagakos finally her students and brought them from O'Hades to the land of the living in Kirksville,

And

Whereas Truman State hosted us to celebrate Ovid's birthday with buttons, a giant card, and appropriate headgear and by singing a birthday song before we could eat the two delicious cakes,

And

Whereas the Kirksville weather in one week metamorphosed from ice and snow to sunshine and 88 degrees,

And

Whereas we learned that in 1502 Sebastian Brandt's fan fiction metamorphosed the *Aeneid* by adding a 13th book and portraying Aeneas wearing medieval armor,

And

Whereas we learned that Horace transformed Greek meter into Latin meter, and that Dr. Alex Tetlack wants us to change CARPE DIEM' s translation from "Seize the Day" to "Pluck the Day,"

And

Whereas, at the Certamen we witnessed the metamorphosis of the Ovidiots into Ovidavictorians,

And

Whereas we learned from Madison Grohman that the phoenix will die and be reborn in fire, just as a young palm tree will eventually lose its fronds and grow new ones, each metamorphosing for renewal,

And

Whereas we learned from Zack Chen that Apollonius' *Argonautica* metamorphoses Iliadic battle imagery into Jason and Medea's love story through "allusive expansion,"

And

Whereas we learned from Annie Spencer that the metamorphosis of a girl to a bride brought her respect so that she didn't have to get married in the Underworld,

And

Whereas in Horace's *Ode* 3.13, the Fons Bandusiae protected flocks from the fiery heat of Sirius the dog star,

And

Whereas the lake that used to be on the Truman campus was drained in the vain attempt to put out the fire that was consuming Baldwin Hall,

And

Whereas the daffodils now on the Truman State campus remind us of the metamorphosis of Narcissus,

And

Whereas the chair in the Greek declamation room was at first intimidating, but the mood changed when Dr. Garnjobst said that participation is victory. It's not about the declamation, it's the journey.

And

Report of the Resolutions Committee (Continued)

Whereas Hannah Stark reminded us about the metamorphosis of video games from Atari's primitive Pong to the new languages of Chants of Sennaar that takes us even beyond our knowledge of Greek and Latin,

And

Whereas we are grateful that we will not have to see our organization metamorphose from its current form into a 501(c) 3 and undergo an audit,

And

Whereas the name tags on Friday night kept falling off but were replaced by Persephone Panagakos who brought good ones from Chicago's O'Hades hellscape,

And

Whereas in the past it brought tears of sadness just to mention the Peloponnesian war, but in this year's CERTAMEN it brought tears of raucous laughter, since She Pelop on my Nesian until I metamorphosed into war,

And

Whereas we all know our Roman metals, don't we? AURUM, PLUMBUM, FERRUM, AES, ARGENTUM,

And

Whereas it would take a good alchemist to metamorphose *plumbum* into *aurum*,

And

Whereas the great work of Lillian Boehlke, Wren Crocker, Lauren Meitz, Sagan Wilson and Molly Wright made everything go smoothly,

And

Whereas Professors Norgard, Thomas and Tetlak provided outstanding leadership,

And

Whereas Emma Crutchfield, Hannah Stark, Nolan Wilson and Wren Crocker are exemplary Chapter Officers,

And

Whereas Dr. Sue Thomas the President of Truman State University quoted Ovid and praised the classics program here and the accomplishments of emeritus professor Dr. Clifton Kreps,

And

Whereas we saw the metamorphosis of stars and galaxies in the Del & Norma Robison Planetarium in Magruder Hall,

Therefore,

Now let it be resolved that the ninety-eighth annual convention of Eta Sigma Phi at the invitation of the Eta Zeta Chapter at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri has been a resounding success, bringing together students from far and near in the spirit of the classics, dedicated to keeping ancient languages and literatures alive in a changing world.



The Resolutions Committee making its report

Convention Minutes

Zachary Chen, Megas Grammateus

Friday March 20th

Certamen winners:
Ovidiots: Martin Albright, Zachary Chen, Frankie Tillbrook, Laura Medina

Saturday March 15th

Minutes Passed Unanimously at 9:26 CST.

Chapter Reports: 9:27 CST
N.B. Underlined name denotes speaker.

Beta Pi, University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)
Kaitlyn Kinnaird, Kailee Rowe; Dr. Daniel Levine (advisor)
Officer elections, first karaoke event immediately after last year's convention. Goal to expand on previous spring. New classics club has hosted multiple film night with coloring pages. Expanded on weekly Latin table to include Greek. Annual Halloween party, hosted a Saturnalia party. Hosted speaker event about Latin graffiti. Dr. Levine gave a great address.

Beta Psi, Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)
Annie Spencer; Dr. David Sick (advisor)
Inducted 11 new members. Volunteered at local JCL league, running competitions. Co-sponsored event with philosophy club. Hosting a panel of Rhodes college alumni to talk about post-graduation lives upcoming.

Gamma Omicron, Monmouth College (Monmouth, IL)
Sydney Burge, Ella D'Incognito, Madison Hieser, Gianna Maughan, Logan Serpette, Calvin Wellman; Dr. Bob Simmons (advisor)
Several initiates held an Oct. Halloween event (Curse tablets, protective amulets). Feb. research and refreshment gathering (5 initiates gave research). 2 Undergrads gave research presentations (CAMWS and Illinois Classical Association). 2 Scholarly speakers. Educational weekly meetings (Kahoots on ancient topics). Hosted Oct. classics Jeopardy night. Catapult night in November, displaying functional Roman reconstructed catapult. Planned series of escape rooms based on ancient heroes. Most significant activity: Classics on the Road event including three events for over 100 middleschool students. Hands-on engagement with ancient military equipment.

Delta Theta, Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA)
Jilliyn Iannace, Abigail Miller, Alice Thompson
Partnered with Archaeology club, women and gender studies department. Classics BBQ with classics house engaging ESP and broader campus. 22 Inductees on Feb. 27. Several movie nights, including hosting a director. A.E. Stallings came to discuss the Tristia. *Roman history class had a trip to Italy.*
Planned: Planetarium shows, Latin festival. Lots of work with DCC on Pliny the Younger.

Delta Chi, St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN)
Violet Ecklund-Johnson, Sylvia Fleck, Lorelei Larson, Paavo Rundman, Julia Thomas, Alexander Van Etten, Emma Winkler
21 new initiates. Weekly classics conversation table (with dinner, games, guests). Hosted a Russian Orthodox bishop. Strong connections with Alumni. Hosted the Homerathon with the Odyssey on the quad from 7:30-5pm: President and Provost each read a section. Annual Greek/Latin kickball game, caroling with German. Performed a play with Plautus' fragmentary "little bag." About to host the Bacchanalia to celebrate seniors.

Epsilon Epsilon, Rockford University (Rockford, IL)
Laura Medina, Yessenia Rosales-Moreno, Emily Tilbrook, Dr. Yoandy Cabrera
2 new initiates. Just introduced classics and religious studies major at Rockford. Lots of alumni participation. New Spanish translation of Cuban Medea. Organizing study abroad trip to Rome in May. Humanities conference in May.

Zeta Beta, Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
Ava Cappellupo, Trish Duffy, Abigail Throne
15 new initiates from beginning Latin and Greek courses. Expecting a few more. Club meetings doubled in size, over 100 students in some classes. Wednesday Waffles. Celebrating Saturnalia, Lupercalia, Floralia. Invited in 4 professional speakers on a number of topics. 4 people have been funded to travel to Italy and Greece, as well as NYC Met visit.

Eta Delta, Hillsdale College (Hillsdale, MI)
Zachary Chen; Dr. Joseph Garnjobst

Eta Zeta, Truman State University (Kirksville, MO)
Lillian Boehlke, Wren Crocker, Emma Crutchfield, Simon Horning, Lauren Meitz, Dakota Rhoads, Megan Ruwe, Hannah Stark, Elsa Volkert, Jacob Whiteley, Nolan Wilson, Sagan Wilson, Sadie Woods, Molly Wright; Zara Callahan, Clarissa Goebel; Dr. Bridget Thomas, Dr. Amy Norgard, Prof. Alex Tetlak
Hosted convention this year (!). Inducted 4 people last year, inducted 8 this year. Lots of engagement with other clubs. Haruspicy, Hematology, Language trivia gained 7 new members. Lectures on Labor and Strikes, Reception in Assassins creed. 10-15 members at meetings.

Theta Beta, The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)
Martin Albright
5-6 new members inducted. Classics club had highest attendance of 30-40 members per meeting. Sent two undergrads to CAMWS. Department down two faculty, so things being restructured. Trying to secure administrative support. Crafts nights, watched movies like Gladiator, travelled to Birmingham Greek fest, Istanbul study abroad trips.

Convention Minutes (Continued)

Theta Tau, Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)
Gabby Donofrio, Madison Grohman, Ken Kornbluth, Kaz Murray, Rocco Palermo, Pharaoh Webb-Bryant; Dr. Katherine Panagakos
3 new inductees in the fall. Themed-game nights, movie watch parties, watched a show called "Chaos." Held a public fundraiser. Hosted events in conjunction with Greek calendar. Latin day (high- and middle-school outreach) on the Trojan war. 100 students came, different presentations, plus escape room. Latin Day still one of the most effective outreach events. Maintained digital presence through Instagram. Looking to sustain connections with local schools, encourage undergrad involvement.

Report on Contests and Scholarships: 9:52 CST
Dr. Joseph Garnjobst

Adv. Latin Prose Comp: 14 Entries

Int. Latin: 17 Entries

Adv. Latin: 22 entries

Koine: 18 entries

Int. Greek: 19 entries

Adv. Greek: 16 entries.

Scholarships Report 9:59 CST
No applicants to American Academy in Rome, Bernice L. Fox Latin Teaching Training

1. **Brent M. Froberg Scholarship to American School of Classical Studies in Athens**

Marcus Beardsley (Delta Tau at University of Delaware). Senior (History, Ancient Greek and Roman Studies), who has served as Grammateus, participated in lots of Archaeological research already. Writing an honors thesis on "contributors to and effects of communal identity formation amongst non-elite port laborers."

2. **H.R. Butts Summer Scholarship for Fieldwork in Classical Archaeology — 11 completed applications**

Jillienne Robinson-Warren (Epsilon Upsilon at University of New Hampshire). Applications are favored based on local engagement with chapter and not having gone on a trip before. Graduating with BA in Classical Languages and Literatures. This summer, attending UF's excavation in Cosa, Italy. Been working on int-adv. Latin textbook.

3. **Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to Vergilian Society at Cumae. Two winners**

Annabelle Harris (Lambda at the University of Mississippi). '23 graduate. Hoping to complete creative thesis by writing katabatic novel.

Frederick Wang (Omega at William and Mary) currently earning MA. Aspires to teach high school. He is interested in Late Antiquity, Christian-Pagan interactions, emperor Julian.

Report of Megale Chrysophylax 10:09 CST
Kailee Rowe

Major expenses: $105, 296 (Mostly income taxes)
Major income: $66,870

Hoping to open up a separate account for Masciantonio funds.
Last time we were audited. We need to be audited? We aren't quite a 501c3. We have never been audited.

Report of Megas Hyparchos 10:16 CST
Martin Albright

3 New Chapter Petitions

University of Central OK
12,500 undergrads, offer minors in Latin and Greek, ancient culture and civ classes, two full-time faculty.

Hofstra University
10,000 students, 15 in Latin, 102 in translation, offering Greek, Latin prose comp; 4 full-time faculty
No longer offering major starting Fall 2026

Columbia University
Lots of faculty, students eager to start chapter.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

1. Motion from Board of Trustees (David Sick):
Change the name of Dr. Panagakos' position from Executive Secretary to Executive Director.

Dr. Levine: is there an increase in salary? No.

Zachary Chen: Can we add *regina* onto that? No.

Unknown: Is this just a cosmetic change? Yes.

Bids to host 99th Annual Convention (2027)

Zeta Beta, Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)

Nominations for 2026-2027 Officers

Chrysophylax: Sylvia Fleck, Delta Chi, Julia Thomas, Delta Chi

Grammateus: Emma Crutchfield, Eta Zeta

Hyparchos: Emma Crutchfield, Eta Zeta Martin Albright, Theta Beta

Prytanis: Julia Thomas, Delta Chi Zachary Chen, Eta Delta
Short break: 10:32-10:40.

Student Paper Panel

Madison Grohman, Theta Tau at Stockton University
*"The Role of Nausicaa in Homer's *Odyssey*: A New Approach" (Awarded Best Paper)

Annie Spencer, Beta Psi at Rhodes College
"Parthenoi on Pottery in Athenian Funerary Contexts"

Convention Minutes (Continued)

Zachary Chen, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
"ἄ τε παρθένος ἠΐθεός τε παρθένος ἠΐθεός: *Argonautica* 3.954-65 And Allusive Expansion on the Duel of Achilles and Hektor"

Sunday March 16th

Second Business Meeting Called To Order, Megale Prytanis Violet Ecklund-Johnson Presiding: 9:18 CST

1. Contest for Chapter Regalia
Dickinson Classics, Delta Theta, T-Shirts
Winners: **Dickinson**

2. Committee Reports
New Chapters Committee Report: Martin Albright
- University of Central OK
  - Set up well to grow quite quickly
  - Starting up well
  - Offer minor
- Hofstra University
  - More interdisciplinary faculty
  - Just starting off
  - Offering a minor
- Columbia University
  - They seem to be okay.

Dr. Levine moved to accept the committee report. Zachary Chen seconded. No discussion. Moved to vote by acclamation. Unanimously passed.

Report of the Finance Committee: Kailee Rowe
- Discussed last year's proceedings (T-Shirts—New design idea)
- Getting bids from companies to update website
- Searchable database of members
- Scholarships
  - How to spread the news better?
  - Ex: Scholarship for traveling to convention
  - Using social media more?
  - New ideas: Paideia scholarship
  - Grant to local chapters for events
- Organization's tax status discussed

Contests and Scholarships Committee:
Gabby Donofrio, Theta Tau (Stockton)
- Communication block
- There are travel scholarships
- (lots available until either 10 years or PhD)
- Archaeology scholarships
- Undergrad journals
  - 4 discussed
- Nat'l Translation exam
- Acting like professional in target field
  - Writing papers, book reviews (e.g. textbooks), museum reviews
- Scholarships specifically for teaching
- Advice: surround yourself with scholars. Can learn from other career paths.

Convention Committee: Dr. Bridget Thomas
Three Temple delegates in attendance.
- Think early about the date
- Get buy-in early. Contact offices, catering, budgeting
- Make sense to go with a different (professional) model

Resolutions Committee: The Hon. Sir Dr. Levine, Esq., Ph.D, JD, MD, etc.
Technical difficulties
Proem to *Metamorphoses*. Theme is change, which inspires committee.
Resolved that the 98th Annual Convention has been a resounding success.

Officers Committee: Violet Ecklund-Johnson
Brief, successful discussion.

3. Report of the Executive Secretary

11 Chapters in attendance.

Eta Zeta hosted 93rd Annual convention virtually (2021).

SCS in San Francisco: Zachary Chen, Jasper Chen, Martin Albright.
Respondent: Kenny Morrel, Rhodes College

National Officers dined at the Parthenon. Took no pictures.

Two reactivated chapters:
Delta Omicron, Texas Tech
Epsilon Tau, Beloit College

2023-4: 606 new members
2024-5: 715
25-6: 291 new members (5 more than last year at this time)

Nuntius has been caught up. Maximas gratias to Dr. Tom Sienkewicz. Will be mailed out to active chapters soon. 5 copies to a chapter, usually. Hopefully a new editor will step out: one person is currently interested.

- You can submit original poetry, book and film reviews, original art, chapter news, chapter outreach, and more.
- Submit annual report (Nov. 15 deadline)
- Chapter report/*Res Gestae* (May 15)

Request for everyone: SUBSCRIBE TO ETA SIGMA PHI.

4. Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees: Dr. Robert Simmons

Scholarships: not being taken advantage of.
Masciantonio Bequest: How best to use it? What are the stipulations, and can we use it to help people get to the meeting? What's the line between general funds and travel?
Nuntius: We have a candidate as potential next editor.
SCS Panel:
Next convention: one candidate right now.
Needs to be voted on: give Executive Director(s) a real wage?
Motion to increase compensation for Executive Director(s) to $10,000 yearly. Passed unanimously by acclamation.

Updating CAMWS/ESP Website: CAAS panel for undergrads. Keep eye out for it.
Paper Delivery Prize: Switched reward to $100 cold hard cash instead of CAMWS membership.

Convention Minutes (Continued)

5. Election of 2027 Convention Site
Temple University was the only bid.
Zachary Chen moved to accept bid, seconded by Dr. Panagakos, Violet Eklund-Johnson.
Accepted unanimously by acclamation.

6. Resolutions and Amendments

vir et femina vestiti splendidissime — Change to *homines*? Proposed by Bridget Thomas.

Break 10:15-35

7. Election of 2026-2027 National Officers: 10:35

Chrysophylax: Sylvia Fleck, Delta Chi, Julia Thomas, Delta Chi (Elected)

Grammateus: Emma Crutchfield, Eta Zeta
Zachary Chen, Eta Delta (Elected)

Hyparchos: Emma Crutchfield, Eta Zeta (Withdrew)
Martin Albright, Theta Beta (Elected)

Prytanis: Julia Thomas, Delta Chi (Elected)
Zachary Chen, Eta Delta
(8-10)

8. Installation of Officers: 11:00

Chrysophylax: Sylvia Fleck, Delta Chi

Grammateus: Zachary Chen, Eta Delta

Hyparchos: Martin Albright, Theta Beta

Prytanis: Julia Thomas, Delta Chi

Closing Remarks

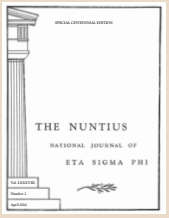
Reflection from outgoing Megale Prytanis Violet Ecklund-Johnson

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The Eta Sigma Phi Archives are missing the following issues of the *NUNTIUS*. If you or your school have any of these issues, please contact the Executive Secretary: Vol. 1, No. 3-4; Vol. 2, No. 1-2, 4; Vol. 3, No. 4; Vol. 4, No. 4; Vol. 5, No. 5; Vol. 6, No. 4; Vol. 18, No. 2; Vol. 18, No. 3; Vol 19-21 (these are the war years and there may have been no issues in that period); Vol. 24, No. 2; Vol. 29, No. 4; Vol. 35, No. 3; Vol. 35, No. 4; Vol. 40, No. 2; Vol. 41, No. 1; Vol. 41, No. 2; Vol. 41, No. 3; Vol. 45, No. 3; Vol. 47, No. 2; Vol. 54, No. 1; Vol. 55, No. 2; Vol. 56, No. 1; Vol. 58, No. 2; Vol. 60, No. 2; Vol. 64, No. 2; Vol. 65, No. 1; Vol. 65, No. 2; Vol. 66, No. 1; Vol. 67, No. 2; Vol. 68, No. 1; Vol. 68, No. 2; Vol. 69, No. 1; Vol. 69, No.2; Vol. 70, No. 1; Vol. 70, No. 2; Vol. 71, No. 1; Vol. 71, No. 2.











The 2026 Next Generation Panel

Papers by Undergraduate Classics Students at the 2026 Meeting of the Society of Classical Studies

Organized by Eta Sigma Phi Executive Secretary
Katherine Panagakos (Stockton University)

Eta Sigma Phi has been sponsoring the Next Generation Undergraduate Panel at the annual meeting of the Society for Classical Studies (SCS) since the 2010 meeting of what was then known as the American Philological Society. The 2010 meeting was held in Orange County (Anaheim), California. Eta Sigma Phi sponsors this panel in order to showcase the scholarship of undergraduate classics students. Papers may deal with any aspect of the ancient Greek and Roman world (e.g., language, literature, art, history, religion, philosophy) or with the reception of classical culture in modern times. An established scholar is invited to serve as respondent to the student papers. Eta Sigma Phi hopes that this panel serves as a bridge between undergraduate students and SCS, not just by giving the students an opportunity to experience an SCS meeting and to share their views with professional classicists, but also by introducing those professionals to some of the most talented and promising students from the next generation of classicists. Any student enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at a college or university is eligible to submit a paper for consideration. Students who submit papers for the panel must be current members of the SCS. Submissions are evaluated by several anonymous Classicists. The deadline for submitting papers for consideration is typically in early March of the year preceding the annual meeting. Four papers are usually chosen for the panel and abstracts for these papers are published in the *Nuntius*. The 2026 panel took place in San Francisco, CA. There were three presenters in this panel. Respondent was Prof. Kenny Morrell of Rhodes College. Abstracts of the three papers are provided here.



Members of the 2026 Next Generation Panel in Philadelphia, PA: left to right, Jasper Chen of Columbia University, Martin Algright of the University of Alabama and Zachary Chen of Hillsdale College, with Respondent Kenny Morrel of Rhodes College on the zoom screen in the background

Priam and Patroklos: Moments of Illumination in the *Iliad*

Zachary Chen, Hillsdale College

This paper draws upon Simone Weil's monumental essay *The Iliad or the Poem of Force* to propose the quality of gentleness as the focus of Homer's epic. Though Weil's work puts forward a profound vision of force as the center of the *Iliad*, I propose that her reading does not completely account for the roles of Patroklos, μειλιχία, and memory in the *Iliad*. While force remains an overshadowing threat throughout the epic, the act of remembering past gentleness leads to pity and kindness in the present. The *Iliad's* moments of love, light, and clarity are not, as Weil suggests, merely transient glimpses of a world which is desired but unattainable on account of the dominion of force in wartime. Rather, these moments are themselves the focus of the epic, to which the darkness of war serves as a foil.

While Weil's thesis of force accounts for Chryses' supplication of Agamemnon quite well, it does not recognize the crucial role that the memory of Patroklos and his distinguishing characteristic, μειλιχία, play in the final book of the *Iliad*. Homer identifies gentleness with Patroklos especially in speeches of Menelaus, Briseis, and Achilles. Patroklos' κλέος is tied to his μειλιχία just as Achilles is distinguished by his μῆνις or Odysseus by his μῆτις. The eventual death of Patroklos, then, seems to imply the death of gentleness in the world of the *Iliad*: force overcomes humanity, reinforcing Weil's fundamental thesis. As the *Iliad* draws to a close, however, the memory of μειλιχία and Patroklos, the warrior most completely defined by μειλιχία, sparks gentleness and reconciliation between Priam and Achilles. In his supplication, Priam calls upon Achilles to recall the vulnerability of his father Peleus. Almost irresistibly, the act of memory stirs up gentleness and mercy in Achilles. Memory brings about μειλιχία through shared grief.

While force, which Weil calls "that which makes a thing of whoever submits to it," may define the beginning of the *Iliad*, then, its end is marked by gentleness born through memory.

The *Iliad's* moments of illumination are not simply yearnings after the impossible — Patroklos' μειλιχία is the standard by which force is judged tragic and is ultimately overcome. To place force at the center of the *Iliad* is therefore to misread the reason for the success of Priam's supplication. The quality of gentleness personified in Patroklos is integral to the epic's resolution. Though war may seem to slay μειλιχία and destroy gentleness, force can never truly prevail, for shared, grieving memory will always retain its power to kindle new moments of illumination, reconciliation, and gentleness.

Temples: An Enduring Symbol of Power for the Seleukid Empire

Jasper Chen, Emory University

The Achaemenid Empire facilitated an unprecedented level of cross-cultural interaction and integration. Although ruled by a single kingdom, its diverse populations were encouraged to retain their existing power structures and cultural expressions, with only minimal interference from the Achaemenid kings. While Alexander attempted to govern his empire in a similar manner, most of his successors were less committed to promoting cultural and religious diversity. As a result, the Ptolemies in Egypt faced several local revolts, and the Antigonids struggled with Greek opposition. The sole exception was the Seleukid Empire. This paper argues that imperial interventions in religious practices and architecture fostered cultural and religious diversity, playing a significant role in the Seleukid kings' ability to maintain power and stability over their long-lasting rule. To support this argument, the paper focuses on four sites: the Temple of Artemis at Sardis, the Esagila at Babylon, the temple at Jebel Khalid, and the temples at Aï Khanoum. Epigraphic evidence links the Temple of Artemis to the imperial family, while architectural features borrowed from other traditions reflect the adaptive mindset of the Seleukids. Moreover, the fact that natives of the remaining Lydian kingdom would readily accept Seleukid rule demonstrates the cultural liberality of the Seleukids. Similarly, the swift acceptance of Seleukos by Babylonians furthers this notion. Imperial activity at the Esagila further underscores the exceptional importance of temples to the Seleukid empire. In particular, the presence of scholars working on Babylonian culture within the temple supports the notion that diversity was central to Seleukid rule. Material and topographical evidence from Aï Khanoum and Jebel Khalid, where temples were in use from the founding to the abandonment of the settlements, further reinforces this argument. The two settlements were indeed significantly developed under Seleukid rule, giving them a distinctive 'Seleukid' character. The temples and the artifacts found within them reveal how religious architecture played a central role in the social and political life of these settlements, serving as a means of attraction and support towards diverse peoples and cultures across the empire. The Hellenistic period, situated at the crossroads of Greek and Roman prominence, has long been entangled with questions of identity. In this paper, I address these issues in relation to the Seleukid Empire by demonstrating how Seleukid interventions in religious architectures and practices catered to a variety of groups, fostering cultural diversity and resulting in stable, prolonged imperial rule

Dastardly Dots: An Argument Against The Predominant Theory About the Codex Vaticanus (Vat. Gr. 1209) Distigmai

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Perhaps the greatest puzzle of 4th century Greek manuscript Codex Vaticanus (Vat. Gr. 1209) concerns its most minute feature: two small dots located in the margin of 801 different lines known as "distigmai". How old are the Vaticanus distigmai? What is their function? Though they were thought to be original to the 4th century and used to mark textual variations, Nehemia Gordon et al. (2024) used micro X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy to date the distigmai to around the 16th century. The predominant theory that has emerged following that result is that the distigmai retain their text critical functions but originate from Jaun Gines de Sepulveda, a Vatican librarian, and reference variations between Vaticanus and Erasmus' 1516 Greek New Testament. Not only do the dates found by Gordon et al. align well with this theory, but Sepulveda wrote a letter to Erasmus in 1533 saying that he had found 365 places where his Greek New Testament disagree with Vaticanus. Together, the dating from Godon et al. and the letter from Sepulveda ground the theory that Sepulveda wrote the distigmai in the early 16th century. In this paper, I first detail the history of the investigation into the Vaticanus distigmai, beginning with Phillip Payne's 1995 paper, which laid the groundwork for all future investigations, through the aforementioned result from Gordon et al. I particularly focus on the emergence of the theory that Sepulveda is responsible for the distigmai, emphasizing the refinement of the theory by Peter Head (in Wasserman 2009), James Snapp (2022), and Tommy Wasserman (2023). Next, I articulate a twofold argument against the Sepulveda theory. The first part of my argument concerns Sepulveda's letter, namely the discrepancy between the 365 differences Sepulveda recounts and the 801 distigmai that are attested in Vaticanus. I argue that, in order to uphold a certain standard of rigor, supporters of the theory are left liable to explain this discrepancy. In the second part of my argument, I argue that if the Sepulveda theory is correct, there must be a demonstrable correlation between the presence of distigmai and a textual variation between Vaticanus and Erasmus' Greek New Testament. I present original data that shows that no such correlation is found. Without the support of physical evidence and careful, nuanced investigation, the Sepulveda theory must be rejected completely.

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Call for Papers for Panel Sponsored by the Eta Sigma Phi

The Next Generation:
Papers by Undergraduate Classics Students
Organized by Katherine Panagakos, Executive Secretary, Eta Sigma Phi

Eta Sigma Phi, the national honorary society for classical studies, invites papers from undergraduate members of the SCS. Paperts may deal with any aspect of the ancient Greek and Roman world (e.g., literature, art, archaeology, history, religion, philosophy) or with the reception of classical cultures in modern times. Eta Sigma Phi is particularly interested in offering a variety of well-researched topics that represent the emerging interests of the newest members of the discipline. An established scholar will be invited to serve as respondent to the papers.

The honorary society hopes that this panel will serve as a bridge between undergraduate students and the Society for Classical Studies, not just by giving the students an opportunity to experience an SCS meeting and to share their views with professional classicists, but also by introducing those professionals to some of the most talented and promising students of the next generation.

Any student enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at an accredited college or university during the academic year 2026-2027 eligible to submit a paper. Authors interested in proposing a paper for the panel should submit the entire paper along with an abstract (of 500 words or less excluding bibliography) as a pdf attachment via the Eta Sigma Phi website (www.etasigmaphi.org). Follow the guidelines for individual abstracts (SCS Guidelines for Authors of Abstracts). The paper must be read aloud at a moderate pace in 20 minutes, so it should be no longer than ten double-spaced pages, excluding endnotes and bibliography. The receipt deadline for papers and accompanying documents is **February 1, 2027**.

Each submission will be evaluated anonymously by several scholars selected by Eta Sigma Phi. Students who submit papers for the panel must be members of the SCS. Decisions will be communicated to the authors of abstracts by March 1, 2027, with enough time that those whose abstracts are not chosen can participate in the individual abstract submission process for the upcoming SCS meeting.

N.B. To defray the cost of attendance at the meeting, Eta Sigma Phi will reimburse student panelists for their membership and registration fees. Travel costs are the responsibility of the student and/or the home institution.

Questions should be directed to the Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi, Katherine Panagakos, katherine.panagakos@stockton.edu.

List of Eta Sigma Phi Scholarships

HΣΦ Scholarship deadlines are February 15th.
Scholarship recipients will be announced at the National Convention (March/April).
Applicants must be valid members by registering with the national office of HΣΦ by the deadline.

H.R. Butts Scholarship for Fieldwork in Classical Archaeology

Eligibility: Membership in Eta Sigma Phi. Open to undergraduates who will be rising juniors, seniors, or newly graduated and to members who have received a bachelor's degree within the eight years prior to application. The scholarship is intended for archeological fieldwork conducted between the spring and fall semesters. Preference will be given to those who are undergraduates at the time of application and who have not yet had experience in archaeological fieldwork, but graduate students, teachers, and experienced fieldworkers are also welcome to apply.

Award: $2000 to support fieldwork experience at an archaeological site in the Greco-Roman world. (The "Greco-Roman world" here includes cultures related to the Greeks and Romans by space or contact, such as Neolithic Cyprus or Iron Age Germany.) The award will be issued once definite proof of participation in the fieldwork has been provided.

Application: In addition to the application form, applicants will submit official transcripts, two (2) letters of recommendation, a budget, and a statement not to exceed 500 words, briefly stating their background and preparation for the program, and how participation in this program fits their future plans. The Committee expects applicants to have contacted the director of their preferred fieldwork. For an application form and further information see https://www.etasigmaphi.org/scholarships/archaeological-fieldwork/.

Bernice L. Fox Latin Teacher Training Scholarship

Eligibility: Eta Sigma Phi members who are now teaching, or preparing to teach, at the pre-collegiate level; who have received a bachelor's degree within the last ten years or who expect to receive it before the summer of the current academic year; and who have not received a doctoral degree.

Award: The award of $750 will support a summer activity contributing to the recipient's preparation for teaching. Examples of such activities include the American Classical League's Summer Institute, the Conventiculum Latinum at the University of Kentucky, and the Latin/Greek Institute of Brooklyn College, the Living Latin Seminars of the Paideia Institute, or university courses leading to certification.

N.B. The Paideia Institute has agreed to match the Fox Scholarship for those using the funds to attend one of the Institute's seminars. Thus, a recipient would receive $1500 to be used toward tuition and fees.

This scholarship honors Bernice L. Fox, who taught English, Latin and Greek at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, from 1947 to 1981, and who served as chair of the Department of Classics from 1970 until her retirement in 1981. Throughout her long and dynamic career, she worked tirelessly to promote the Classics in Illinois high schools and colleges. In 1956 she founded Monmouth College's Gamma Omicron Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. She was the author of Tela Charlottae, the Latin translation of E. B. White's Charlotte's Web. In 1991 Monmouth College conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. She passed in 2003.

For an application form and further information see https://www.etasigmaphi.org/scholarships/teacher-training/.

American Academy in Rome

Eligibility: This scholarship open to members who have received a Bachelor's degree within the eight years prior to application (or shall have received it by June 1st of the current year) and who have not received a doctoral degree. Six semester hours of credit may be earned and applied toward an advanced degree in Classics at most graduate schools, provided that arrangements have been made in advance with the graduate school.

Award: Scholarship to the American Academy in Rome has a value of $3575.00. Additional information: Website: https://www.aarome.org/. E-mail: info@aarome.org. Please contact AAR about application deadlines.

Application: Applicants must submit a transcript of undergraduate work, letters of recommendation, and a statement not to exceed 500 words to include purpose and reasons for desiring the scholarship.

For an application form and further information see https://www.etasigmaphi.org/scholarships/summer-travel/aar/.

The Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship for the Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Eligibility: Eta Sigma Phi members who have received a bachelor's degree within the eight years prior to application (or shall have received it by June 1st of the current year) and who have not received a doctoral degree are eligible.

Award: The Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens has a value of up to $3,300, not including the remission of tuition by the ASCSA. Eta Sigma Phi covers one-half of program fees and the American School remits the other half. Eta Sigma Phi will select either one recipient for the Summer Session or up to two recipients for the Summer Seminars. If two Summer Seminar participants are chosen, the scholarship will be divided equally between them ($1,650). Any remainder, beyond one-half of the program fees, goes to the recipient(s) for travel expenses. https://www.ascsa.edu.gr/. E-mail: ascsa@ascsa.org. The annual deadline for applications to ASA is January 15th.

Application: Applicants must submit a transcript of undergraduate work, letters of recommendation, and a statement not to exceed 500 words to include purpose and reasons for desiring the scholarship.

For an application form and further information see https://www.etasigmaphi.org/scholarships/summer-travel/ascsa/.

The Theodore Bedrick Scholarship for a Summer Session at the Vergilian Society at Cumae

Eligibility: Eta Sigma Phi members who have received a bachelor's degree within the eight years prior to application (or shall have received it by June 1st of the current year) and who have not received a doctoral degree or members who will be rising juniors or seniors in the coming summer; preference will be given to such undergraduate students. Recipients may receive credit applicable toward a degree, provided advance arrangements have been made.

Award: The Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae has a total value of up to $2,900, including the remission of one-half the tuition fee by the Vergilian Society. Only tours in Italy are covered by this scholarship. Additional information: website: https://www.vergiliansociety.org/ or the secretary of the society, Amy Leonard (vergiliansociety@gmail.com).

Application: Applicants must submit a transcript of undergraduate work, letters of recommendation, and a statement not to exceed 500 words to include purpose and reasons for desiring the scholarship.

For an application form and further information see https://www.etasigmaphi.org/scholarships/summer-travel/bedrick/.

2026 Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Recipients

Brent M. Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens

Marcus Beardsley (Delta Tau at the University of Delaware) is currently a senior in the Honors College double majoring in History and Ancient Greek and Roman Studies. Marcus served as Grammateus of the Delta Tau Chapter. Marcus as participated in field projects at archaeological sites in Türkiye, Portugal, Spain, and Greece. His honors thesis research explores "the contributors to and effects of communal identity formation amongst non-elite port laborers in the Roman East during the Principate, analyzing the topography, spaces, and objects associated with the workers at prominent sites in the region." Marcus has a keen interest "in uncovering the perspectives and lived experiences of those groups for whom the literary and material evidence is particularly difficult to uncover or study, a category including enslaved people, freed persons, wage laborers, and women."

H.R. Butts Summer Scholarship for Fieldwork in Classical Archaeology

Jillienne Robinson-Warren (Epsilon Upsilon at the University of New Hampshire) has served as Prytanis of her local chapter since the fall of 2023 where she spearheaded programs with the NHJCL and local high schools, as well as organizing a UNH Homerathon. Jillienne will graduate this May with a B.A. in Classical Languages and Literatures. She will be attending the University of Florida's excavation at Cosa, Italy. In the summer of 2025, she participated in Hellenic-American University's "Walk across Greece," a one-week, physically demanding program in which participants travel over 1,000 kms. Across the country. Jillienne also spent a semester at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. This is where she first became curious about working on an excavation. Throughout her undergraduate career, Jillienne has been working on her own intermediate-advanced Latin textbook, called *Roman Women on the Move*, "which is centered on female mobility as captured in Latin texts from a variety of genres, including inscriptions and tablets." The hands-on experience she will gain from working at Cosa will give her "a deeper understanding, beyond what I can read, of how we interpret (and even gender) archaeological remains."

Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae

Annabelle Harris (Lambda at the University of Mississippi) earned her BA in Classics in 2023 and is in the interdisciplinary MA program at the University of Mississippi studying Classics and Art History. Though she started college as an English major, she quickly found her way to Classics and Latin. Annabelle spent time in Italy in 2022 where she accompanied a professor on a research trip to Pompeii to document ancient graffiti. It was there that she put together her love of Classics and creative writing. She writes, "How ironic studying graffiti on those tombs at the Porta Nocera when I discovered my interest in eschatology and katabatic literature. With the research I conduct on this trip and the information I've learned in my graduate courses, I aim to complete a creative practice-based thesis in the form of a novel. By writing my own version of a katabasis, I will explore and apply themes from ancient and early modern katabatic literature. I can think of no better place than Cumae and the Villa Vergiliana to be "home base" as I conduct my research and learn more about the Bay of Naples, which will be the main setting for the novel. Annabelle will be participating in the "Survivors of Vesuvius" study tour.

Frederick Wang (Omega at William and Mary) is presently earning his M.A. in Classics and Mediterranean Studies from Penn State University having earned his BA in History from Carnegie Mellon (2024) and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate at William and Mary (2025). Fred's research interests include Late Antiquity, Christian-Pagan interactions, and the emperor Julian. Fred, hoping to be a high school teacher writes: "Teaching, a career that helps others to achieve their own success, contributes greatly to the growth and advancement of society." Fred believes that "studying abroad and examining archaeological sites are key to the study the ancient world and my development as a teacher." Fred will be participating in "Roman Otium on the Bay of Naples."

American Academy in Rome Scholarship

Katlyn (Yost) Steuer (Zeta Beta at Temple University) earned her B.A. in Secondary Education/World Languages and Classics (*cum laude*) in 2018. While at Temple, Katlyn served as the chapter grammateus and prytanis and as the National Megale Grammateus (2017-2018). After graduating from Temple, Katlyn earned her M.A. in Latin from Villanova University (2022). She is currently a Latin teacher at Villa Maria Academy High School in Malvern, PA, where she teaches all levels of Latin through AP as the sole Latin instructor. Katlyn writes: "Visiting the sites in which my students explore on the pages of a textbook would add greater nuance and understanding to my teaching." With the changes to the AP curriculum and its inclusion of Pliny, Katlyn looks forward to visiting the Bay of Naples. She writes: "Being able to not only study the ancient world with fellow teachers and scholars, but also study this material on site would be a truly meaningful experience for my pedagogical growth as a Latin teacher."

Bernice L. Fox Latin Teacher Training Scholarship

No applicants.

For more information about these scholarships or Eta Sigma Phi in general, see www.etasigmaphi.org or contact:

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Eta Sigma Phi Initiates 2025–2026

Note: Only individuals whose names appear in a list of initiates published in an issue of the *Nuntius* are official members of Eta Sigma Phi and are eligible run for national office in the society or to apply for Eta Sigma Phi scholarships.

Alpha (University of Chicago)
Devin McDonald, Jeremiah Dai, Dellara Sheibani, Marten Garicano, Vidya Suri, Yash Sriram, Maya Bailo, Aiden Wetterhan, Kaiden Webb, Alexandra Mathews (March 3, 2026)

Gamma (Ohio University)
Ciera Dempsey, Alyssa Skikus, Chloe Fabricante, Izzy Ehrlich, Xiyue Zhang, Carl Wilkins, Matthew Nickles, Danny Gabel (March 8, 2023); Rachael Hebert, Reyna Mazur (April 19, 2024)

Zeta (Denison University)
Corvus Endo, Drew Jacobson, Sophie Keenan, Isaac McIntosh, Nguyen Nguyen, Grace Ostrosky, Alix Sanden, Brodie Selmon, Skye Wenzinger (March 31, 2025);
Jessica Bilsey, Mattea McDaniel (December 2, 2025)

Eta (Florida State University)
Zoe Russell, Valerie Grimaldo, Zoe Miner, Emily Cosgrove, Raj Patel, Jade Gruver, Meghan McHenry, Sierra Wilkes, Sidney Horton, Emma O'Neal (January 29, 2026)

Iota (University of Vermont)
Jenna Alexander, Hannah Baker, Em Dicker, Dylan Douglass-Biddle, Nicholas Hoff, Mack Keating, Caroline Makosiej, Kathleen Manning, Aaron Mayer, Ella Minnigh, Veda Renzulli, Lauren Reeves, Sarah Ring, Joey Trail, Grace Truchard, Wesley Ules, Hannah Zumwalt (April 20, 2026)

Kappa (Colorado College)
Alex Hooper, Katherine Rodbell, Calla Merrill, Zib Lindholm, Torah Delaney, Gracie Carrello, Ava Ralph, Mariah Dominguez, Rachel Ganz (October 24, 2024); Lilly Rauth, Lilly Asano, Caroline Brown (April 24, 2026)

Lambda (University of Mississippi)
Kimberly Arevalo, Olivia Bailey, Symanthia Brown, Eliza Cavness, Tyler Daniels-Smith, Addison Faulk, Richard Fuller, Jordan Jaser, Zaira Mahoney, Julia Mason, Mary Kathyrn Mason, Marissa Melvin, Phoenix Moore, Micah Owens, Regan Reed, Andrew Scholz, Anna Smith (March 25, 2026)

Tau (University of Kentucky)
Kara Ann Erdman, Emilie Johnson, Ian G. McGirt, Neha Nirujogi, Jensen Mackenna Sickels (April 20, 2026)

Omega (William & Mary)
Patrick Carpenter; **Associate**: Fred Wang (with certificate) (April 2, 2025); Phoebe Kirsh (February 13, 2026)

Alpha Gamma (Southern Methodist University)
Taren Suffield, Isabella Dalrymple, Emeryson Wilson, Virginia Madden, Will Hughes, Damon Mos, Alexis Stus, Sofia Chalamidas, Jayden Preiser, Brooks Wright, Christian Dawley, Noah Smith, Tom Mulvany, Emily Louselle, Sara Katherine Frymire, Connor Brown, Katherine Adams, Daniel Howard (April 24, 2026)

Alpha Eta (University of Michigan)
Annie Kleber, Grace Zube, Edward Estrada, Kelsey Beckett, Eda Teomete, Linzie Goodnight, Sofia Lanza, Emily VanPelt, Trevor Eminhizer (April 8, 2026)

Alpha Theta (Hunter College)
Benjamin Bader, Jackson McAloon, Ariana Rivera, Andrew Zaharakis, Sarah Joyce Koch (November 10, 2025)

Alpha Mu (University of Missouri)
Libby Gremaud, Maile Stansberry (April 16, 2026)

Alpha Pi (Gettysburg College)
Alexander Hanley, Elizabeth Li, Aubrey Mandichak, Hayden McDonald, Alice Nguyen, Alice Van Etten, Emily Cook, Kersey Jones, Lee Repins, Michael Aaron, Meg Hunter, Harlyn Gray, Payton Merwin, Sophia Schoonover, James Whitby (March 23, 2026)

Alpha Sigma (Emory University)
Esther Fu, Jillian Green, Rose Lee-Taddiken, Carolina Mize, William Sonneborn, Lily Zhang, Jasmine Zhao (February 20, 2026)

Beta Gamma (University of Richmond)
Joshua Walker, Max Chang, Kiley Reape, Julia Norton, Julia Murphy, Charlotte Dixon, Julia Abzug, Tianshu Lin, Reece Steidle, Qianling Liang, Jaime Wise, Emily Enright, Grace O'Dell, Moyan Zhu (April 15, 2025)

Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney College)
Steven Avery Goudes-Shaw, Wesley Steven Krause, Kadin Patrick McCallum, Charles Avery Pearson, Rowan Haywood Warren, Michael Allen Williamson; **HONORARY**: Matthew Schueller (March 20, 2026)

Ever since graduating summa cum laude with a BA in Classics and Archaeology, Matthew Schueller has been an avid fan and teacher of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds. Now as an instructor and an honorary member of Eta Sigma Phi, he looks forward to continuing to guide college students through their exploration of all that Greek and Roman archaeology, history, and literature have to offer.

Beta Nu (University of Mary Washington)
Jackson Ackermann, Lily Compton, Ava Ward, Cole Cox, Charlotte Lawler, Elizabeth Symolon, Raine Hatton, Eyaya Fletcher, Sophia Heinbach (March 25, 2026)

Beta Upsilon (Marshall University)
Kaleb Belcher, Remi Cook, Bryce Daves, Andrew Duncan, Isabella Lamotta, Brittany Morris, Gentry Porter, Kennedy Shoults, Kurt Schade, Athens Kitchin, Cole Kraft, Rainier Spears, Hailie Yeager (April 25, 2025)

Beta Chi (Loyola University Maryland)
Anthony Loia, Victoria Marcones, Em McGrath, Jason Rowe, Mary Kate Feike (April 5, 2025)

ΗΣΦ Initiates 2025–2026 (Continued)

Beta Psi (Rhodes College)
Joseph West III, Alexa Branum, Elizabeth Gipson, Owen May, Lucia Hall, Liam Ashton, Kallen Huth, Krish Prajapati, Sidharth Loganathan, Chloe Weisinger, Hannah Carlson (February 4, 2026)

Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)
Sydney Burge, Isabella D'Incognito, Payton Lamb, Logan Serpette, Calvin Wellman (November 21, 2025)

Gamma Upsilon (Austin College)
Jackson Stirnweis, Dany Woodbury (May 1, 2026)

Gamma Omega (Baylor University)
Clarissa Dickson, Christopher Romani, Audrey Barkley, Jay Abbott, Oluseyi Olusola, Maria Petrolia, Sara Jordan, Lauren Weber, Luke Tanner, Lily Lobo, Sara Wilson, Ansuman Chandan; **HONORARY**: Dr. Jacqueline Jones (November 20, 2025)

Dr. Jacqueline Jones has been at Baylor University since 2019. She especially enjoys teaching Latin, Roman literature, and mythology. She is in her first year as advisor of the Gamma Omega chapter.

Delta Zeta (Colgate University)
Alexander Jake Nicosia, Betsy Wall, Bridget Rymer, Carmen Reed, Claire Escher, Ean Hill, Georgia Porter, Graicien Van Blarcom-DeLuise, Mattea Ceolin, Megan Dunne, Serena Crescimanno, Susana Diez (April 18, 2026)

Delta Theta (Dickinson College)
Phoenix Ballard, Ben Cook, Gianna Fasano, Xian Feng, Maximus Fite, Mason Gardner, Austin Heibel, Becca Mazzola, Coby McClellan, Luke Phillips, Ellie Smart, Ryleigh Underwood, Genevieve Samuels, Adeline Shaw, Teddy Tempest, Sophie Holm, Vincent Scodellaro, Abby Bligh, Jane Constable, Lila Seip, Emma Dyson, Emily Freedman, Jamie Kelly (February 20, 2026)

Delta Lambda (College of the Holy Cross)
Ilia Kolesnikov, Brendan Hyland, Peter LaBorin, Peter Stamoulis, Juan Cortes-Hernandez, Nicholas Gobo, Madelyn Lazzara, Sophia Siok, Ashley Stracco, Lilian Wasmund, Liam Concannon, Molly Tittemore (April 24, 2026)

Delta Omicron (Texas Tech University)
Samantha Guzman, Tracey Sapien (December 4, 2025); Emily Butler, Andrew Collins, Megan Lynn Urback, Lilly Sobey; **Honorary**: Dr. David H. J. Larmour (March 31, 2026)

David Larmour is the longstanding Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor of Classics at Texas Tech University, and Honorary Professor of Classics, Ancient History & Archaeology at the University of Birmingham. In addition to being a tireless mentor, advocate and guiding light for the programme, faculty, students and alumni of TTU Classics, as well as an exemplary citizen of and beyond our inter and multidisciplinary Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures (hereafter CMLL), Dr. Larmour is also a luminary of the field of Classics in terms of both his own scholarship and leadership as founder and editor of several prestigious journals and series.

Delta Sigma (University of California, Irvine)
Vivian Mowrer, Lilith Eagle, Sydney Parker, Elio Kane, Alex Gomez, Marco Gama, Anna Passaretti, Michael Maida, Kai North (May 8, 2024); Mikayla Massucco, Lynaea Pace, Mercutio Reichel, Cyrilla Walters, Gabriel Shen, Jorge Quintero, Ria Thakur, Megan Stiverson (May 09, 2025); Shylee Avisov, Nicholas Weiss, Carmen Lin, Jake Pacitti, Eric Swanson, Caitlin Todd, Merridith Chou, Andrew Oyola (May 1, 2026)

Delta Phi (Missouri State University)
R. Eliot Gudreau, Madison Woods (February 4, 2026)

Delta Chi (St. Olaf College)
Ellen Barfield, Aveline Brown, Atlas Conger, Evan Cooley, Xandra Fuhrer, Sydney Frisch, Ana George, Kassidy Goodell, Klara Greyvensteyn, Isaac Hillesland, Emery Jansen, Luke Jeschke, Eve Kitt, Claire Malone, Mars Moberg, Hutch Reumann, Svea Rundman, Willa Samuelson, Jessica Schmidt, Kira Woog; **HONORARY:** Florencia Foxley (March 18, 2026)

Florencia Foxley, PhD 2021 in Classics from the University of Colorado, is a Visiting Assistant Professor in our Classics Department this year. Prof. Foxley has done an excellent job promoting the study of Classics at St. Olaf and supporting local members of Eta Sigma Phi in their studies. She has also participated eagerly in events that support the chapter.

Epsilon Beta (George Washington University)
Calia Alexe, Ryan Gihuly, Meg Heaney, Keven Herro, Leila McKiernan, Tristan William Monahan, Molly O'Toole, Tam Tang, Lila Wolk (October 28, 2025)

Epsilon Epsilon (Rockford University)
Emily Tilbrook (February 18, 2026)

Epsilon Nu (Creighton University)
Grace Nisson (March 28, 2025); Emily Squires, Liam Stout, Madelyn Marr, Patrick Stetzer, Mia Wilson (March 26, 2026)

Epsilon Xi (Gustavus Adolphus College)
Brayden Kohls, Joseph Breiter, Alexander Bur, Annalise Maiers, Sher Evenson (October 1, 2025); Alec Harris (May 6, 2024); Josephine Petersen, Rebekah Moll, Malcolm Fares, Rae Holwerda, Isabella DeHaan, Ayden Gawtry, Anthony Lovre, Cole Meyer, Lowell Grosslein (March 15, 2026)

Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Oliver Boisvert, Madeline Clarkewright, Anya Connell, Zinnia Davis, Claire Hamilton, Timothy Hurley, Stella Kloc, Marcello Koraicho, Sai Vibisha Dinesh Lakshman, Ian Mackay, Rose McNeice, Adriana Panagiotou, Liz Saucier, Clara Snyder, Heikke Tans, Elliot Tiok, Grace Vaughn; **Associate**: Thomas Chol (May 1, 2026)

ΗΣΦ Initiates 2025–2026 (Continued)

Epsilon Sigma (Augustana College)
Micah Bischoff, Lillian Frieh, Lily Kirvan, Brayden Moseley, Ben Munoz-Ripley, Collin Patinka, Cora Polderman, Ethan Smith, Keegan Weir (April 21, 2026)

Epsilon Tau (Beloit College)
Kale Taft, Tessa Goodman, Marcelo Banks, Julianna Longhenry, Rowan Wilson, Valentine Friedman, Jurian Rivera, Ben Schweit, Emeline Russell, Josephina Fenton, Jaelin Hensley, Rosslyn Rose Zaha, William Kinney, Grayson Jensen, Sam Doherty, Ayden Sharp (May 2, 2025)

Epsilon Upsilon (University of New Hampshire)
Hazel Beuker, Tyler Mason (May 5, 2026)

Epsilon Phi (Knox College)
Bee Allen, Lizzie Orswell, Casey Witek (February 10, 2026)

Epsilon Psi (Santa Clara University)
Amanda Nairn, Kathryn Temple, Botao Ding, Cash Carrillo, Sean Hayden, Noah Bruening, Emily Green, Kimberly Johansen, Gabrielle Ruhnke, Sienna Pearson, Niall Joseph, Nicholas Buckley, Benjamin Christian, James Andrew Beckman Maldonado, Taylor Malinger, Ciara Carrasco, Daphne Lam Senecal (May 12, 2026)

Zeta Epsilon (Rutgers University)
Flynn Tabron, Nofer Tadros, Theodore Kozak, Gabriella Dominguez (May 4, 2026)

Zeta Eta (Loyola Marymount University)
Margaret Chaney, Ava DeMello, Olivia Desmond, William Kulewicz, Veronica Meyers, Christian Smith, Robert Wuerdeman, Paola Younger (January 22, 2026)

Zeta Iota (University of Georgia)
Mary Campbell, Jude Schiffer, Adrian Pearson, Glenn Jiles, Taylee Holland, Samuel Guimond, Jonathan Riddle (March 19, 2026)

Zeta Kappa (Trinity College)
Aomi Kissoon, Barrett Eastman, Elijah Morris, Lucy Twardus, Nicholas Hanson, C.C. Kaplan (April 28, 2026)

Zeta Lambda (University of Louisville)
Derick Jaggers, Tim Marsh, Ace Farris (November 7, 2025)

Zeta Nu (University of Maryland)
Maxine Poe-Jensen, Mark Flanegan, Kendalyn Korth; **Associate**: Angelo Francisco Rodriguez, Amanda Clemens; **Honorary**: Prof. Yanneck Wiegers, Prof. Philip Soergel (March 5, 2026)

Professor Yanneck Wiegers earned his PhD from Johns Hopkins with a dissertation on "The Organic and the Synthetic: Creativity and Rome." He is an expert in ancient culture and literature, as well as theories of genetics. He is currently a lecturer at the University of Maryland and teaches introductory Latin and an advanced class on Pliny the Elder.

Professor Philip Soergel is nominated for a posthumous honorary membership in Eta Sigma Phi. Prof. Soergel earned his PhD as a historian at the University of Michigan, where he studied Latin as part of his training. He went on to become a prominent scholar of early Modern history, religion, and culture, teaching first at the University of Tempe and then joining the faculty here in College Park. He was the author of Wondrous in His Saints: Counter-Reformation Propaganda in Bavaria (1993) and Miracles and the Protestant Imagination (2012).

While at Maryland, he often collaborated with the department, notably by co-sponsoring and hosting the conference in Prof. Hallett's honor (on "Women in Classical Scholarship") when she retired. Our chair, Prof. Adler, adds that Prof. Soergel "was a stalwart and important supporter of the Department of Classics at UMD."

Zeta Xi (Iowa State University)
Rachel Hentscher, Kyle Lindeman, Ava Rehm, Christian Steinbaugh, Kit Wabeke (April 8, 2026)

Zeta Pi (University of Utah)
George West, Justin Rammell, Naomi Ozawa, Jevan Winn, Gabrielle E. Frappier, Isaac Weiner, Sal Benich, Daiyan Ke, Hana Butterworth, Isabell G. Crossland; **Associate**: Tyson Acree (April 22, 2026)

Zeta Tau (University of Pittsburgh)
Rory Kaplan, Milo West Battaglia, Lauren Hoffman, Aishwarya Keerthi, Adeline Conner, Breanna Kolozie, John Youk (February 27, 2026)

Zeta Phi (UC Santa Barbara)
Alex Cohen, Camillus Ford, Anya Gadkari, Julien Martensson, Jasmin Paniagua; **Associate**: Eunwoo Yoo (May 31, 2025)

Zeta Psi (Hollins University)
Ella Jean Fernandez, Jenna Kleiber, Malayna Torres, Emmabeth Whitehurst (May 1, 2026)

Eta Gamma (Loyola University New Orleans)
Alfie Dickey, Molly Hoffman, Jerome McGrath III (April 9, 2026)

Eta Delta (Hillsdale College)
Ethan Davenport, Nayeon Kim, Catherine McCartney, Elizabeth Putlock, Thaddeus Reudelhuber, Kate Roberson, Viola Townsend (February 2, 2025); Elizabeth Christian, Anna-Luisa Jepson, Charlotte O'Beirne, Caera O'Brien, Ty Ruddy, Mason Settergren, Jacob Waldvogel, Jaxon Welch (October 2, 2025); Owen Ferguson, Sophia Finch, Carina Fiorella, Evelyn Freedman, Aislinn Hawkins, Maria Logvin, Jillian Rudolph, Isaac Rukin, Luka Stevlic, Haley Wade, Theresa Yeager (February 11, 2026); Ryder Cruz, Benjamin Leavesley (March 5, 2026)

Eta Zeta (Truman State University)
Lauren Meitz, Dakota Rhoads, Nolan W. Wilson, Sagan B. Wilson, Simon Horning, Abigail Payne, Sadie Woods, Lillian Boehlke (February 22, 2026)

Eta Theta (DePauw University)
Aaron Keller, Alicia Terry, Brooke Morgan, Cara Tomczyk, Charlotte Griffith, Clara Calderwood, Cybele

ΗΣΦ Initiates 2025–2026 (Continued)

Gilkey, Evelyn Croy, Henry Evans, Jack Heckler, Lilly Percy, Richard McIntosh, Sara Winkelmann (May 1, 2026)

Eta Lambda (University of Dallas)
Bethany Kaufman, Maxim Nottingham, Helena Walz, Myra Main, Penelope Pulsone, Peter James, Maria Zatusevschi (October 2, 2025); Aidan Nagy; **Associate**: Kate Wilkin, Zoe Keith, Thien Nguyen (December 5, 2025)

Eta Mu (University of California, Davis)
Steven Britton, Carter Cassidy, Justin Cho, Ridley Downs, Teagan Durbin, Zoë Eiselt, Katie Fichtner, Hongyu Guo, Eleanor Hopper, Benjamin Kiekhaefer, Malcolm Lange, Anniu "Lily" Lou, Fiona Macfarlane, Kelsey Moren-Callabresi, Max Myers, Cherlyn Pedroza, Sophia Sarieva, James "Tony" Sarracino (June 4, 2025)

Eta Omicron (Assumption University)
Savina Villani, Leah M. Burke (April 28, 2026)

Eta Pi (Hobart and William Smith Colleges)
Grant Murphy, Michael Georgelis, Breanna Holland, Lottie Ewen, Kayli McGowan-Kinney, Sawyer Yuranich, Henry Snider, Annelise Steinkamp-Johnson (May 4, 2025)

Theta Beta (University of Alabama)
Alexander Shelby, Cole Peterson, Audrey Faircloth (April 3, 2026)

Theta Xi (Gonzaga University)
Brendan Galbreath, Sam Mulkey, Alexis Kuchi, Erica Hughes, Emma Larson, Isabelle Maddigan, Sarah Harrington, Antonia Paras, Jackson Bischel, Madeline Red (February 17, 2026)

Theta Pi (Kenyon College)
Bella Cornett, Madie Malbasa, Flavia Trifu, June Grammer, Elliot Kennedy, Russell Thomas (March 30, 2026)

Theta Tau (Stockton University)
Dainius Lukas Drigotas, Gabrielle Donofrio, Shannon Wilson (November 3, 2025)

Theta Psi (Washington and Lee University)
Hannah Adams, Abigail Huse, James Kull, Amelia Maloof, Grace Mitchener, Nathan Stortz, Rebecca Vaught, Maren Brown, Thomas Chapman, Kyra Edwards, Henry McClure, Francie Ozier, Kathryn Price, Aleah Schurr (March 20, 2026)

Iota Delta (Arizona State University)
Ilia Cepeda, Matthew Haworth, Josh Kelly, Amy Palmer, Isabella Palmieri, Asvin Sharma, Avery Waier (May 5, 2026)

Iota Zeta (Christopher Newport University)
Ean Bene, Delaney Ewell, Abigail Avellino, Jamie Graham, Aidan Wells, Andrea Miller (April 15, 2026)

Iota Kappa (Loyola University of Chicago)
Todd Alexander, Connell Donohue, Nicolette Douvas, Maddie Hassert, Olivia Heinze, Naomi Lyon, Safiya Siddiqui, Rachael Van Der Stuyf, Emily Wegrzynowicz (February 24, 2026)

Iota Mu (Virginia Wesleyan University)
Stephanie Clark, Jordan Fielder, Skyler Martinson, Katelyn Dodge (April 23, 2026)

Iota Rho (Christendom College)
Michael Clinton, Luke Deitchman, Liam Formisano, Francis Kuss, Bridget Palm (November 22, 2025); Neva Nikirk; Bridget Palm (November 23, 2025)

Kappa Alpha (Augustana University)
Basmala Alemam, Zayd El Aroussi, Ainsley Henderson, Gentry Owen, Satchel Workman, Sara Lenker (May 7, 2026)

Kappa Gamma (Bates College)
Tosca Neumann, Ari Hahn, Perrin Hill, Zi Li, Jennifer McKay, Phoebe Zhou, Sophia Usmani, Brielle Walsh (March 9, 2026)

Kappa Eta (Asbury University)
Caitlin Burke, Danielle Coakley, Emily Fox, Ashley Jarrett, Joshua McKay, Eva Thibaudeau (April 16, 2026)

Kappa Zeta (Elon University)
Harrison Hicks, Ben Carraher, Mason Moffitt, Grace Britt, SB Barnes, Des Gates, Jenny Agostini, Kayden Poteat, Grace McCain, Cristina Madaio, Josie Milner (February 25, 2026)

Kappa Mu (Belmont University)
Lauren Ryan, Hunter Groves, Micah Lundberg, Clara Suters, Logan Ford, Henna Haight, Greer Prince, Anna Ridge (November 19, 2025); Margaret Tyson, Elizabeth Cislo, Anna Gavin, Elise Gore, Emma Bowman, Bella Cogar, Sydney Strayer (March 25, 2026)

Kappa Xi (Lafayette College)
Cassidy Baisley, Melania Brown, Jessi Kleiber, Bay Malone, Delaney Piccoli, Rachel Shepard (April 7, 2026)

Kappa Pi (Hofstra University)
Will DeRose, Sophie Bourgeoise, Chloe Hitschler, Layla Kunkel, Bethany Gonzalez, Leah Curra; **Honorary**: Susan Poser (April 24, 2026)

Dr. Susan Poser, the 9th President of Hofstra University, graduated with honors in ancient Greek from Swarthmore College.

New Members

Use this form to submit new initiates in your chapter: https://www.etasigmaphi.org/report-on-initiates/. Remember that only those individuals whose names are submitted to the national office are members of Eta Sigma Phi and are eligible to run for national office or to apply for any Eta Sigma Phi fellowship.

Winners of the 2026 Eta Sigma Phi Maurine Dallas Watkins Sight Translation Contests

77th Annual Greek Translation Contest

Advanced Greek (16 entries)

1st Zachary Chen, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College (The Lawrence Crowson Prize)
2nd Brian Curtin, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
3rd Mary Dickinson, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
Honorable Mention: Mason Settergren, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Intermediate Greek (19 entries)

1st Elizabeth Alwine, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
2nd Kassidy Goodell, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
2nd Samuel Guimond, Zeta Iota at University of Georgia
3rd Josh Kelly, Iota Delta at Arizona State University
Honorable Mention: William Nielsen, Alpha Xi at Washington University, St. Louis
Honorable Mention: Thaddeus Reudelhuber, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Koine Greek (18 entries)

1st Brian Curtin, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
2nd Zachary Chen, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
3rd Dylan Pryor, Zeta Iota at University of Georgia
Honorable Mention Arman Amarikia, Eta Mu at University of California, Davis
Honorable Mention Mason Settergren, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
Honorable Mention Rachel Jageman, Gamma Omega at Baylor University

76th Annual Latin Translation Contest

Advanced Latin (22 entries)

1st William Titshaw, Zeta Iota at University of Georgia
2nd Zachary Chen, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
3rd Keri Hoatson, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
Honorable Mention: Mary Dickinson, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
Honorable Mention: Samuel Guimond, Zeta Iota at University of Georgia

Intermediate Latin (17 entries)

1st Lucinda O'Conner, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
2nd Celeste French, Alpha Xi, Washington University at St. Louis
3rd Robert Keeton III, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
Honorable Mention: Aidan Ross at Beta Epsilon, George Washington University

60th Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest

Advanced Prose Composition (14 entries)

Advanced Prose Composition (14 entries)
1st Brian Curtin, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
2nd Ezra Phillips, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
2nd Zachary Chen, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
3rd Madeline Howard, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
Honorable Mention: Mary Dickinson, Gamma Omega at Baylor University

Bona Notitia: Copies of previous sight translation exams and lists of previous winners are now available in the on-line Archives of Eta Sigma Phi. See https://www.esparchives.org/TranslationContests/default.htm

Res Gestae

Chapter Reports Submitted 2025–26

Beta Theta

On 9 September 2025, Hampden-Sydney's Beta Theta chapter threw a welcome-back "Unforgettable Luncheon" get-together pizza party for all active members of Eta Sigma Phi. In addition to pizza, drinks, and socializing with fellow students and faculty, the event included a guest Zoom lecture by Dr. Nat Katz of the University of Arizona about his current research on the assassination of Caligula. The event concluded with the election of officers for the chapter.

On 20 March 2026, our chapter inducted six students into Eta Sigma Phi: Steven Avery Goudes-Shaw, Wesley Steven Krause, Kadin Patrick McCallum, Charles Avery Pearson, Rowan Haywood Warren, and Michael Allen Williamson (plus honorary member Dr. Matthew Schueller). New members added their signatures to our chapter's membership book that dates back to 1942. The initiation ceremony was followed by a celebratory banquet open both to new members and current officers of Eta Sigma Phi. Dr. Samuel Mead of the Hampden-Sydney College Department of Politics delivered a keynote address, on Plato and political philosophy, to close the evening.

Beta Psi (Rhodes College)

This year, the Beta Psi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Rhodes College has a lot to report, including inducting 11 new members! Back in November, we volunteered at a local meeting of the Junior Classical League, helping the chaperones run both academic and athletic competitions. We also co-sponsored an event with the Rhodes College Philosophy Club, where Dr. David Sick spoke on Hellenistic philosophy. Furthermore, Beta Psi hosted a panel of Rhodes College alumni who majored in Ancient Mediterranean Studies or Greek and Roman Studies to



Dr. Samuel Mead delivers the keynote at Beta Theta's initiation ceremony

Annual Reports

To retain active status, each chapter is expected to submit an annual report by November 15th. of each year. This report can be submitted online at https://www.etasigmaphi.org/annual-report-2/. A printable version of this form is also available at https://www.etasigmaphi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Yearly-Report-2019.pdf.

Annual Reports were submitted for 2024-2025 by the following chapters:

Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney College)
Delta Sigma (UC Irvine)
Epsilon Xi (Gustavus Adolphus College)
Epsilon Tau (Beloit College)
Eta Gamma (Loyola University of New Orleans)
Eta Mu (UC Davis)
Theta Tau (Stockton University)
Kappa Zeta (Elon University)

Chapter Reports

Each chapter is also encouraged to submit by May 15th of each year a chapter report describing the activities of the chapter, including initiations, parties, sponsored lectures, field trips, etc. Photos are welcome. Chapter reports can be submitted online at https://www.etasigmaphi.org/res-gestae/. A printable version of this form is available at https://www.etasigmaphi.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Chapter-Report.pdf.

Don't wait until May 15th to share what is happening in your chapter. If you submit your news, you may find it published in the *Res Gestae* in the next issue of the *Nuntius*.

speak on what their lives have looked like since graduation and how their Rhodes College education helped them. We finished up the year with new officer elections for both Beta Psi and our college's Classics club CA'ESAR at a party celebrating Rome's birthday.

Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)

Gamma Omicron initiated five new members in November 2025. Several initiates planned and carried out a publicly-accessible Cider with Classics educational and social gathering in October, which connected Halloween traditions to ghost and monster stories from the ancient world, and at which attendees created curse tablets and protective amulets based on ancient models.

Other initiates planned and took part in a "Research and Refreshments" gathering in February, for the School at Monmouth of which Classics is a part. Five Classics students shared research they had done on ancient technology and on ancient heroes and heroines.

Two initiates shared research at professional conferences: Logan Serpette co-presented with Prof. Simmons on Roman-style paint-making at the annual meeting of the Illinois Classical Conference, and Jenn Ruscitti gave a poster presentation at CAMWS on theory vs. reality in Athenian reception and treatment of foreigners and resident aliens.

Six initiates and affiliates demonstrated ancient Olympic chariot racing for Illinois Junior Classical League students. Initiates took part in the hosting of two scholarly speakers: Jeremy Hartnett of Wabash College in October, and Laurialan Reitzammer of the University of Colorado in February.

And the Classics Club, which includes several initiates, planned and carried out educational weekly meetings. At each one, attendees played Kahoots on a variety of topics in ancient civilizations, such as quizzes on various pantheons, creatures from various myths, and general knowledge on ancient cultures, to better educate its members.



Similar events were held for the general student body to attend:

- In October, the club hosted a Classics Jeopardy night, which educated those in attendance about scholars, mythology, and places in the ancient world, such as matching authors to books, deities to domains, and locations based upon events.
- Another event that showcased the club's values was its catapult night in November. The club demonstrated a scaled-down, but historically accurate, Roman catapult, which had been



Members of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College welcoming initiates into the chapter.

constructed for the Ancient Technology and Engineering class, then attendees made small desktop catapults in a similar fashion out of popsicle sticks, plastic spoons, and rubber bands.

- Another plan that the club has for this spring is a series of escape rooms. The club will be collaborating with a student event-planning organization for an event later this year in which they will create a few escape rooms themed around ancient heroes, like Jason, Odysseus, Perseus, and others.
- By far its biggest, and most significant activity, though, was a "Classics Day on the Road" event that it carried out at Central Intermediate School in Monmouth.
  - After months of preparation and communication with teachers at the school, initiates and other Club members hosted three events that every one of the 100 or so sixth-graders at the school attended:
    - One on mythological and historical trivia;
    - One on Percy Jackson stories: correspondence of events in them to real mythical stories, and correspondence of events in the books to those in the movies; and
    - One on hands-on engagement with ancient military equipment from Greece, Macedonia, and Rome.

Zeta Iota (University of Georgia)

We conducted our annual book Sale in Fall and Spring Semester. For the first time, we got involved with UGA Homecoming and competed in events against other organizations. We held our annual Undergrad Research Conference on April 4. This year we inducted 7 new members in the Spring.

Eta Gamma (Loyola University New Orleans)

For our introductory meeting, we held a classical scavenger hunt. Subsequently we played classical studies trivia, held a special meeting for Archaeology Month, and discussed Mardi Gras and the Classics. We inducted new members in April.

Eta Delta (Hillsdale College)

The Eta Delta chapter at Hillsdale College had a busy 2025-2026 academic year. 14 new members joined the ranks of the honorary over the course of two initiation ceremonies in the fall, and 13 were inducted in a pair of spring ceremonies. In September we held our annual Homerathon, covering the 24 books of the Odyssey in a 24-hour fire-lit live reading at our stone theater that drew both readers and auditors from across campus, some of whom stayed into the early hours of the morning. The companion Virgil Vigil in the spring saw us declaim the 12 books of the Aeneid over a 12-hour span. Several students and faculty recited selections of the poems in Greek and Latin, respectively. In November, the honorary hosted a talk that was advertised for the whole campus as well as Classics students. Assistant Professor Patsy Aeschliman spoke on the confusion and debate about the identify of Marcus/Lucius Annaeus Seneca, philosopher and(/or?) playwright, from late antiquity to the humanistic era. Around a dozen students and several faculty attended this event (late on a Friday afternoon!) and refreshments were provided for all. In the spring, 23 of our students participated in the Eta Sigma Phi sight translation exams, with representation in all six categories, and many of our members also took part in the CAMWS Greek and Latin exams.

Although the Eta Sigma Phi convention unfortunately fell during Hillsdale's spring break, the Eta Delta chapter sponsored two trips during the academic year. In February, faculty advisor and Assistant Professor of Classics Joshua Benjamins led an odyssey to New York City, where four of our Classics students took part in the Living Latin in NYC conference hosted by the Paideia Institute. We stayed in spoken Latin mode throughout the weekend, even during the many hours on the road and throughout our evening sightseeing in the Big Apple which included a quick visit to the Met to view the Greek and Roman exhibits. In March, another

excursion took students to the Toledo Art Museum to see the arrestingly titled exhibit "Cursed! The Power of Magic in the Ancient World," featuring Egyptian amulets, Greek pottery and Roman sculpture depicting the sorceress Medea, and a handful of magical papyri which tested our abilities in Greek papyrology. In May we held our senior send-off ceremony to dispatch 20 of our accomplished senior members into their post-graduation journey. All of them will be fondly remembered! Six intrepid devotees of Greek chose to stay on campus after graduation in order to complete the second annual installment of the three-week-long Scriptorium, the brainchild of Professor of Classics Joseph Garnjobst. This intensive Greek program has students reading the entirety of Plato's Euthyphro, Apology, and Crito, the Gospel of Mark, and the Septuagint translation of Exodus, along with extensive readings in Athenaze — all interspersed with conversational Greek — in order to rapidly build competency in both reading and speaking Ancient Greek. We look forward to carrying on and expanding this program in the future.

Theta Tau (Stockton University)

The Theta Tau Chapter was busy in the fall semester preparing for its 9th annual Latin (and Greek!) Day at Stockton event.



Left, left to right: Lucy O'Connor, Felipe Trebilcock, Mason Settergren, Robert (Tripp) Keeton of Eta Delta

Below, Theta Tau at a fall dance event in New York City



Res Gestae 2025–2026 (Continued)

About 120 middle and high school Latin students in the local and regional area attended the event. Many of the events in the fall semester were focused on getting the four major events ready for the December event: Trivia Station, Arts and Crafts Room, Hands-On Archaeology, and the Escape Room whose theme was the Trojan War and the Odyssey. One of our member's fathers made wood burnt wooden key chains, coasters, ornaments, and standing figurines featuring a host of Greco-Roman themes.

Other events throughout the academic year included a Greek and Roman Music Exchange, a trip to NYC with the Zeta Beta Chapter (Temple University) to attend a fall dance event at NYC City Center, Game Night, Movie Night, Arts and Crafts Night, a trip to the Princeton Museum with a stop at Kostas Grill, and an End-of-the-Year Picnic.

Six of our members attended the annual convention in Kirksville, MO and had a great time. Finally, we inducted three new members into our chapter.

It was a great year at Stockton University!



From the Eta Sigma Phi Archives

From *Nuntius* 58.1, September 1983, page 1: Six former executive secretaries and *Nuntius* editors posed for a picture at the 1983 National Convention in Monmouth, Illinois.

From left to right are: Professor Roy Lindahl, Furman University (editor of *Nuntius*, 1974–78); Professor Brent Froberg, University of South Dakota (editor of *Nuntius* and executive secretary, 1978–1997); Professor Bernice Fox, Monmouth College (editor of *Nuntius*, 1973–74); Professor Theodore Bedrick, Wabash College (executive secretary, 1972–73); Professor Raymond Den Adel, Rockford College (executive secretary, 1974–78); and Professor Graydon W. Regenos, Tulane University (executive secretary and editor of *Nuntius*, 1951–56). All were life members of Eta Sigma Phi.

Share Your Chapter News

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New Chapters

Kappa Omicron (Columbia University)
Kappa Pi (Hofstra University

To petition for a new chapter see https://www.etasigmaphi.org/chapters/prospective-chapters

Reactivated Chapters

2024–2025

- Alpha (University of Chicago)
- Alpha Eta (University of Michigan)
- Alpha Pi (Gettysburg College)
- Delta Omicron at Texas Tech University
- Delta Phi (Missouri State University)
- Epsilon Tau at Beloit College
- Eta Omicron (Assumption University)
- Iota Delta (Arizona State University)
- Kappa Eta (Asbury University)

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Here is the list of Colleges and Universities who administered the 2026 National Latin Exam. Those marked in bold have active chapters of Eta Sigma Phi.

Baylor University (TX)
Beijing Foreign Studies University (CHINA)
Howard University (MD)
John Paul the Great College (BELIZE)
Monmouth College (IL)
Samford University (AL)
Seton Hall University (NJ)
Temple University (PA)
Thomas More College of Liberal Arts (NH)
Truman State University (MO)
University of Mary Washington (VA)
University of Oklahoma-Norman (OK)
University of Tokyo (JAPAN)
Washington State University (WA)

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT WINNERS OF NLE AWARDS

Baylor University
Instructors: Julia Hejduk, Jeffrey Fish, Dan Hanchey

Intermediate Latin Reading Comprehension
Michael Bagby, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Annie Cureton, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Daniel Davidson, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Luke Radich, Cum Laude
Brady Sivers, Magna Cum Laude

Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension
Elizabeth Alwine, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Isaac Bostic, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Jenna Branstetter, Magna Cum Laude
Mary Dickinson, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Madeline Howard, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Baxter Lowe, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Katherine Oliver, Magna Cum Laude
Maria Petrolia, Magna Cum Laude
Jacob Sadowski, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Samantha Wren, Cum Laude

Seton Hall University
Instructor: Kathleen Kidder

Intermediate Latin
Tia Collins, Cum Laude

Intermediate Latin Reading Comprehension
Magdalena Himmelwright, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Richard Koba, Magna Cum Laude
Olivia Webster, Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Temple University
Instructor: Marian Makins

Intermediate Latin
Gwendolyn Burlingame, Magna Cum Laude
Ava Capellupo, Magna Cum Laude

Advanced Latin Prose
Nouraldin Blankinship, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Abigail Throne, Magna Cum Laude

Thomas More College of Liberal Arts
Instructor: Fred Fraser

Intermediate Latin
Vincent Basile, Cum Laude
Nathaniel Doughty, Cum Laude
William Fahey, Magna Cum Laude
Fred Fraser, Magna Cum Laude
Zofia Gawronski, Cum Laude
Patrick Gillis, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Ian Hoff, Magna Cum Laude
Louisa Turner, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Jeremiah Yuds, Magna Cum Laude

Advanced Latin Prose
Livia Bayalinova, Cum Laude
Clare Bockhorn, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Mary Charlotte Bryant, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Donovan Carlson, Magna Cum Laude
Madeline Conner, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Emily Davis, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
John Paul Dunlap, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Lillian Grimes, Cum Laude

The 2026 National Latin Exam (Continued)

Thomas More College of Liberal Arts (continued)
Advanced Latin Prose (continued)
Avalyn Hicks, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Helena Horne, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Aaron Lammers, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Sarah Newton, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Gianna Niemann, Cum Laude
Charles Noble, Cum Laude
Luke Prizzi, Gold Summa Cum Laude
John Schnake, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Jacinta Swope, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Lillian Syren, Cum Laude
Ava Thompson, Gold Summa Cum Laude
John Vicinanzo, Cum Laude
Reagan Williams, Cum Laude

Truman State University
Instructor: Jeremy Hopkins

Advanced Latin Poetry
Lillian Boehlke, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Anna Lowrey, Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Why administer the National Latin Exam to college students?

- **To give students a sense of growth and achievement**
  - Certificates and medals are given by the NLE to high-performing college students, just as they are to all other students who particpate.
  - The names and institutions of all college students who perform well on the NLE are published each year in the summer issue of *Nuntius*, the Eta Sigma Phi newsletter, which is accessible online.
- **To act as an outcomes assessment tool**
  - The NLE provides an objective, external check on how well an institution's students are performing both within the institution and compared to other students at the same level across the country and around the world.
  - The NLE is not based on any one textbook. Instead, a syllabus for each exam level is posted online.

University of Oklahoma
Instructor: John Hansen

Intermediate Latin Reading Comprehension
Declan Bunch, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Jackson Ciha, Magna Cum Laude
Kendall Delph, Magna Cum Laude
Logan Geiszler, Cum Laude
Connor Goodrich, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Alexander Hanby, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Adison Hawk, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Daniel Land, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Garrett Mantooth, Cum Laude
Alejandro McHenry, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Sam Nash, Magna Cum Laude
Lilly Ross, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Chad Stevens, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Elizabeth Stevenson, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Michelle Sumaza, Magna Cum Laude
Leonidas Tyra, Magna Cum Laude
Elaina Workman, Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Advanced Latin Prose
Morgan Beason, Magna Cum Laude
Hunter Easley, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Lexi Ratcliff, Gold Summa Cum Laude

Advanced Latin Poetry
William Alvey, Magna Cum Laude
Lincoln Fullmer, Gold Summer Cum Laude

Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension
Greer Boedeker, Cum Laude
Darrien Contizano, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Francesca Sacco, Cum Laude
Victoria Smith, Cum Laude
Roman Thompson, Cum Laude

University of Tokyo (JAPAN)
Instructor: Hermann Gottschewski

Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension
Ryuzo Suzuki, Gold Summa Cum Laude

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