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2020 MAUREEN O'DONNELL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WINNERS

The National Latin Exam is pleased to announce the winners of this year's \$2,000 Maureen O'Donnell Scholarships for Academic Excellence. These scholarships, formerly called the National Latin Exam Scholarships, have been renamed in honor of Maureen O'Donnell, one of the "founding mothers" of the National Latin Exam. The NLE has designated one of these scholarships, given by an anonymous donor, as the Doris Kays Memorial Scholarship. Doris served for many years as Chair of the NLE Scholarship Committee. Our scholarship winners became eligible as high school seniors because they won gold medals on the 2020 NLE level III, IV, V, or VI exams. These scholars must take two semesters of Latin or ancient Greek language as college freshmen. They will be eligible to renew their scholarships each year if they continue their study of Latin or Greek. As juniors and seniors, they are required to have a declared major of Classics, Latin, or Greek. Below are the names of the winners, their high schools, Latin teachers, and the colleges or universities that they are attending.



LENA CAVICCHIA
BASIS DC
Washington, DC
Maureen Beabout
Stanford



DEREK DAMASCO
Loyola Academy
Wilmette, IL
Dr. William Lowe
University of Saint Thomas



KAYLEIGH EXCELL
Hinsdale Central H.S.
Hinsdale, IL
Alisha McCloud
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign



VIVIANA LU
George Walton Comprehensive H.S.
Marietta, GA
Alan Farnsworth
Harvard



HEATHER MADSEN
Roosevelt High School
Seattle, WA
Priscilla Scofield
Princeton



MEAGHAN MCKENNA
Westford Academy
Westford, MA
Sarah Bjorkman
Mount Holyoke

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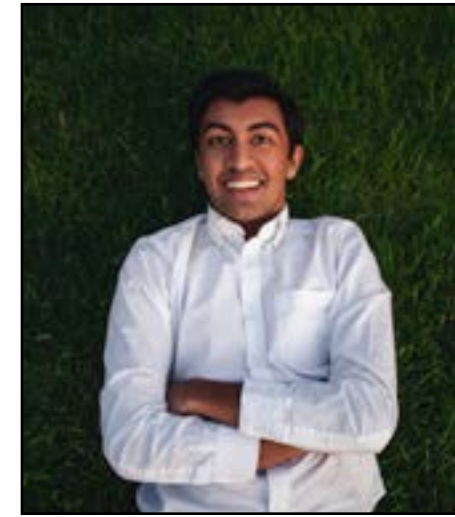
JONATHAN MERCHAN
Loyola Academy
Wilmette, IL
Dr. William Lowe
Stanford



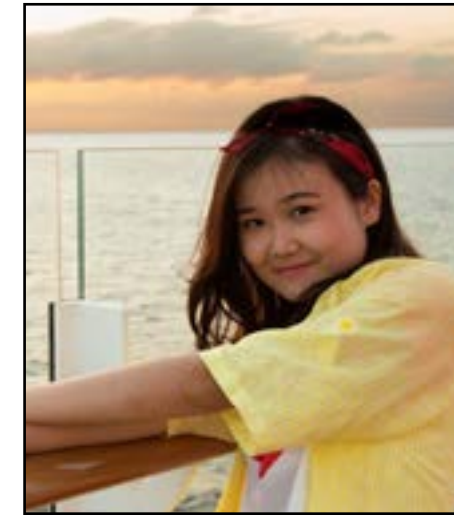
NOLAN MUSSLEWHITE
St. Alban's School
Washington, DC
Dr. Taylor Coughlan
Princeton



CLARE PRUSS
Live Oak Classical School
Waco, TX
Nathan Wade
Baylor University



GIRIDHAR VISWANATHAN
Shady Side Academy
Pittsburgh, PA
Suzanne Belles
Yale



YIXING WANG
Boston University Academy
Boston, MA
Dr. Kristin Jewell
Stanford



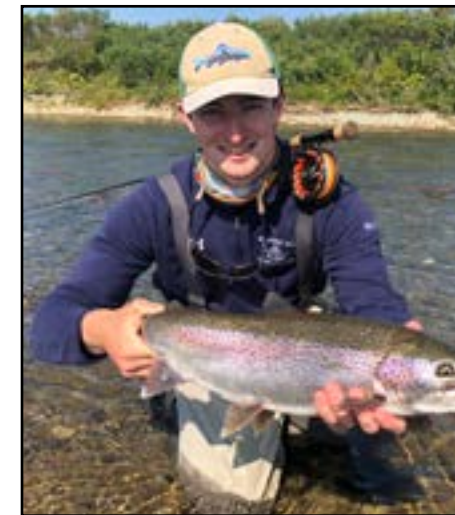
JOCELYN ROBERTSON
Classical Cottage School
Berryville, VA
Susan Schearer
Brasenose College, Oxford University



TY TONEY
The Pembroke Hill School
Leaswood, KS
Nancy Lacy
Stanford



VICTOR TYNE
St. Peter's Prep
Jersey City, NJ
Emma Bagg
University of Chicago



JOHN WELDON
Belmont Hill School
Belmont, MA
Dr. Todd Davis
Harvard



ASHLEIGH WITHERINGTON
Homeschool
Tallahassee, FL
Mark Buzbee
Florida State University

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWALS 2020-2021

SOPHOMORES

Grant Bruner
Princeton University

Molly Cutler
Princeton University

Grace De Angelis
Northwestern University

Roman Hall
Brown University

Gabrielle Kammerer
University of Cincinnati

William La Farge
University of Chicago

Alyssa Nash
Bryn Mawr College

Katie Painter
Yale University

Stephen Pittman
College of the Holy Cross

Elsie Schaubeck
Tufts University

Jordan Vaughn
Northwestern University

Matthew Yee
Brown University

JUNIORS

Joseph Crnkovitch
University of Notre Dame

Sophia Dort
Duke University

Fletcher Erskine
University of Glasgow

Grant Hussong
University of Kansas

Jordan Lee
Stanford University

Jeffrey Price
Bowdoin College

Caroline Murphy Racette
University of Oxford-Somerville
College

David Sullivan
University of Georgia

SENIORS

Sanjeevani Bhavsar
Washington University in St. Louis

Abigail Creighton
Brown University

Serena Davis
Harvard University

Parker DiPaulo
University of Virginia

Michael Lange
University of Texas-Austin

Sophia Warnement
College of William and Mary



NLE AWARDS 19 GRANTS TO TITLE I SCHOOLS FOR 2021 NLE

The National Latin Exam is excited to announce that they have awarded 19 grants for the 2021 NLE to Title I Schools in 12 states, in the first year of this initiative.

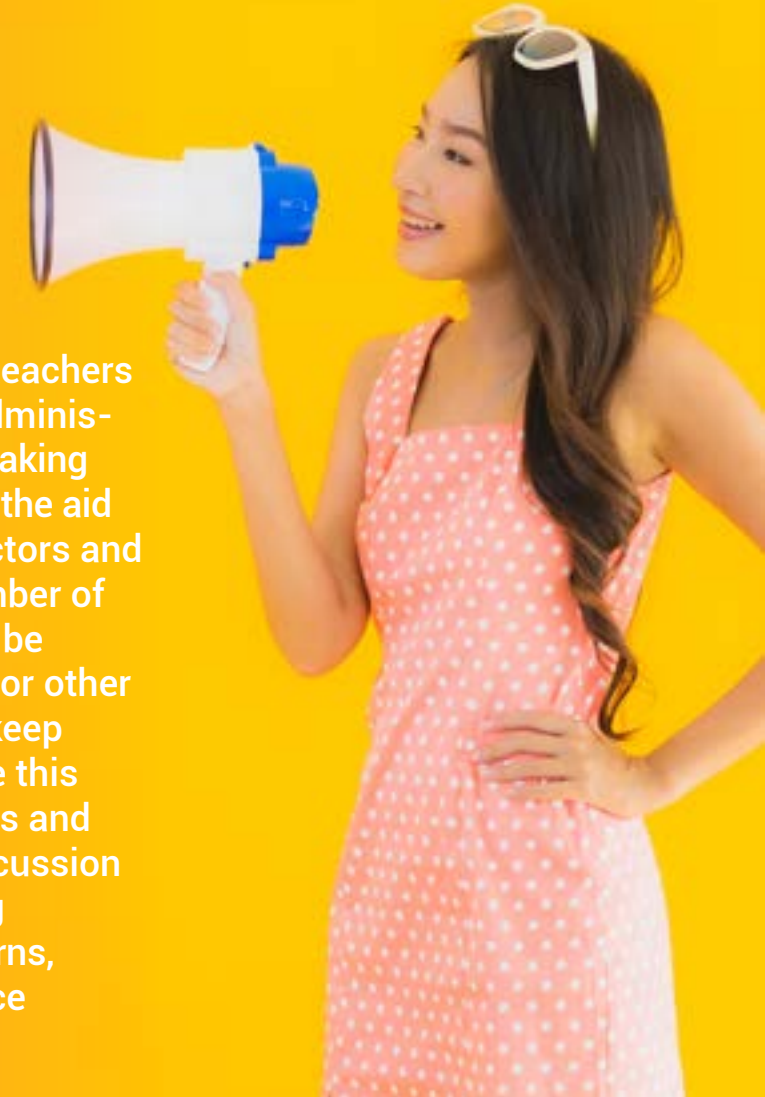
Schools who would like to apply for a 2022 grant should watch for that announcement in September of next year.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE NLE COMMITTEE:

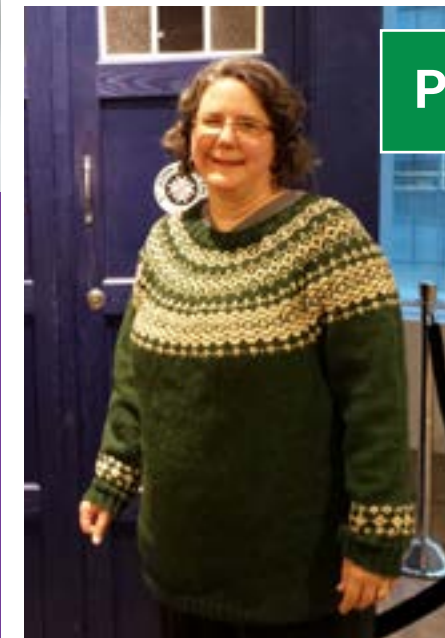
LATIN TEACHERS CAN ADMINISTER EXAM!

Salvete, omnes!

The National Latin Exam Writing and Steering Committee is pleased to announce that Latin teachers are allowed to be the primary and even sole administrator and supervisor when their students are taking the exam. We still encourage teachers to enlist the aid of other teachers and school personnel as proctors and assistants, particularly if you have a large number of students participating. Latin teachers will still be required to designate a principal, headmaster, or other school official who will receive the exam and keep it locked up until the time of the test. We made this change after very many requests from teachers and administrators and much deliberation and discussion from members of the NLE Writing and Steering Committee. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NLE Office at 1-888-378-7721 or nle@umw.edu.

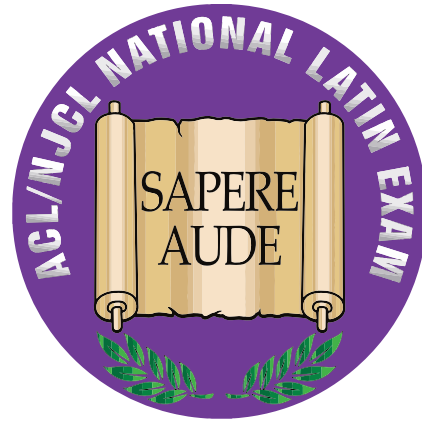


PEYTON WINS DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP



Donna Peyton (pictured) has been named the 2020 recipient of the National Latin Exam Sally Davis Graduate School Scholarship. She is attending Mississippi State University. ***Congratulations, Donna!***

**THE LINDA S. MONTROSS
NEW LATIN EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP**



DETAILS:

- A maximum of ten \$2000 scholarships are given each spring.
- The application deadline is February 15th.
- Each scholarship is renewable for however long the recipient is a student enrolled in a bachelor's or master's degree program with the intention of teaching Latin at the K-12 level. The maximum funding is four years for a bachelor's degree and two years for a master's degree (exceptions at the discretion of the scholarship committee).
- The NLE will cover the cost of attending one American Classical League Institute occurring from the end of their junior year in college through their third year of teaching (or a similar professional development opportunity should recipients live outside the U.S.). For more information on this conference see <https://aclclassics.org/>.
- Recipients will be offered informal mentoring by experienced Latin teachers for the first three years of teaching.

APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS:

- Are not required to have taken the National Latin Exam
- May be a high school senior or undergraduate, or enrolled in a master's degree program
- Must be planning to teach Latin at the K-12 levels
- May not apply for this scholarship if currently receiving another National Latin Exam award.

For the application form, please go to

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdK9VOHA2EiSZpgcLutop2ikIPTCr9T8TekstvgI4TCfDcAYQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>

For the teacher recommendation form, please go to

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenkjrO6XWdAh3VgUKwk-AaAEwbwKamncQh1NqiddITJeeNLA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

**National Latin Exam Offers
Online Testing Option**



MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

if you wish to have your students take the exam online:

- At least 512 MB of RAM
- Internet connection speed of 56 Kbps or faster
- Windows XP, Vista, 7 or 8
 - Internet Explorer 7 or above
 - Mozilla Firefox version 12 or above
 - Google Chrome
- Mac OS X
 - Safari 3 or above
 - Mozilla Firefox version 12 or above
 - Google Chrome

The NLE is not equipped to handle technical errors during the exam. The responsibility falls on the exam proctor to resolve technical issues during the exam. If you have concerns you may always contact Clement Testing Service at clementtestingservice@verizon.net or 1-800-459-9847.

We hope that many of you will decide to have your students take the exam online this year or in years to come!

As you fill out your application for the **2021 NLE**, you will notice that you have the choice to give the exam via the traditional paper and pencil method, or you can have your students take the exam online. The same protocols still apply whether the proctor is giving the test online or on paper. All students taking the same level of the exam must take the exam at the same time. For those teachers teaching in a hybrid situation for the 2020-2021 school year, you have the option of ordering paper exams for some of your students and online exams for the other students.

If you choose the online testing option, you will receive an access code on your confirmation postcard. Please make sure to put your postcard in a safe place. About a week before you are scheduled to give the exam, you will be able to use your access code to obtain student logins for each student participating at your school. The proctor is still in charge of overseeing the administration of the exam.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE NLE WRITING COMMITTEE

WILLIAM LEE



William Lee received his BA in Latin from the University of Texas at Austin after deciding that he wanted to be a Latin teacher instead of a chemical engineer. William first fell in love with the Latin language and the culture after taking Latin at Humble High School, where Shawn Jennings was his Latin teacher. He also joined JCL and the enthusiasm and the people he met along the way solidified his desire to become a Latin teacher. This year, William is starting his 21st year of teaching Latin. He has taught Latin for the last 18 years at Tom C. Clark High School and had taught at Barbara Bush Middle School and Ronald Reagan High School the 3 years prior to that. He has been and is very involved in JCL and ACL and has served in various leadership roles in the past. In his hard-to-come-by spare time, William enjoys reading, watching movies, watching college sports, cooking, and working with his students. He considers himself a foodie and enjoys going to new restaurants and trying all kinds of food.

JACKIE LUND



Jackie Lund (she/her) is very excited to be joining the NLE Writing Committee! Jackie is heading into her second year teaching at Bexley High School in Columbus, Ohio. In 2019 she was a recipient of the The Linda S. Montross New Latin Educators Scholarship. Prior to accepting her position at Bexley, she completed her Master of Teaching degree at the University of Virginia. In 2017, she completed her BA with High Distinction in Classics (Latin) and Psychology, also at the University of Virginia. At Bexley, she is sponsor of the DREAM (Discussing Racial Equality and Me) club and the JCL, as well as assistant coach for the Girls Lacrosse team. This spring and summer, she has served on the Ohio DOE committee to revise the Ohio Latin Model Curriculum. She is passionate about working on the exam with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion and is excited to bring her energy and perspective to the writing committee.

CAROLINE KELLY



Caroline Switzer Kelly earned her B.A., her M.Div., and her M.Sc. in Classics from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. She started teaching Latin at an inner-city high school in Jackson, MS, moving to Covenant Day in Charlotte in 1994. A regular conference presenter, in 2004 she was President of the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina. She became President of the Southern Conference on Language Teaching (SCOLT) in 2012, and later served as their representative on the ACTFL Board. As far as Latin, she served as Chair for the ACL Centennial Celebration, Chair of the NLE Advisory Committee from 2016-2020, and received the Merita Award in 2014. In North Carolina, she has served in several advisory capacities to the NC Department of Public Instruction, writing curriculum and pedagogical samples. Because of her interest in Latin pedagogy, particularly with regard to reading strategy, she was asked to serve as an editor, author, and consultant for the Latin textbook series, *Ecce Rōmānī*. Now retired from high school teaching, she currently teaches an online Latin course for Mitchell Community College in Statesville. Her latest venture in language education is to work with Scottish Heritage USA to secure funding for a Gaelic Studies position at Chapel Hill!

She is married to Douglas Kelly, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte. They have five children and nine grandchildren.



BETTY MERRILL RETIRES FROM NLE WRITING COMMITTEE

Betty Merrill, who joined the NLE Writing Committee in 1992, retired in June 2020, after 28 years of service to the National Latin Exam. During her tenure, Betty also served as the newsletter editor and the treasurer. Thank you, Betty, for your many years of service, and we hope that you will enjoy your retirement, especially spending more time with your grandchildren.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE NLE CONSULTANTS

ED LONG



Ed Long lives in his hometown of Clarksville, Tennessee, where he is in his 30th year of teaching high school Latin. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, with a double major in Classics and Mathematics. He remained at Vanderbilt to earn his Master of Arts in Teaching degree, with concentration in Latin. He was one of the four NLE Scholarship recipients in the very first year they were awarded, 1984.

Mr. Long has been teaching at Clarksville High School for twenty years, where he sponsors a JCL program that was begun in the 1950s. He served as Certamen Chair for the NJCL from 1996-2006 and has attended 39 NJCL Conventions. Several of his students over the years have earned NLE scholarships, and several have gone on to be Latin teachers as well.

Mr. Long's wife Laura retired in 2019 from teaching high school Latin, having taught for 33 years. She subs for him every now and then as needed. They have two children, Judith (in Graduate School) and Philip (an undergraduate senior majoring in Physics). In his spare time Mr. Long enjoys serving his church, travel, and home improvement projects.

ELIZABETH BAER



Elizabeth Baer has been teaching Latin in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts for over two decades at both the middle and high school level. In addition to her educational background in Classics, she also did graduate work in Indo-European linguistics, and she works to enrich her Latin instruction with linguistic principles, helping her students better understand the use of language. Elizabeth attended the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome during college, and has led several students trips to Italy. In service to the profession, she has served on numerous committees, including a committee of educators that worked on revisions to the MTEL (Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure). In addition to her teaching job, Elizabeth loves to cook, and has done cookbook recipe-testing and copy-editing.

DEAR NELLY

Dear Nelly,

This school year I am teaching half of my students in person and the other half online. Is there a way that I can order paper exams and online exams on the same registration?

~Dilemma in Duluth

Dear Dilemma,

Excellent question! Yes, you can order both the online and the paper exam on the same registration. If you use the paper registration, you will notice columns for both paper and online exams in the "Number of Exams" box. If you order online, you can place both paper and online exams into your cart. We realize in these times that many school systems have hybrid learning, so we made this change to accommodate the current situation of many teachers. Thanks for asking, and take care.

Dear Nelly,

I received an e-mail from your testing service in the spring, with information about accessing our students' results for the 2020 NLE. However, I wasn't able to access the results at that time, and when I tried to use the login provided in the e-mail, it did not work. Please let me know how to access our students' results for this year's exam. They are eager to find out how they did.

~Looking in Louisville

Dear Looking,

Thank you for asking about the online results. As the e-mail from the testing service indicated, the login and password provided would only work for 10 days. However, the testing service will be glad to e-mail you an electronic copy of your 2020 results. You can request this information by contacting Clement Testing Service at clementtestingservice@verizon.net or 1-800-459-9847.



AMY BERNARD-MASON TO CHAIR NLE OUTREACH & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Amy Mason has been teaching Latin in New Jersey for 15 years after making an impulsive choice to apply to graduate school over law school. She has taught all levels of Latin from a 4th grade exploratory course through AP. She has also taught Financial Literacy and Ancient History after completing her Social Studies certification. Mrs. Mason loves nothing more than instilling a love of ablative absolutes, supines, Catullus and the adventures of Sextus in her students. Her other academic passion is embracing any new educational technology which might help students forget that they are actually learning.

When not teaching, Mrs. Mason enjoys running, reading Victorian and sci-fi novels of dubious literary value, binge-watching Doctor Who, planning outlandish family Halloween costumes and silently correcting everyone's grammar.

Scholarship Committees

THE NATIONAL LATIN EXAM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The NLE Scholarship Committee is composed of six readers: three college professors and three high school teachers plus the Chair. Only two professors and two high school teachers serve as readers each year. The applications are read several times prior to the selection of the sixteen scholarship winners and five alternates. The first screening is done by the Chair. A second screening is then done to determine which applications will be sent to the readers. Approximately ninety applications are sent to the readers for a third reading. Each reader selects his top thirty-five applications and returns these selections to the chair. At this time, the committee members' choices are collated, and the winners are chosen. The names of the scholars are announced at The American Classical League Institute late in June.

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Sarah Bjorkman
 Temple Eller
 Michael Sloan

Randall Childree
 Robert Simmons
 Sandra Woodward

THE LINDA S. MONTROSS NEW LATIN EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP

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THE JANE HARRIMAN HALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

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Angela Pitts

Dianne Hall Thomas

THE CHRISTINE FERNALD SLEEPER EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD SCHOLARSHIP











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Elizabeth Heimbach

Ian Hochberg

Jane Sleeper

WHICH LEVEL EXAM SHOULD MY STUDENTS TAKE?

MY STUDENTS	INTRO	BEGINNING	INTERMEDIATE	INT LATIN READING COMP	ADVANCED LATIN PROSE	ADVANCED LATIN POETRY	ADVANCED LATIN READING COMP
ARE IN THE FIRST YEAR OF A TWO YEAR LATIN I PROGRAM.							
ARE IN THE SECOND YEAR OF A TWO YEAR LATIN I PROGRAM.							
ARE IN A ONE YEAR LATIN I PROGRAM.							
ARE IN LATIN II.							
ARE IN LATIN III AND HAVE TRANSLATED PRIMARILY ADAPTED LATIN PASSAGES OR STORIES							
ARE IN LATIN III AND HAVE TRANSLATED PRIMARILY AUTHENTIC LATIN LITERATURE.							
ARE IN LATIN IV.							
ARE IN LATIN V OR BEYOND.							

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT LEVEL, PLEASE CONTACT THE NLE OFFICE OR CONSULT THE COMPLETE SYLLABUS FOR EACH LEVEL OF THE EXAM ON WWW.NLE.ORG

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NATIONAL LATIN EXAM WRITING COMMITTEE 2020-2021

The individual members of the Writing Committee, all seasoned teachers with experience using a wide variety of textbooks and teaching methods, begin writing the exams each spring. By the middle of August the members, meeting together as a committee, begin the difficult task of reviewing each exam with respect to the level of difficulty, accuracy, and content. After numerous revisions, the exams are sent to the consultants for their in-depth critiques. Acting upon their suggestions, the committee makes further changes. After a final review, fine-tuning, and proofing, the exams are printed and sent to the schools.

It usually takes the committee twelve to fifteen sessions averaging three to four hours each to complete the work associated with the exams. In addition to the general working sessions, each committee member spends hours taking care of specific tasks such as answering correspondence, word processing, record keeping, publicizing the exam, and writing newsletter articles.

Mark Keith, Co-Chair
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Caroline Kelly

Jackie Lund

Sue Robertson

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Ian Hochberg

William Lee

Micheal Posey

Jane H. Hall, Emerita

Linda S. Montross, Emerita

THE NATIONAL LATIN EXAM CONSULTANTS 2020-2021

Every fall the Writing Committee sends drafts of the seven exams to the consultants who are current high school teachers, college professors, or former educators. These consultants are split into two groups, the first group receiving the exams in mid-September and the second group in mid-October. David Perry, our macron specialist, adds the macrons to all the Latin words on the exams. The consultants carefully critique the questions on each of the exams, offer suggestions for improvement, and return their comments to the Writing Committee within a week's time. Their ideas and contributions are invaluable in the process of preparing the exams for distribution to national and international Latin students.

Elizabeth Baer

Michael Bales

David Bloch

Sally Davis

Amy Elifrits

Elizabeth Heimbach

Liane Houghtalin

Amy Leonard

Ed Long

Betty Merrill

Linda Montross

David R. Pellegrino

David Perry

Wallace Ragan

Are **you** interested in joining the NLE?

Here is a link to our application:
www.nle.org/About-Us/Joining-the-NLE



Check out the NLE on YouTube

All 24 episodes of *Forum Romanum* have been converted and posted on the National Latin Exam YouTube Channel!

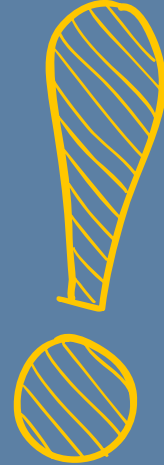
Here is the YouTube Custom URL for the NLE:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/NleOrgVid>

The *Forum Romanum Companion Book* is available through the American Classical League's Teaching Materials & Resource Center (www.aclclassics.org/store).

ATTENTION!

ALL FORMER NLE SCHOLARS



The National Latin Exam Newsletter has begun publishing updates about former scholarship winners who have completed their undergraduate studies. NLE and the international Latin community are interested in you and would love follow-up information about your lives and careers. Please send us a brief account about where you are and what you are doing to the following address:

nle@umw.edu

or

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CHECK OUT THE NLE WEBSITE!
www.nle.org

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- The 2020 Exams and Answers
- Results, Awards, and Scholarship Information for 2020
- Our Registration Form for 2021
- Special Instructions for Home-Schoolers
- Copies of Past Exams
- The Syllabus for Each Level
- Contact Information for the NLE Committees and Consultants
- FORUM ROMANUM Videos, DVD, and Scripts
- Links to ACL and Other Classical Organizations



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