

1 December 2015

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Baylor University Department of Classics I would like to invite you and your Latin students to the campus in Waco for Latin Day on **26 February 2016**, from **9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**. This year's program will include:

8:30 – 9:00 AM

**Assemble in Miller Chapel**

**Costume Contest**

Students (or teachers!) may dress as any mythological character or figure from Greco-Roman history. Participating students should report to the back of Miller Chapel as they arrive **with a brief written statement about their costume and how it relates to their chosen character**. Photographs will be taken to facilitate the judging of this contest.

9:00 – 9:45 AM

**Opening Ceremonies** (Miller Chapel)

This year the opening ceremonies will include the introduction of each delegation. When called upon, each delegation should stand, saying HIC SUMUS. **The use of a banner or flag representing your delegation is encouraged**. Following the introductions and a welcome from the Dean of Baylor's College of Arts & Sciences, Ken Jones, Associate Professor of Classics and History, will give a short and entertaining lecture entitled, "Some Thoughts on Procrastination: The Life and Legacy of Fabius Maximus Cunctator."

10:00 - 10:40 AM

**Certamen Round 1** (Morrison Hall and the Alexander Reading Room)

The Certamen tournament will last throughout the day with each team assured of participating in at least two rounds. We have recently instituted a Certamen style consistent with the JCL competitions. Since we can accommodate only eight teams, **we encourage you to register as soon as possible**.

**Probatio Round 1** (Miller Chapel)

The Probatio contest is designed for students not participating in the Certamen tournament. Working in groups of four to six members each, students will record their answers to a series of Certamen-style questions. After all the questions have been asked and the answers have been recorded, the presiding faculty member will summon a *praeco* previously appointed by his or her group, who will be prepared to give the group's answer when called upon. Though every *praeco* will be given an opportunity to answer a question, the groups will

not know in advance which of the questions their representative will be called upon to answer. To determine this, the faculty member will draw the name of a group from a hat, and the *praeco* for the group that is selected will declare his or her group's response. If the answer is correct, the members of the group will receive the acclamation of the audience. If the answer is incorrect, the faculty member will solicit the audience for the correct answer and proceed immediately to the next question, drawing a new group name out of the hat. This procedure will continue until all questions have been answered. **Each delegation may form up to three groups for each round of the contest.**

10:50 – 11:30 AM **Certamen Round 2** (Morrison Hall and the Alexander Reading Room)

**Declamation Contest** (Miller Chapel)

Participating students will have the opportunity to read and perform a Latin passage out loud in a competition format. They will be judged on quality of pronunciation (using a traditional Classical pronunciation) and delivery. **I will provide the passage in advance for any who wish to practice prior to Latin Day.** The contest will be preceded by a short discussion of ancient rhetorical techniques and delivery strategies. Students who incorporate these techniques will receive extra credit in the judging of the performances.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Lunch** (Penland Crossroads)

12:40 – 1:20 PM **Certamen Round 3** (Morrison Hall and the Alexander Reading Room)

**Probatio Round 2** (Miller Chapel)

**Campus Tour** (Departing from Miller Chapel)

12:40 – 1:40 PM **Manuscript Workshop** (Armstrong Browning Library)

As in years past, we are excited to offer a special opportunity for advanced students to participate in a small workshop on reading Latin manuscripts in Baylor's Armstrong Browning Library. **If you have two or three students who would like to participate, please let me know in advance.**

1:30 – 2:20 PM **Certamen Round 4** (Alexander Reading Room)

**Workshop on Roman Religion** (Morrison Hall)

This workshop will explore a variety of Roman divinatory practices including augury, extispicy, and the observation of sacred chickens. The workshop will be interactive (though **not** oriented toward practical application).

2:30 – 3:30 PM

**Performance of Plautus' *Pseudolus*** (Bennett Auditorium)

We will conclude the day with a production of Plautus' *Pseudolus* featuring undergraduate students from the Department of Classics under the direction of David White, Senior Lecturer in Classics.

**Awards Ceremony** (Bennett Auditorium)

Entries in the second annual **Creative Project Contest** will be displayed in the back of Miller Chapel throughout the day. We welcome individual or collaborative entries in the following categories:

**Verbal Arts** (poems, essays, short stories, etc.)

**Graphic Arts** (cartoons, posters, drawings, paintings, mosaics, sculptures, etc.)

All entries should promote the study of Latin or relate to some aspect of Classical culture. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded in each category. Entries in the **Verbal Arts** will be judged in advance and must be submitted by e-mail ([Meghan\\_DiLuzio@baylor.edu](mailto:Meghan_DiLuzio@baylor.edu)) by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, 23 February 2016**. Entries in the **Graphic Arts** must be clearly labeled and should be dropped off before the beginning of the opening ceremonies.

The **registration fee** for all student participants is **\$15/student**. This fee covers lunch for students, teachers, and chaperones as well as a newly designed Latin Day t-shirt for all attendees. All payments must be postmarked by **8 February 2016**. Schools arriving on Thursday night may contact Thelma Mathews ([Thelma\\_Mathews@baylor.edu](mailto:Thelma_Mathews@baylor.edu)) for hotel recommendations and phone numbers. Hotel costs are not included in the registration fee.

Please find enclosed **release forms** that may be returned along with your registration form or hand delivered on Latin Day itself. **Form E** may be used by teachers, chaperones, and students who are age 18 or older. **Form D** must be used by students who are minors and should only be signed by their parent or legal guardian. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Baylor Latin Day is an honored tradition in our department. We value this opportunity to meet you and your students and hope that you will join us for what promises to be a fun and educational experience!

Sincerely,

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