

In reading the reports of the Regional VP's, I saw many of the expected challenges: programs waxing and waning, a desire to increase outreach, and threats from uninformed administrators or legislatures. Communication remains a common thread as well. Despite being so very connected by electronic media, it seems difficult in many instances to make communication happen, whether between secondary and college/university faculty or between schools within a state or region. In addition, many budgets are stretched to the breaking point, and many of us have several professional organizations to which we pay dues. CAMWS should be aware of these pressures as we highlight our value to our members.

As in the past, we all need to be vigilant against charges of obsolescence; we each need our own elevator pitch as to the importance of the Classics. We need to be proactive in recruiting students and working with colleagues to show our value and resilience. For instance, I ask everyone to keep an eye on the news lest your legislature try to make computer coding a substitute for languages. This change is not supported by organizations such as Code.org, but the idea still persists through local movements. In addition, I ask that you try to reach the quiet programs and encourage them to become vocal advocates for themselves. With education under threat on so many fronts, we need to trumpet our successes as well as to support each other in times of crisis.

On a more positive note, applications for grants were up this year. I attach a full list of applications granted by March 25th, and the reports of the Regional Vice Presidents can be found here: <https://camws.org/node/959>. I also congratulate this

year's winners of a CPL Award for advocacy: Hillsdale College, activity organized by Laury Ward (Collegiate level), and the Savannah Classical Academy, activity organized by David Withun, Benjamin Payne, and Michele Valerie Ronnick (K-12 level).

Congratulations as well to Garrett Jacobsen (Ohio) and Marcia Lindgren (Plains Region) for winning the State and Regional Vice-Presidential Awards this year. Thank you all for all you do for the Classics.

Please contact cpl@camws.org with your ideas and requests.

Respectfully submitted,
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Bridge Initiative Grants

CANES High School Visit Day 2018

Department of Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison - William Brockliss

6th Grade Summer Blitz

Glasgow Middle School, Baton Rouge, LA - Nathalie Roy

Greek and Roman Comedy at the North Carolina Junior Classical League Convention

Wake Forest University - T. H. M. Gellar-Goad

Homerathon

University of Nebraska, Lincoln - Mike Lippman and Matthew Loar

Nevada Junior Classical League State Convention

American Preparatory Academy - Neoma Williams

Classics Teacher Day

University of Arizona Department of Religious Studies and Classics - Arum Park

Where Greece, Rome, and Egypt Collide: Cleopatra VII; Humor and Politics in the Art of the New Kingdom

Northwestern State University - T. Davina McClain

Rising 9th Grade Night Promotion

Grady High School - Amy Leonard

Wisconsin Classics Day

UW-Madison, Beloit College, and Lawrence University - Adriana Brook

West Virginia Junior Classical League

The Linsly School - Nicoletta Villa-Sella

Philologia Perennis: A Latin Podcast

Tom Keeline

SNAP! (Southern Nevada Amici Pratis)

Meadows School - Tom Garvey

Virginia Junior Classical Convention

Rockbridge County High School - Patrick Bradley

Savannah Symposium on African American History and Liberal Education
Savannah Classical Academy - David Withun

Lunch with Students and Guest Speaker, Hunter Gardner, Associate Professor &
Classics Program Director at USC
Wake Forest University - Ted Gellar-Goad

Texas Tech Classics Day
Texas Tech University - William Tortorelli

Certamen Buzzers
Desert Springs Christian Academy - Karen Caroe

Caristia Grants

2018 Southern Nevada Certamen
David Fisher

The Colosseum's Awning: A Reassessment of the Theories
Michelle Ronnick

Secret Saturnalia Celebration
Tom Garvey

Travel Grants

Fairview High School
Lynn LiCalsi

St. Michael's Academy
Sr. Therese Marie