

A New Teacher's Perspective

I began studying Latin because I was curious, and because I had the support of two groups of classicists. The first was the faculty at Thomas MacLaren School. My school's curriculum is classical in nature, and all students study Latin for four years (and some move on to Ancient Greek). Surrounded by this culture, I saw the language as something desirable, helpful, and fun. In this community, Latin is not something to fear, but something to embrace, as part of a well-balanced liberal arts education. The second group was my friends in the Classics department at Colorado College. Seeing my interest, Dan Leon and Kendra Henry helped me find a way to pursue my natural curiosity, and guided me through my introduction to the Latin language and the Latin world. Now I have the pleasure of opening these same doors for my students, but I am fortunate enough to still be formally and informally mentored by my coworkers and friends.