Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis:
Big Changes Coming to the National Latin Exam
American Classical League Institute Centennial
New York City
June 27-29, 2019
Results of the 2019 National Latin Exam

139,519 students registered

127,924 sat for the exam (91.7%)
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TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS: 3,236 (3,310 in 2018)
- 2,206 secondary, high, and middle schools (2,291)
- 994 home schools (987)
  - 5,371 students (5,111)
- 25 colleges and universities (25)
- 10 elementary schools (7)
- 372 online testing sites (446)
  - 6,809 students (7,688)
# Results of the 2019 National Latin Exam

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LARGEST STATES
New York 11,353 (10,917, #3)
 Texas 11,196 (10,926, #2)
Massachusetts 11,100 (11,100, #1)
 Virginia 8,589 (9,254, #4)
 California 7,527 (7,093, #7)

STATES WITH GREATEST INCREASES
Vermont (40.0%)
Alaska (40.0%)
South Carolina (34%)
Nevada (17%)
Arizona (14%)
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Given in all 50 states and the District of Columbia
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1,961 participants outside the United States (1,643 in 2018)
Quid Novi?
Quid Novi in 2019?

Linda Montross, Founding Mother with Jane Hall, Sally Davis, Maureen O’Donnell, and Christine Sleeper, is retiring after ACL; Patty Lister becomes NLE Co-chair
Quid Novi in 2019?

New website: www.nle.org
Quid Novi in 2019?

Latin teachers may administer the NLE to their students!
NATIONAL LATIN EXAM’S STATEMENT ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The National Latin Exam promotes and supports the teaching and learning of the Latin language, its literature and culture, and its lasting influence in the modern world. As part of the American Classical League (“ACL”), the National Latin Exam affirms the same belief that the ACL shared with its membership. For those of you who did not receive ACL’s email, you will find our shared core values here:

- We welcome diverse ideas and perspectives and encourage broad participation in ACL-sponsored activities and endeavors.
- We embrace all people who have an interest in the ancient world from all levels of instruction, stages of life, and backgrounds.
- We believe the study of Classics should intentionally explore the diversity of ancient Greek and Roman societies and include voices that historically have been excluded or under-represented.

The NLE is committed to creating exams with inclusive, affirming questions and passages. The NLE will strive to provide questions and passages that affirm the worth and dignity of all students and teachers.

In particular, the NLE will add several readers during the exam writing process who will specifically focus on diversity and inclusion to ensure that our exams reflect our shared values listed above. In addition, the NLE will explore ways to incorporate questions that help combat systems of oppression. The NLE will be meeting with The University of Mary Washington’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion to explore ways to provide more equity and inclusive on future exams. The NLE plans to review all old questions on its online app and to remove any that do not align with the NLE’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.

In short, NLE writers plan to compose and assess questions with greater awareness moving forward. We are grateful for those who have raised concerns about diversity, inclusion, and equity, and we welcome future dialogue regarding ways the NLE can support these values.

Please do not hesitate to contact Co-Chairs Mark Keith (mark.keith@ule.org), Linda Montross (linda.montross@nle.org), and Party Lister (party.lister@ule.org).

Respectfully,

The National Latin Exam Committee
The National Latin Exam plans to approach its question and passage writing with greater sensitivity and thoughts towards equity and inclusion.

Here is an example for teachers to use as a teachable moment:

In 2011, the NLE wrote a passage called “Missed Meals” on the Intro Level. The last three lines of the passage read:


English: “You are a good slave!” the master shouts. “You have increased the number of my horses. I happily give you food because you work well.”

This passage sent the wrong message to its readers. The master shouts that the slave is good because he works well and therefore that he gives the slave food. The passage reinforced that only if a slave works hard for his master does he deserve food. This passage invalidates the slave as a person and deprives him of his dignity. While it is true that slavery existed in the ancient world, this passage does not share that the NLE thinks that slavery is wrong. The passage needs “bonus” removed from the description of the slave and a recognition that the master’s treatment was cruel and inhumane.
Quid Novi in 2020?

- Cost of each exam increases from $5 to $6
- Shipping and handling fee for schools and businesses increases from $10 to $15
- Shipping and handling fee for residential and foreign delivery increases to $30
Quid Novi in 2020?

- NLE Scholarships will reduce from 21 to 16
- NLE Scholarships will increase from 5 up to 10
  
  *We have renamed these scholarships the* 
  *Linda S. Montross New Latin Educator Scholarships.*
Quid Novi in 2021?

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet".

- William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet
Quid Novi in 2021?

What is Latin I?

What does Latin II mean?
Quid Novi in 2021?

Introduction to Latin Exam => Beginning Latin Exam
Latin I Exam => Elementary Latin Exam
Latin II Exam => Intermediate Latin Exam
Latin III Exam => Intermediate Latin Proficiency Exam
Latin III-IV Prose Exam => Advanced Latin Prose Exam
Latin III-IV Poetry Exam => Advanced Latin Poetry Exam
Latin V+ Exam => Advanced Latin Proficiency Exam

N.B. The content and syllabus for each exam are essentially the same!
Quid Novi in 2021?

The Latin teachers decide which test to administer to their students based on their school’s program and curriculum!
Quid Novi in 2021?

Beginning Latin Exam

Elementary Latin Exam

Intermediate Latin Exam

Int. Latin Prof. Exam*

< N.B. Most programs would start here!

Adv. Latin Prose Exam*

Adv. Latin Poetry Exam*

Advanced Latin Proficiency Exam*

*qualifies gold-medal student for NLE Scholarship
Quid Novi in 2021?

Beginning Latin Exam

Elementary Latin Exam < N.B. Most programs would start here!

Intermediate Latin Exam


Advanced Latin Proficiency Exam*

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Quid Novi in 2021?

NLE will be working to promote the new Proficiency Exams to qualify students for Seals of Biliteracy

• Intermediate Latin Proficiency Exam (*Latin III Exam*)
• Advanced Latin Proficiency Exam (*Latin V+ Exam*)
Quid Novi in 2021?

• Ribbons for Beginning Latin Exam become *summa, maxima, magna, cum laude* with medals

• We are exploring options for special book awards