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▶ MAKING IT HAPPEN

Ascanius is reaching far and wide helping teachers and students promote Latin, Greek, and classics to more students than ever before. Helping us to make it happen is our new Executive Director, Donna Seidman.

▶ MAKING AN IMPACT

Our greatest impact this year has been the number of grant applicants and grants awarded to assist teachers in their professional development goals. How can you make an impact?

▶ MAKE A COMMITMENT

Now is the time to commit to the mission of Ascanius. How can you help make classics accessible to all elementary and middle school children? See page 9 to find out.

“ MAKING AN IMPACT

This academic year has promised a new energy of returning to in person conferences and teaching opportunities, which has allowed Ascanius to further reach communities with the mission of promoting classics and Latin to elementary and middle school students and their teachers.

As illustrated in this issue, Ascanius has solidified our mission by concentrating on offering, promoting, and expanding the several grants we offer. These assist local teachers in education, in providing for their classroom needs, and offering their students opportunities to serve their communities while promoting classics.

QUID AGIT?



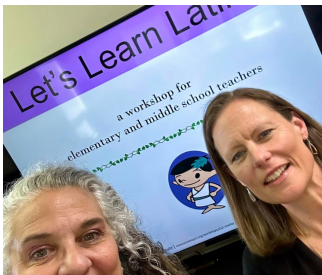
Making it happen.

This year, the Ascanius Board hired Donna Seidman to bring enthusiasm and energy to help Ascanius: The Classics Institute fulfill its mission of advancing the knowledge of and inspiring lifelong learning about Latin, Greek, and the ancient Greco-Roman world, especially at the elementary and middle school levels. Donna teaches Latin to 7th -10th grades in Prescott, AZ after spending years teaching grammar school Latin in CA.



Meet up with us!

Did you catch us at the ACL Institute in St. Louis in June? Donna presented "What Ascanius Can Do For You" and was available to help teachers access Ascanius resource materials and grants. Fun was had by all making personalized pin buttons with their favorite Latin phrases. Will we see you at the #ACL2024 Institute in Tuscon?



What a wonderful time of learning for many teachers new to Latin at the Ascanius Let's Learn Latin Teacher Training event in Cranberry Township, PA in June! For info on hosting a LLL in your community, contact info@ascaniusyci.org.



Make a commitment!

How can you impact Ascanius' mission? There are many ways you can be part of the solution by making a commitment! See page 8 to learn more about partnering with Ascanius to help reach more elementary and middle school aged students with Latin, Greek, and history of the Greco-Roman world.



ASCANIUS GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Ascanius Professional Development Grant

Jeff Pearson is the lead Latin teacher at 'Iolani School in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he works with Latin students in grades 7 to 12 and also teaches after-school and summer mythology classes to middle school and elementary school students. In his teaching, Jeff enjoys drawing upon his background in Classical languages and literature as well as upon his considerable academic and professional experience in the archaeology and history of the Mediterranean world. He is excited to attend the Vergilian Society's Roman *Otium* on the Bay of Naples: A Study Tour for K-12 Teachers this summer and is grateful for the generous support of Ascanius: The Youth Classics Institute.



Rudolph Masciantonio 'Classics for All' Grant

Julie Zammit, who has taught Latin for over a decade, left teaching to pursue a corporate career in instructional design, but missed the classroom so much that she returned to teaching during the pandemic! She started a Latin program at Lowcountry Preparatory School in Pawleys Island in 2021. Julie who has an Ed.S. in instructional Design and Technology, used her Classics For All grant to equip her classroom with several digital subscriptions like Gimkit, Pear Deck, Blooket and others.



Ascanius Classical Promise Grant

Taryn Boonpongmanee is a junior at Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Massachusetts. She has studied many ancient languages including Latin, Greek, Sanskrit, and Pali. When not at school, Taryn lives in Richland, Washington where Classics is hard to find both in public and private schools in the area. She is passionate about expanding the reach of Classics and promoting Latin literacy by providing opportunities for students who cannot access a Classical education through their school programs. She will be creating a summer Latin program that introduces young students to the great use and power of Classics while also being mindful to highlight the problematic nature and societal issues that stem from teaching Latin through certain views. Through teaching in her hometown, Taryn hopes to change the idea that Latin is inaccessible and elitist.



RUDOLPH MASCIANTONIO -CLASSICS FOR ALL- GRANT HIGHLIGHT

Katie Phillips, Rudolph Masciantonio "Classics for All" Grant Recipient

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School - Birmingham, Alabama



I requested the Rudolph Masciantonio "Classics for All" Grant to assist in the funding of curricular resources for my 4K and 5K Latin students. These students are pre-readers, and as such, there are few Latin resources geared towards their unique needs. This grant covered the cost of the *Song School Latin* course materials, which incorporate music into the learning process. I piloted the program in the Spring of 2022 and it was met with delight from all of my students. 4K and 5K Latin meet for forty minutes, one time per week.

The greatest obstacles this program has faced are with vocabulary retention and age-appropriate instruction for these learners. Our scholars at this age are thrilled to be at school and their natural curiosity drives everything they do in the classroom.

Using these materials, they were able to spend a single class dancing and singing songs like "Quid agis means how are you, how are you, how are you" (sung to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down"). Then, a week later we had special "guests" join our class from the Paw Patrol, ready to learn Latin. To my surprise all of the students remembered the song, and thus the Latin phrase quid agis, even weeks later! They were able to teach Paw Patrol some very good Latin!



Beyond this, the materials provide simple, concrete vocabulary as an introduction to things like people, family members, and classroom items with activities like word matching and tracing. This helped me scale back our scope and meet these kids where they are. A highlight of the Spring term was watching a kindergartener sound out and read aloud a new Latin word correctly all on her own! We celebrated and cheered together over these amazing new skills!

I can't wait to see where our program will go with these materials and what a great foundation it will provide for our scholars who will be in Latin until 8th grade at our school. I cannot express enough gratitude to the Ascanius Institute for this grant and the opportunities it has opened up for our littlest learners of Latin!



RUDOLPH MASCIANTONIO -CLASSICS FOR ALL- GRANT RECIPIENTS

Joanne Fairhurst - Louisville Classical Academy, Louisville, KY



Joanne Fairhurst, who recently graduated from the UK, will be taking on a new teaching position at Louisville Classical Academy. Her goal is to make her classroom inclusive and fun. She will use her grant to purchase books designed for spoken Latin in the classroom as well for pedagogical approaches.

Jeanette Gottschalk - Great Hearts Anthem Archway, Anthem, AZ

Jeanette Gottschalk, who teaches Latin to Kindergarten through 3rd grade has been transitioning her classes from vocabulary and chants to reading and active Latin. She will be using her grant for novellas and virtual field trips with virtualfieldtrips.org.



Julie Zammit

These are a few of the educational subscriptions which Julie Zammit (see page 3) acquired for her classroom.

Whitney Campbell-Shelbyville Middle School

Whitney Campbell found that when her students had the opportunity to participate in a colloquium about virtual reality for Ancient Rome, they were absolutely enthralled. Dr. Frischer with IU has been doing work on 3D models of Ancient Rome in various capacities for decades now, and the most current option allows you to immerse yourself in Ancient Rome with the Oculus 2 headsets. Campbell will be using the Oculus 2 headset with Frischer's app as a teaching tool as well as recruiting tool.



ASCANIUS CLASSICAL PROMISE GRANT RECIPIENTS

For more information see: AscaniusYCI.org/classicalpromise

Amy Mason -Ridgewood Public Schools, NJ

Amy Mason - We currently have a middle school and high school program, which like most, has gone through ebbs and flows. In our effort to get the program to full strength, we need to get Latin into our six elementary schools. We want to start an annual series of enrichment programs of approximately 8 weeks. Each session will include 25 elementary students (75 total) and 10 current Latin students (30 total) so over 100 students would directly benefit. For an initial year we plan to host at two elementary schools and the town library. Ideally there could eventually be a rotation of topics (myth, STEAM, history, daily life) so students could participate grades 2-5 without repeating. Latin would be woven in to give students a taste, but not be the focus. The middle school and high school Latin students would be a major part of facilitating this program. We teachers just want to be the adult in the room! Myth is always a favorite so we are starting there.



What program does
YOUR community
need?

Taryn Boonpongmanee - (see page 3) Planned a week long summer camp for 30-40 students featuring an immersive experience into the Ancient world by centering each day around a new topic: mythology, Roman life, gladiators/war, authors and poets.



ASCANIUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

For more information see: AscaniusYCI.org/pd

Jeffrey Pearson -Vergilian Society's Roman *Otium* on the Bay of Naples: A Study Tour for K-12 Teachers.

Cheryl Floyd -Tirocinium Latinum Latin apprenticeship program through CiRCE Institute.

Hilary Long - Roman Britain study.

Miray Weeks - Ancient Language Institute tuition.

Rachel Ryerson - Ancient Language Institute tuition.

Holly Fitterer - ACL Institute travel and registration.



Grant recipient Hilary Long

Isabel Knudson - Forte Academy's Women Latinists summer study abroad program in Florence, Italy.

Nicholos Mataya - Vergilian Society's Roman *Otium* on the Bay of Naples: A Study Tour for K-12 Teachers.

Amanda Miller - Ascanius LLL Cranberry and ACCS Latin Practicum and Conference, Pittsburg PA.

Jessica Phillips - Lukeion Latin courses.



Grant recipient Rachel Ryerson



Grant recipient Holly Fitterer



Grant recipient Cheryl Floyd



A NEW THEME FOR THE CLASSICS FOR ALL GRANT!

A New Theme for the Rudolph Masciantonio 'Classics for All' Grant

The Ascanius "Rudolph Masciantonio 'Classics for All' Grant," supports events, programs, and projects geared towards teachers who are instructing elementary and middle-school-aged students about Latin and the ancient Mediterranean. Grants of up to \$500 are available for teacher use. Each year, the grant focuses on projects centered on the year's chosen theme. Applications may be submitted at any time and will be reviewed by the committee on a quarterly basis.

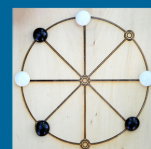
For 2022, the theme was "supplies and technology." **For the 2023-2024 school year the theme is "Games and Activities for the Classroom."** We know students who engage in games and classroom activities appreciate and retain learning especially younger students. What games or supplies do you need for activities that will enhance your teaching? Some examples of how this grant can be used are:

- Language games or supplies
- Craft supplies
- Supplies to build crafts or thematic activities

For more information and to apply see **Rudolph Masciantonio 'Classics for All' Grant** to apply today! For any questions, contact info@ascaniusyci.org.

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Let's Play!



ACTIVITIES

FOR THE

LATIN CLASSROOM

MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY!

How Can You Impact Classics??

Are you passionate about making classics accessible to more young people? You can make change by giving of your time, resources, or talents! We are actively seeking volunteers to help Ascanius with our Grants Committee, Development, and our Website Resources. Contact Donna Seidman @ info@ascaniusyci.com for more information on how you can help Ascanius provide more grants to students and teachers worldwide.



Ways to Give

- You can make a one time donation via our website ascaniusyci.org/giving.htm or by mailing a check. All \$25+ donations will receive our new Ascanius magnet featuring student artwork.
- You may also contact info@ascaniusyci.org to set up a recurring donation.
- For information on major gifts or planned giving, contact Executive Director Donna Seidman at info@ascaniusyci.org.

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Ascanius is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the knowledge of and inspiring lifelong learning about Latin, Greek, and the ancient Greco-Roman World, especially at the elementary and middle school levels. Since 2000, we have served thousands of students nationwide. We encourage students to think critically about ancient societies and compare them to their daily life in the modern world.

Classical Promise Grant

ascaniusyci.org/classicalpromise

We are pleased to
offer the following
grant opportunities:



Classics For All Grant

ascaniusyci.org/classicsforall



This year's "Rudolph Masciantonio 'Classics for All' Grant" theme is "Games and Activities for the Classroom." What do YOU need right now in YOUR classroom? Some examples of how this grant can be used are:

- Language games or supplies
- Craft supplies
- Supplies to build crafts or thematic activities
- Teachers Pay Teacher items like games, INB's, escape rooms etc.

What **Games** do YOU need for your classroom?

Questions?
info@ascaniusyci.org



This grant allows enterprising teachers and students to create and host Latin/Greek programs or events for elementary/middle school-aged students in their own communities.

Check out both the Parva and Maxima Classical Promise Grants and the organizational and financial support that Ascanius can provide.

What program does YOUR community need?

Apply today!

ascaniusyci.org/grants

Professional Development Grant

ascaniusyci.org/pd



This grant is intended to support elementary and middle school teachers pursuing professional development in the areas of Latin and the ancient Mediterranean.

Amounts up to \$1,000 are available to assist teachers with registration/tuition, travel, room, and board, for programs, conferences, or courses.

What conference do YOU want to attend?

3 WAYS TO IMPACT CLASSICS

Giving, & Volunteering



1. ONE TIME GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

Make a donation to Ascanius today, small or large to support teacher and student grants.

2. RECURRING DONATIONS

Pledge a recurring donation to Ascanius today by contacting info@ascaniusyci.org.



3. VOLUNTEER

Share your talents by helping Ascanius with our Grants Committee, Website Resources, and Development!

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