THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND—NOURISHING THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF CLASSICAL STUDIES IN CONNECTICUT, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE ISLAND AND VERMONT SINCE 1906

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND RETIREES FOR EDUCATION (CANE CARE)

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FIFTH ANNUAL CONTEST FOR SECONDARY LATIN STUDENTS:

WHY AMERICAN SCHOOLS SHOULD MORE THAN EVER OFFER CLASSICAL STUDIES TO STUDENTS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

THE SITUATION:

Imagine that an unnamed school's officials have decided to eliminate or not restore the teaching of classical studies (could include Latin, Greek, or other courses that cover the ancient world). What advice would you give this school district's leaders to convince them they are making a most unwise decision? Please make your thoughts as personal as you like, speaking as someone who has expertise being a student enrolled in such a course. NOTA BENE: Any reliance on a published work or assistance from others, especially from AI, will NOT be accepted.

To be eligible, the student must:

- **Be enrolled in a high school or middle school Latin course during the 2026-2027 school year.**
- **Be at a parochial, private, public, or home school in one of the six New England states for the 2026-2027 school year.**
- **Submit a video entry comprised of at least eight but not more than twelve complete English sentences.**

There will be FOUR (4) prizes awarded by a panel of judges, retired Latin teachers in CANE CARE. Each prize will be a $50.00 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble for use at a local Barnes and Noble store, or at the Barnes and Noble online site.

The contest winners may but are not required to read their submissions at the Annual CANE Meeting at Smith College on Friday 2 April 2027. If a student is unable to be at Smith, the winning video will nevertheless be shown to the CANE audience.

All participants will receive an online certificate from CANE CARE which they may use for such purposes as college resumes.

Deadline for submission: Friday 8 January 2027

Selection of four winners: Friday 12 February 2027. Public announcement of four winners: at the Business Meeting of CANE on Friday 2 April 2027 at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Please send all video submissions by EMAIL ONLY no later than Friday 8 January 2027 to: care@caneweb.org ATTN: Mr. Charlie Bradshaw Please follow the instructions below.

****NOTA BENE: When submitting an entry to Mr. Bradshaw, students MUST (not as part of the video) identify their school and its location, the Latin course in which they are currently enrolled, their grade, and the name(s) of their Latin teacher(s).****