

# NATIONAL LATIN TEACHER RECRUITMENT WEEK

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Throughout North America there is a serious need for Latin Teachers. Each year, for lack of teachers, existing programs are cancelled, thriving programs are told they cannot expand, and schools that want to add Latin are unable to do so.

This effort, a cooperative venture of the American Classical League, the American Philological Association, and various regional and state classical organizations, seeks to engage all Classicists at all levels of instruction in the business of insuring that our Latin, Greek, and Classics pre-college classrooms have the teachers they need.

- Promote NLTRW with your own students.
- Arrange for at least one media event in your city/state.
- Distribute information about NLTRW to other Latin teachers in your city/state.

## POSSIBLE NLTRW ACTIVITIES

### PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Share with your students why you teach Latin and how you became a Latin teacher.

### CLASS DISCUSSION ABOUT TEACHING LATIN

Students can discuss the pros and cons of teaching in general.

### GUEST LECTURER ON TEACHING LATIN

This could be a master high school Latin teacher, a college/university professor, or even a recent student who is studying Latin in college.

### DISTRIBUTE MATERIALS ABOUT TEACHING LATIN

Especially "Teaching Latin in the 21<sup>st</sup> century", available as both a poster and a brochure.

### STUDENT TEACHING

Ask students to teach a small unit of Latin.

### INDIVIDUAL RECRUITING

Target a student who would be a good Latin teacher. Take this student to lunch or for coffee for a persuasive conversation. The personal touch is always best.

### WILD IDEAS TO ATTRACT MEDIA ATTENTION

- ◆ Drive a chariot down Main St.
- ◆ Have students (dressed in togas?) interview people on the street about Latin.
- ◆ Hold a series of short radio spots interviewing professionals about the importance of studying Latin.

*For further information and contacts, check out the NLTRW website at [www.promotelatin.org/nltrw.htm](http://www.promotelatin.org/nltrw.htm).*