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Dear Colleague,

Since 1922 The Ohio Classical Conference (OCC) has convened to promote “classical language learning and the encouragement of classical studies in the state of Ohio at all educational levels,” and “the common professional interests of its members.” We are writing to invite you to meet this October with other teachers, scholars, and students of Classical languages and civilization and to begin to make plans for a new century of promoting Classics in the state of Ohio.

On Saturday 12 October 2019 the OCC will meet at Columbus Academy in Gahanna, Ohio. The OCC has been meeting there for the past three years with the hope that the centrality of the location will facilitate attendance. The conference program this year has been designed, as in recent years, to offer sessions that address pedagogical concerns as well as scholarship and research in Classics. Presentations this year include the following:

- Jack Emmert, Daybreak Games, “Translating Classics into the Business World”
- Denise McCoskey, Miami University, “A World of Difference: Unpacking the Greek and Roman Concept of Race”
- Timothy Wutrich, Case Western Reserve University, “Roman Drama Workshop: Reading Plautus's *Curculio*”
- Carolin Hahnemann, Kenyon College, “The Far Side of the Triumphal Arch: On the Evolution of War Memorials”

Perhaps most importantly this year the OCC Steering Committee wants input from members at all levels throughout the state, from graduate and undergraduate Classics programs at universities and colleges to middle school and high school programs, about updating the OCC, so that it can continue to promote and advocate for Classics throughout the state of Ohio for another century and beyond. With the organization only three years away from celebrating its centennial, we are at a critical juncture in our history. In recent years a number of university Classics programs in the state have closed or have been merged with other departments; some high school Latin programs, once strong, have been closed. Yet, in many parts of the state, teaching and scholarship in Classics remain vital. We would like to redesign the OCC, so that it can more effectively advocate for Classics in the state and serve as a forum where faculty and students at all academic levels in Ohio can meet to exchange ideas and foster networks. On the agenda this October is discussion of reorganizing the OCC. Please join us this October at the Columbus Academy for the annual meeting of the Ohio Classical Conference. Your input is important. Sincerely yours,

The Ohio Classical Conference Steering Committee

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