

**THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND—NOURISHING THE TEACHING AND
LEARNING OF CLASSICAL STUDIES IN NEW ENGLAND AND BEYOND SINCE 1906**

**THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND RETIREES FOR EDUCATION (CANE CARE)
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS FOURTH ANNUAL STUDENT LATIN MOTTO PRIZE CONTEST**

Student Goal: Create a personal motto in Latin that best expresses the nature of the social, moral, and/or spiritual identity to which the student aspires.

To be eligible, the student must:

- have completed one year of Latin study at the high school or middle school level.
- be in a full year Latin course during the 2025-2026 school year.
- be at a parochial, private, public, or home school in one of the six New England states for the 2025-2026 school year.
- honorably create the motto from an entirely personal perspective.
- accept in person, if possible, any winning prize at the Annual CANE Meeting at Brandeis University on Friday 20 March 2026. If the student is unable to attend the Brandeis meeting, a designated adult (e.g., the student's teacher or relation) must be willing to accept the winner's award at Brandeis.

Students who enter the contest may not use Latin or English quotations from literary or other sources. Students may seek the advice of their classroom teachers only as much as that advice pertains to the accuracy of the Latin, NOT for suggestions as to the content of the motto. **Teachers must also refrain from helping the student to craft the Latin.** No motto may exceed twelve (12) Latin words.

There will be FOUR (4) prizes awarded by a panel of judges, retired Latin teacher members of 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. All participants will receive an online certificate of contest entry from CANE CARE which they may use for such purposes as college resumes.

Deadline for submission: Monday 22 December 2025

Selection of four winners: Friday 23 January 2026 Announcement of four winners: At the Business Meeting of CANE on Friday 20 March 2026 at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts

Send submissions (**LATIN AND THE STUDENT'S OWN ENGLISH TRANSLATION!!**) by EMAIL ONLY (as a Word doc or something similar) no later than Monday 22 December 2025 to: care@caneweb.org

Please include as the subject line "ATTN: Mr. Charlie Bradshaw, Motto Contest"

NOTA BENE: If the student's place of learning has a restrictive student email policy, a student's teacher is permitted to send the student's submission to Mr. Bradshaw (care@caneweb.org) by the deadline.

****NOTA BENE: Students MUST identify their school and its location, the Latin course in which they are currently enrolled, and the name(s) of their Latin teacher(s). ****