



Renaissance Walk of Fame



Timberland High School

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Conference Information

2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference Announced



Plan for the 2009 Conference - Room Rates Announced

It's never too early to begin thinking about the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference! We hope that you'll consider joining us in beautiful Orlando, Florida, July 17 -19, 2009. Save the date and mark your calendar!

The accommodations for the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference will be spectacular as the Caribe Royale serves as the host hotel as well as the site for the conference. The Caribe Royale is an all suites hotel and will provide the luxurious accommodations that the Jostens Renaissance National Conference is famous for. Rooms at the Caribe Royale are \$149 per night plus tax.

Located on over 45 acres the Caribe Royale is a blend of lush landscaping, waterfalls and superior hospitality. To view the hotel and convention center, visit the following link: <http://www.cariberoyale.com/>

2009 Guest Presenters to be Announced in February

Guest presenters for the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference will be announced in the February 5th addition of the Jostens Renaissance Review. The final details are being worked out and the announcement will be made soon. The speakers are amazing and represent the best in educationally related fields. They'll be worth the trip to conference! Look for the details soon.

2008 Conference Updates on Educator Services Website

We have made a bunch of updates to our site regarding the 2008 and 2009 National Conferences. You can find it all in this section: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_300.asp.

- Watch the 2008 Conference Video
- View all the 2008 Conference Pictures (General, Harry Potter Skit, Olympics)
- Get 2008 Breakout Sessions - Download individual PDF's or PowerPoints of Presenters various sessions. (You must be logged in to view this page. See link on left navigation)

- 2009 Hotel Information

We've also updated the Educator Services registration information. We use the discussion board as our means to register you to view premium content. On the Educator Services homepage, click on "Register Here" or the "see FAQ's" links at the upper right of the page. <http://www.jostens.com/edserv/>

Your Ideas

This Issues Winning JRR Idea - Walk of Fame

Melissa Soule

*Timberland High School
St. Stephen, SC*

Our theme for the year is Renaissance - Hollywood Style. To match this theme, we are honoring our staff's achievements by giving them a star on our newly created Renaissance Walk of Fame.

We had a local hardware store donate the cement and got a form. We then created a star and press it into the cement. We have our staff members place their handprints into the cement and have them sign it. We then decorate it to let everyone know the accomplishments for that staff member.

So far, we have awarded a star to our Athletic Director for getting his 100th football win, our school mascot for the team getting their 100th football win, to our Weightlifting Coach for being named 2008 Coach of the Year, our softball coach for being named 2008 Coach of the Year, and 2 of our teachers who recently received their National Board Certification. We will continue to add to the Walk of Fame throughout the years and publicly honor our staff members' accomplishments.

For more information about Renaissance Walk of Fame, please contact Melissa Soule at Soulem@berkeley.k12.sc.us

For submitting this idea, Melissa will receive a Jostens Renaissance hoodie and is now eligible to receive an all expense paid trip for two to the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference.

Submit Your Idea to the Jostens Renaissance Review
and you could receive an all-expense paid trip to the
2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference in Orlando!

How to submit your idea

Do you have an idea from your Jostens Renaissance program that has improved your school's environment and provided recognition for a deserving group of students or staff? Submit your ideas to charley.nelson@jostens.com. We'll select a "winning idea" for each issue and the individual submitting the published idea will receive a Jostens Renaissance sweatshirt and become eligible for the 2009 Idea

of the Year Contest. And remember, **the idea picked as the best submission for this school year will receive an all-expense paid trip for two to the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference in Orlando.** Submit your ideas early - and often! Submit as many as you'd like. We look forward to receiving them.

Hot Stories

This issue's iPod drawing winner

Congratulations to **Rita Mazza**, our **eighth** iPod drawing winner for this school year. You could be our next winner! All that you need to do is to make a contribution to the Jostens Educator Services Discussion Board between **today and January 21st** and you're eligible. One name will be randomly drawn from those who have contributed to the Discussion Board during the previous two week period and that lucky individual will win an iPod Shuffle. Go to the Jostens Educator Services Website and contribute to the Discussion Board and you may be our next winner! <http://www.jostens.com/edserv/default.asp>

Program Enrichment

Following Freshman Blog: Read about Scotty and DJ

Follow the trials and tribulations of Scotty and DJ as they make their transition from high school to college. Each blog brings a unique perspective to the freshman college experience. Each student has his/her own challenges in making the adjustment to being in college and all of the demands that the college experience brings. Discover what the college experience is really like through the eyes of a real college freshman!

Take a look at a recent posting to get an idea of the honest and invaluable information that is at your fingertips on the Following Freshmen Blog:

Finals, Finals, Finals!

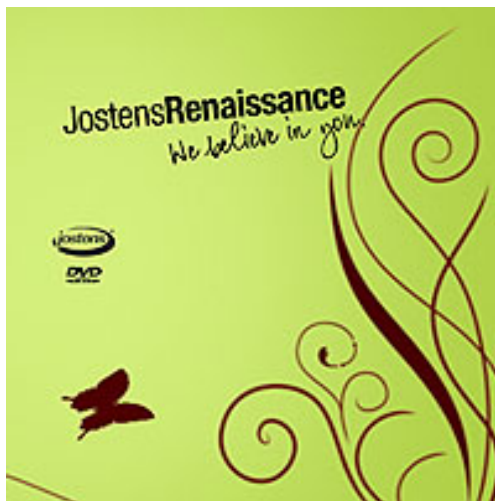
I took my last two finals yesterday. Most of my finals were better than I expected. Of course Spanish made up for all of the other exams. It was seventy-five multiple choice questions and three essays in an hour and fifteen minutes. My theatre exam was fifty multiple choice questions and a three to four page essay and we only had fifty minutes to complete the exam. Needless to say my essay was not long enough.

The last two weeks of my first semester were tough, but not nearly as bad as I thought they were going to be. The plan I've been following all year of getting my work done promptly and planning out my schedule works perfectly. I had to turn in 6 papers, plus many revisions and other short papers from earlier in the semester, and assemble them all into 4 portfolios for each of my classes. Though that was time consuming, I still found myself with enough time to eat and sleep, which I was worried I would be

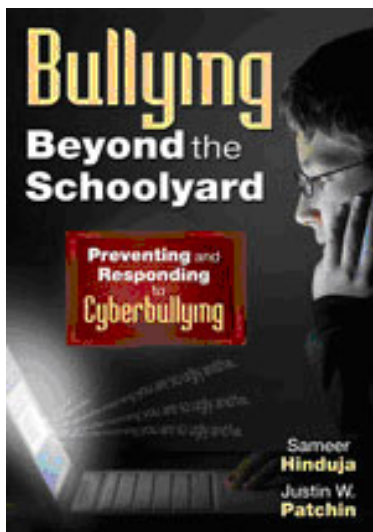
missing. I'm glad to be done with two of my classes, but I'll definitely miss two of them as well. Having such small class sizes really helps forge a strong bond between everybody in the class, students and instructors alike. I won't be missing my Latin America class, as educating as it was, since it was unquestionably the toughest course I took (a third-year student told me that it was the toughest class she had taken her entire time there) Friday, the last day, was a bit hectic since I had to turn in all my work, return the (overdue) books to the library, and pack three month's worth of clothing for my trip, which was early the next morning.

Postings are scheduled to be made twice weekly. To follow the freshmen journey of Scotty and DJ, just go to the Jostens Educator Services home page and click on the Following Freshmen link. www.jostens.com/edserv

ORDER TODAY! "We Believe in You" DVD (limited quantities available)



We Believe In You is now available. This 5 minute, twenty second film was used at the opening of the 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference. With Kenny Loggins' *If You Believe* providing the musical and lyrical background, this short film is inspirational, motivational, topical and powerful! This short film is perfect for a faculty meeting, a committee meeting or being shown to the entire student body. It will entertain and inspire! Due to licensing agreements with Kenny Loggins, **only a limited number of the DVDs could be produced.** Order yours today before the supply is gone. Cost is \$15 including shipping and handling. Email Norma at norma.christenson@jostens.com to secure your copy now. An invoice will be mailed with your copy of *We Believe In You*.



Now Available: *Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying*

Dr. Justin Patchin's presentations at the 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference brought much needed attention to a growing issue with students - cyberbullying. Here's your chance to find out more through his just published work. Identify the warning signs of cyberbullying and prevent inappropriate behaviors!

Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard helps educators confront technology-based aggression and ensure the safe and responsible use of computers and the Internet.

Cyberbullying is the intentional and repeated act of causing harm to others through the use of

computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices. The authors help educators understand the potential consequences of this deliberate behavior and present strategies for effective identification, prevention, and response.

Focusing on the way technology can facilitate or magnify bullying behavior, this comprehensive resource offers information, guidelines, and resources to give students the protection they need. Written by leading experts, this groundbreaking book offers the voices of youth affected by or involved in real cyberbullying incidents and includes:

- Illustrations of what cyberbullying looks like
- Tips for identifying cyberbullies or targets
- "Breakout boxes" highlighting hundreds of anti-cyberbullying strategies
- A review of current research and legal rulings
- Strategies for responsible social networking
- Follow-up reflection questions in each chapter
- Guidelines for working with parents and law enforcement

Jostens Renaissance is proud to partner with Dr. Patchin and make this book available to you for the discounted rate of \$30 plus shipping. To order your copy, email Norma Christenson at norma.christenson@jostens.com and include your address. We'll get it in the mail immediately and include an invoice in the shipment.



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Events & Reminders

Events

Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

March 13, 2009 - Penn-Jersey Coalition Meeting. Held at William Davies Middle School, Mays Landing, NJ. For more information contact Charlotte Lacey at charlacey24@yahoo.com, Frank Palatucci at fpalatucci@bhrsd.org, or Pete Sabatino at peter.sabatino@jostens.com

May 29, 2009 - 2nd Annual WECARE Conference (WEstern Canada Amazing Renaissance Educators) - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Held at the Innisfail Middle School, Innisfail, Alberta. For more information contact Shelley Smereka at ssmereka@chinooksedge.ab.ca or Jim Saunders at Jim.Saunders@jostens.com

July 17-19, 2009 - Jostens Renaissance National Conference - Held at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, FL. For more information contact your local Jostens Sales Representative.

Upcoming Jostens LeaderShops

February 9, 2009 - LeaderShop, Amarillo, TX. A leadership workshop facilitated by former NFL great Keith Nord designed to develop leadership skills in current and aspiring student leaders. For more information contact Rex Spain at Rex.Spain@Jostens.com or Lisa Spain at Lisa.Spain@jostens.com

February 10, 2009 - LeaderShop, San Antonio, TX. A leadership workshop facilitated by former NFL great Keith Nord designed to develop leadership skills in current and aspiring student leaders. For more information contact Rex Spain at Rex.Spain@Jostens.com or Lisa Spain at Lisa.Spain@jostens.com

February 11, 2009 - LeaderShop, Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX. A leadership workshop facilitated by former NFL great Keith Nord designed to develop leadership skills in current and aspiring student leaders. For more information contact Rex Spain at Rex.Spain@Jostens.com or Lisa Spain at Lisa.Spain@jostens.com

Reminders

Educator Services Website

Provides information about Jostens Renaissance. Register and get full access to all the program information. www.jostens.com/edserv

Renaissance Review Archive

Provided to you on our new website: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_400_20.asp

Post Cards - Personalize Recognition for Students

We've made post cards out of the three student related motivational posters. The cards are 5" x 7" and are packed individually. Cost is \$.10 per card. To order, email norma.christenson@jostens.com and list the number of cards you'd like and the address to ship them to. We'll put an invoice with the shipment.



Black History Commemorative Poster

To order, please e-mail norma.christenson@jostens.com. Include quantity of posters, your name, school name, address. \$1.00 per poster plus postage. An invoice will be included with your order.

Starfish Story Link

Send a powerful message to the faculty and staff of the important role they play each day. Every member of the faculty and staff can make a difference in every life that they touch. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wuSaNCIde4> If you'd like to purchase a copy of the Star Fish DVD, email Norma Christenson at norma.christenson@jostens.com. Cost is \$12.

Platinum Program Coupon Books

The 2008 - 2009 Jostens Renaissance Platinum Program Coupon booklet is bigger and better than ever! You can order yours now by clicking on this link - http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_500.asp



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