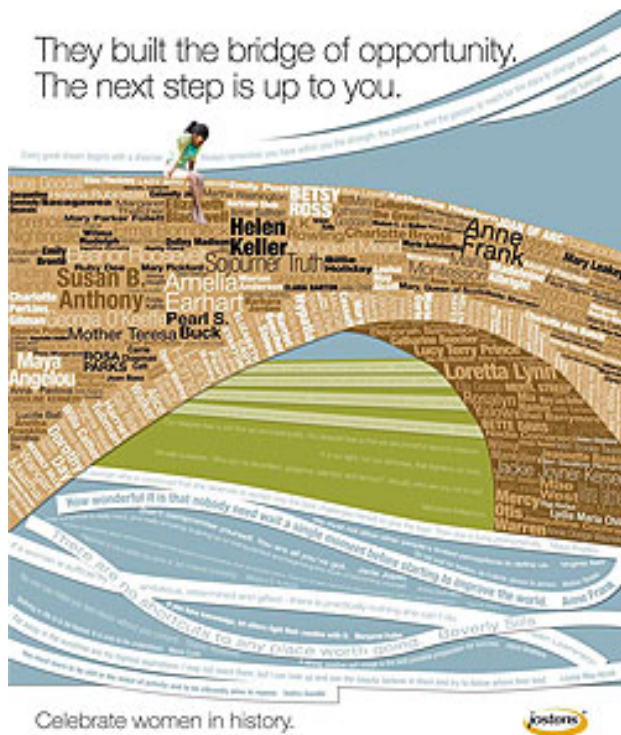




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2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference Announced



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 - Ram Hunt for Renaissance

Peggy Stefan

Acadiana High School

Lafayette, LA

Acadiana High School in Lafayette, Louisiana has been a Renaissance school for 20 years. After successfully putting on academic pep rallies for 14 of these years, we went on a search of a unique kind of event to reward our students. We thought of a program that could occur every six weeks, would be in the commons area for ALL of our students to see, and let the students have FUN while being recognized for making the grades.

This past six weeks we decided to let the theme be "RAM Hunt for Renaissance" since we are the home of the Wreckin' Ram mascot. The students were encouraged to wear camouflage attire and participate in three different style scavenger hunts to be held during their lunch period. The first hunt had 10 baby pictures of different faculty members on campus and the students had to identify which teacher was in the picture. In the second hunt, the students were given ten clues to guess who the student was on campus entitled "Who is Rambeaux?" The third scavenger hunt was the biggest hit with students forming groups of three per team searching for 10 items within a set limit of time.

Every six weeks there is a new theme with new games, but the students look forward to these six week celebration days because they are guaranteed a free lunch will be served (pizza, hamburger, etc. with a soda), fun games with prizes for the winners (gift cards work great!), and music for the entire lunch period. We run the celebration twice, once during each lunch period, so that NO class time is lost in the running of the programs. Our Renaissance committee decided on these celebration days because they do not require as much extensive planning as an academic pep rally. And with the expenses that you would spend on one pep rally, you can put on 4-5 six weeks celebration days. Another HUGE benefit to this type of program is that ALL of our students are exposed to the fun! Those students who did not receive a coupon for the free food want to know how they can earn the coupon in the future. Thankfully the number of students who are making the required grade point average has gone up, so we know the program is working!

For more information about Ram Hunt for Renaissance, please contact Peggy Stefan

For submitting this idea, Peggy 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 **Stephanie MacDougal**, our **ninth** 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 February 5th** 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:

Second Semester, Here I Come!

I must say that even though this break was the longest break I have ever been given it is the first time I am not ready to go back. I feel like I am starting all over again. This is the worst part about community college. You don't have the same social opportunities to maintain friendships and you do not get as close to people because they are not just down the hall or across campus. The only good thing is that I have two of the same professors as last semester, meaning two less teaching styles I have to get accustomed to. I added another class to my schedule. I am now taking Stress Management on Wednesday nights. It has the potential to be the most beneficial class I ever take. This also means I take a different number of classes everyday. I have one on Monday, four on Tuesday, two on Wednesday, three on Thursday and, I am off on Friday. This will provide variation which should help me stay focused. This variation still seems very strange to me as I am still used to the high school schedule where I go to the same classes everyday. I guess it is just another difference I will continue to adjust to. Variation also provides many opportunities for adventures which I should be accustomed to by now, as everyday is an adventure.

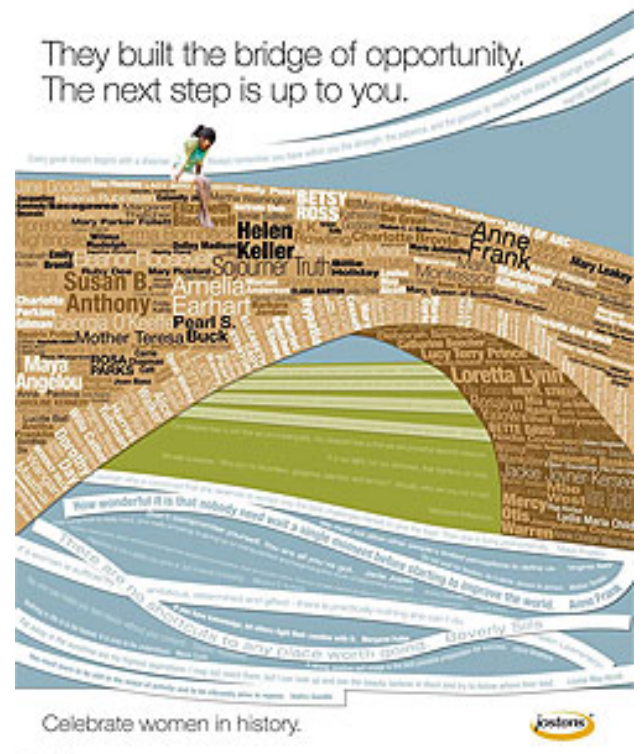
Postings are scheduled to be made twice weekly. To follow the freshmen journey of Scotty and DJ, just go to the Jostens Educator Services home page and click on the Following Freshmen link. www.jostens.com/edserv

ORDER TODAY!

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Educator Services is proud to announce our newest poster "Celebrating Women in History". This motivational poster shows many great women throughout history who have made invaluable contributions to the world.

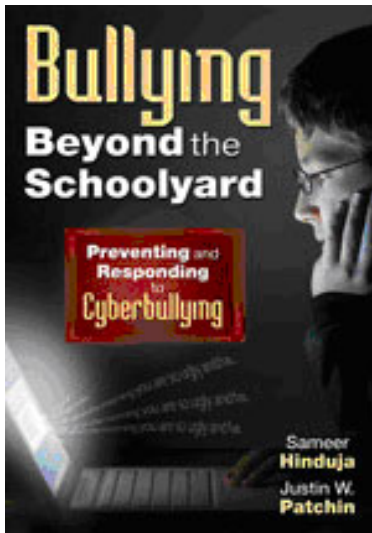
If you would like to purchase this poster, please e-mail norma.christenson@jostens.com. Cost per poster is \$1.00. Please include your school name and shipping address as an invoice will be included with your shipment.



Now Available: "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

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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@bhrrsd.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