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Renaissance Roadies



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Conference Information

Conference Location Link!

Jostens Renaissance is very pleased to announce that the 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference will be held in **Phoenix, Arizona July 11-13, 2008**. All Jostens Renaissance sessions will be held at the **Phoenix Convention Center** and the luxurious **Hyatt Regency Phoenix Hotel** will serve as our host hotel!



To view all hotel information, visit the following link: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_350.asp

Your Ideas

This issue's winning JRR Idea – Renaissance Roadies

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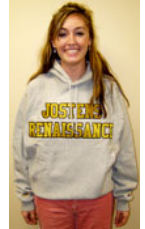
The Haleyville Elementary School Renaissance Committee continually strives to motivate its student body. In an effort to reach our at-risk students, we have begun our "Renaissance Roadies" crew. We invited 20 students to be our first crew. Many of these students lack the self confidence necessary to participate on public stage. This program allows these students to play an integral part in all activities behind the scenes. Their duties include setting up and taking down our stage props, chairs and other errands for our academic pep rallies and programs. They also help maintain our courtyard for activities held in that area of our campus. These

students are rewarded for their work at the end of each nine week grading period by our principal and Renaissance director, Mr. Russ O'Rear. He gets local restaurants (of their choice) to provide lunch for the roadies. They also have their very own Renaissance Roadies T-Shirts.

Our goals for organizing this crew were to allow them to develop better behavior habits, self-respect and confidence, and a feeling of worthiness. These attributes promote our Haleyville Elementary School 2007 – 08 Renaissance theme, "Proud 2 b Me."

For more information about the Haleyville Elementary School Renaissance Roadie program, contact Donna Jones at donnajones@havic.k12.al.us

For submitting this issue's winning idea Donna will receive a Jostens Renaissance hooded sweatshirt and now becomes eligible for the 2008 JRR Idea of the Year grand prize.



It's TIME to become a Rock Star - Submit Your Ideas!

Once again Jostens Renaissance will be running our annual "Idea of the Year" contest. If you submit the winning idea, you'll receive ROCK STAR TREATMENT at the 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference.

What's Rock Star treatment?

- Airfare for two to the Jostens Renaissance National Conference
- Limousine transportation from the airport to the host hotel
- Upgraded Hotel accommodations
- Complimentary registrations for you and your guest
- VIP Dinner
- More information to be revealed in upcoming issues

How to submit your idea

Do you have an idea from your Jostens Renaissance program that has improved your school's environment? 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 Review sweatshirt and be eligible for the 2008 Idea of the Year Contest.

Hot Stories

no updates this week

Program Enrichment

Contribute to the Discussion Board – Win an i-Pod Shuffle!

In an effort to maximize the potential of the Educator Services Discussion Board, we will be holding a drawing every two weeks for an i-Pod Shuffle. All you have to do is make a contribution to the discussion board between now and Feb. 7th and you'll be eligible to win a Shuffle.

There are already numerous active discussions, so just post your comment and join in! Better yet, feel free to start a new discussion area. Post a Renaissance question and hear back from some of the greatest educational minds in North America. Ask a question about attendance, discipline, staff morale, anything and you'll get great responses.

The Discussion Board can network thousands of educators and provide you with insights from experienced educators. All you have to do is get involved! And hey, you might win a Shuffle along the way!

To get started, just click on this link - <https://edserv.jostens.com/default.asp>

Congratulations to Carol Humbred!

Carol's name was drawn from all those who made a contribution to the Educator Services Discussion Board over the past two weeks. As a result she is our **10th i-Pod Shuffle winner.**

Star Fish Story Available Online and on DVD

As we enter the "dog days" of the school year, the star fish story can prove to be the perfect thing to inspire you until spring. To view the Star Fish Story, just click on this link <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.



New You Tube Video Posted – "Get Into It!"

To date over 3500 people have viewed the Starfish Story on line. We've had such a great response that we've added another video on You Tube and this one's just for fun while still sending a strong Jostens Renaissance message.

Just click on the link below and take a look at "**Get Into It!**" We know that you'll enjoy it!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MITrQz5Ws&feature=user>



Following Freshmen Blog

A new addition to the Jostens Educator Services website home page is Following Freshmen. Alex, Bailey and Caitin are blogging their freshman year college experience. This is an invaluable resource for high school seniors as it provides insight into what college life is really like. Find out about the academic stresses that college places upon students; how do you meet new friends; what do you do when your roommate literally stinks; what's it like to be away from home? Discover what the freshman experience is like through the eyes of a freshman.

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

Hard Weeks

Last week was not a great week for me. School went fine; classes were good, but for some reason, a lot of my friends just had a bad week. It was hard at first because I thought I was the only one being emotional, but then at least two of my other best friends cried one time or another and were really upset about something as well. It was kind of nice to have the girls be in the same position as me because then I didn't feel so alone or homesick for my family. I've said this before, but when things aren't going quite the way you planned in life, being away from home can be hard. I was thinking about making a trip home next weekend just to take some time off and relax, but I think I'm going to stick it out and figure things out for myself, especially since I'm going to Arizona the weekend after.

School has been weird this semester so far; I haven't had a test/quiz/paper due or anything yet. Time seems kind of like it's just sliding by and I haven't accomplished anything. I'm sure things will start to pick up and i'll be complaining about how things are piled on top of

each other next week, but so far things have been pretty easy, but in a way that can be a bad thing. Since things have been so easy, my friends and I have been a little more relaxed with things and laid back with school work than I think we should be, but four of us decided that this week, no matter what we have to do in school, we're going to spend a lot of time on it and since it's easy, get good grades on everything we're doing now.

Postings are made three times a week. To follow the freshman journey of Alex, Bailey and Caitlin, just go to the Jostens Educator Services home page and click on the Following Freshman link.

<http://www.jostens.com/edserv/default.asp>

Statistic of the Issue – Presidential Trivia*

As the race for the 2008 United States Presidency heats up, here are a few interesting pieces of presidential trivia:

EIGHT PRESIDENTS were born British subjects: Washington, J. Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, J. Q. Adams, Jackson, and W. Harrison.

NINE PRESIDENTS never attended college: Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, A. Johnson, Cleveland, and Truman.

THE COLLEGE that has the most presidents as alumni (six in total) is Harvard: J. Adams, J. Q. Adams, T. Roosevelt, F. Roosevelt, Kennedy, and G. W. Bush (business school). Yale is a close second, with five presidents as alumni: Taft, Ford (law school), G.H.W. Bush, Clinton (law school), and G. W. Bush.

THE OLDEST elected president was Reagan (age 69); the youngest was Kennedy (age 43). Theodore Roosevelt, however, was the youngest man to become president—he was 42 when he succeeded McKinley, who had been assassinated.

FOR TWO YEARS the nation was run by a president and a vice president who were not elected by the people. After Vice President Spiro T. Agnew resigned in 1973, President Nixon appointed Gerald Ford as vice president. Nixon resigned the following year, which left Ford as president, and Ford's appointed vice president, Nelson Rockefeller, as second in line.

FOUR PRESIDENTS won the popular vote but lost the presidency: Andrew Jackson won the popular vote but lost the election to John Quincy Adams (1824); Samuel J. Tilden won the popular vote but lost the election to Rutherford B. Hayes (1876); Grover Cleveland won the popular vote but lost the election to Benjamin Harrison (1888); Al Gore won the popular vote but lost the election to George W. Bush (2000).

Events & Reminders

Events

Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

Feb. 15, 2008 – 9th annual PennJersey Renaissance Coalition Leadership Conference, Sterling High School, Somerdale, NJ. For more information, contact Frank Palatucci at fpalatucci@bhprsd.org or Pete Sabatino at pete.sabatino@jostens.com.

Upcoming Jostens LeaderShop workshops

Feb. 19, 2008 – Ashville, NC – Gene Holdway at gene.holdway@jostens.com

March 3, 2008 – Tucson, AZ – Rob DeGeorge at rob.degeorge@jostens.com

March 10, 2008 – Virginia Beach, VA – Larry DeSantos at larry.desantos@jostens.com

March 19, 2008 – Saddlebrook, NJ – Pete Sabatino at pete.sabatino@jostens.com

Reminders

Platinum Program Coupon Books

They're FREE and they are going fast! Bigger and better than ever with more offerings from brand-name companies. Order now: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_500.asp

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" 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.

National Conference MemoryBook now available on OurHubub.com

Use this Promotion Code: **RENA4RA8** for 15% OFF the price of your memory book!



Black History Commemorative Poster

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



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