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**"Knights
of the
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Conference Information

Conference Registration Rates

Once again, it pays to get your Jostens Renaissance National Conference registration in early. Register early to take advantage of the available price break! The registration fee includes admittance to all sessions, conference materials, five meals and a Jostens Renaissance National Conference T-Shirt. The postmarked date determines the registration fee:

- Registrations postmarked by **5/15/08** - **\$275**
- Registrations postmarked **5/16/08 – 7/3/08** - **\$300**
- On-Site registration (**after 7-3-08**) - **\$325**

Registration forms and online registration will be coming at a later date.

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

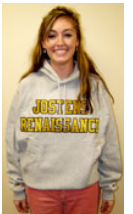
This issue's winning JRR Idea – Knights of the Round Table

Submitted by: **Cheri Godek**
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At Ocoee High School, we do many things to improve the atmosphere of our school. Each month, our Renaissance advisor, Sheila Jackson, sends out an email to the entire staff asking for nominations for the Knights of the Round Table for that month. This is an opportunity for any staff member to nominate students for any reason, whether it be for an improvement in behavior or grades, someone helping out with a special cause, a top notch student, someone who is normally shy and participated in class, etc. Any staff member can nominate students for any reason, with the ultimate goal being to recognize all the students who get nominated. When the staff send in names of students, they include a short explanation that will appear on the certificate the student will receive, along with the nominating staff member. All students are invited to a home-cooked lunch in the cafeteria. The area of the cafeteria where the Knights of the Round Table will eat is decorated and in plain view of everyone. Students receive the certificate and their names are entered into random drawings for gift cards. There is no final winner - all nominated students are the Knights of the Round Table. We do not compare the accomplishments of the students to determine who is the best, but recognize that each student had done their own personal best and that personal accomplishment is what needs to be celebrated. It is truly amazing what this single nomination, recognition, and celebration can do for a student. It has literally been the turning point in some of our students' high school careers. On average, we have recognized and celebrated 200 students per month.

For more information about the Ocoee High School Renaissance Knights of the Round Table program, contact Cheri Godek cheri.godek@ocps.net

For submitting this issue's winning idea Cheri 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
- Official Jostens Renaissance National Conference Tour Jacket
- 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.

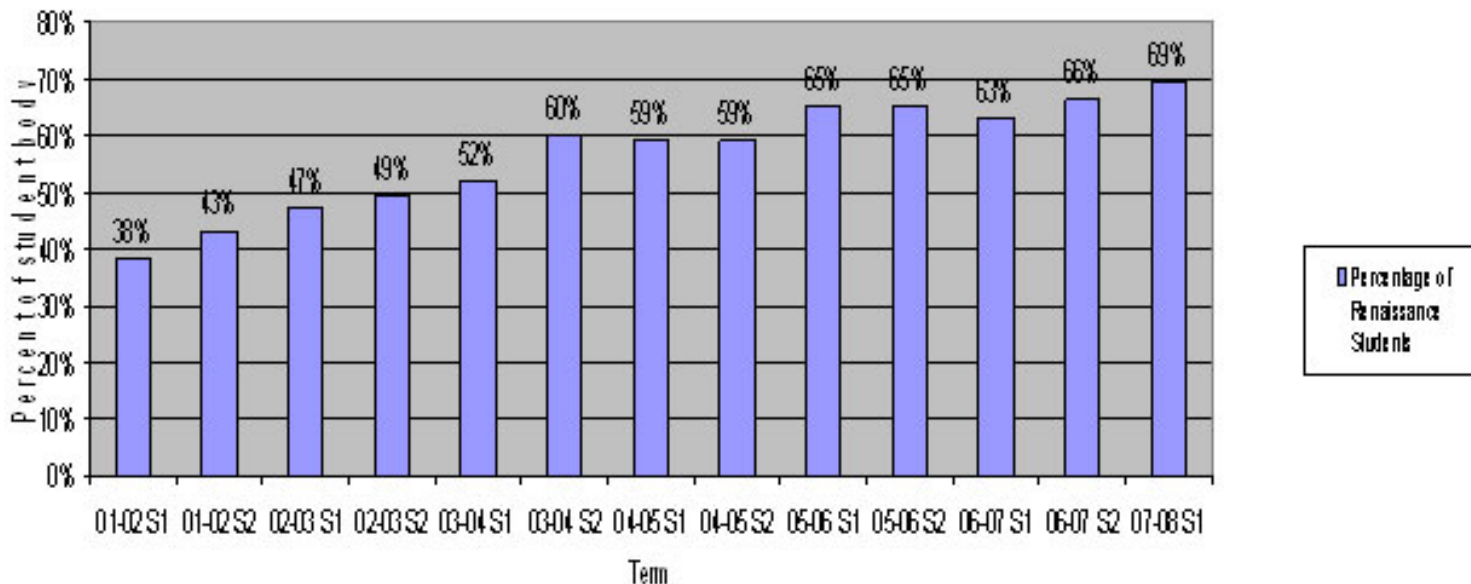
Hot Stories

Foothill Technology High School

Foothill Technology High School has had a Jostens Renaissance Program since the 2001-02 school-year. Since the program began they have increased Renaissance membership from 38% to 69% of their student body. Even more impressive, 87.5% of seniors qualified for Renaissance.

Congratulations Foothill Technology High School! If you'd like more information about the Foothill Technology High School Renaissance program, please contact Jennifer Duston at Jennifer.Duston@venturausd.org

FTHS Renaissance Students



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 March 13th** 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 **Erin Hahn!**

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 **11th 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=5MITtrQz5Ws&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:

What I Didn't Know

On Thursday my university is inviting sophomores to come and visit and to spend the day with a college freshman living in the dorms. Although I am not hosting, I know some people who are, and this got me thinking. One year ago, I knew just about as much about college as the students coming tomorrow. What do I know now that I didn't then? So I made a list of these things to help enlighten those who are slightly bewildered at the thought of college.

- 1. You actually have to go to school. Unfortunately, college is not just a place to live and hang out. This truth came crashing down on me early in the first quarter.*
- 2. There are no longer "cool kids" in college. Yes, some are more physically or intellectually*

blessed than others, but no matter how much of an outcast you were in high school, chances are you will find a group in your new university.

3. All dorms rooms have a distinctive smell, each one different than the other. I know this is an odd observation, but it comes to mind as I am sitting here typing in my mysterious smelling room.

4. Chances are, you will no longer be one of the smartest kids in the class. Remember, everyone sitting in that room got admitted the same way you did.

5. Having a room mate is not as bad as it is made out to be. Yes, I have heard some horror stories, but my room mate and I get along really well.

6. It is absolutely essential to have a facebook. Without one, you are practically socially isolated. This is coming from the girl whose myspace expired senior year because she didn't go on it in months.

7. It will actually start to feel like a home away from home. I know that that sounds cliché, but it is true. When I come back to my school after being away for the weekend, I no longer readjust. I get back to normal.

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 – Top 10 College Majors*

As students prepare to graduate from high school and look toward that all important career, here's a listing of the top 10 most popular college majors:

10. Political Science
9. Computer Science
8. Communications
7. English
6. Education
5. Nursing
4. Biology
3. Elementary Education
2. Psychology
1. Business Administration and Management

**Source – The Princeton Review*

Events & Reminders

Events

Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

no events scheduled at this time.

Upcoming Jostens LeaderShop workshops

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

March 19, 2008 – Saddlebrook, NJ – Pete Sabatino at pete.sabatina@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.