



## Super Heroes take on new meaning at North Hall High School



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## Conference Information

### 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference **Registration is now live!**

Registration forms for the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference are now available on-line. Whether you're registering via credit card or planning on downloading registration forms and mailing them in with payment check, the registration forms can be found at:



<http://renaissancenational.jostens.com/MainPage.asp>

The registration process has never been easier. Just go to <http://renaissancenational.jostens.com/MainPage.asp> and enter the appropriate information. If registering by credit card, the process can be completed on-line. If you're paying by check, please download all registrations and mail them to the Jostens Renaissance office with accompanying payment.

The on-line registration process has been improved this year allowing you to register multiple attendees and only enter one credit card! No longer is it necessary for you to repeatedly enter the same credit card number multiple times because of multiple attendees. **But please note these important points:**

- Please make sure that you click on the "Add Attendee" button for **each individual** you register, Including the last individual.
- Check the **attendee box on the right** of the page to ensure that you have all attendees listed.
- **Only those listed in the attendee box on the right of the page will be registered when you click on the "submit registration/print and mail registration" button at the bottom of the page.**

\*There will be **no registration form** on the mailer that is sent out. All registrations will be completed on-line whether submitted by credit card or downloaded and mailed in with accompanying check.

### **2009 Conference Room Rates**

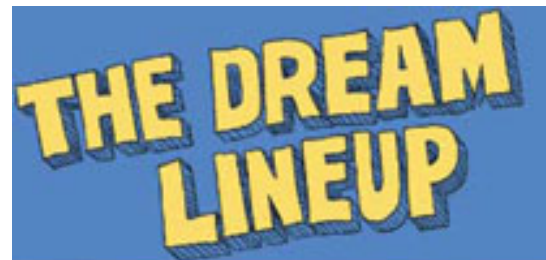
It's never too early to begin thinking about the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference! We hope that you'll consider joining us in beautiful Orlando, Florida, July 17 -19, 2009. Save the date and mark your calendar!

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 Announced

Guest presenters for the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference have been announced! The speakers are amazing and represent the best in educationally related fields. They'll be worth the trip to conference! **Visit this link to view:** [http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren\\_315.asp](http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_315.asp)



## 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](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 - Super Heroes Collecting for Elementary Students**

*Beverly Buffington  
North Hall High School  
Gainesville, GA*

We did the neatest thing! Batman, Spiderman, Flash, Superman, SuperGirl, and Planet America were all in costume at our Rally helping recognize our new card holders. But two weeks before the rally our principal decided that it would be a good idea for Renaissance to give back to our community. We have one school in particular in our county that was in need of school supplies for its elementary students.

Each Super Hero participating in our rally was sponsored by one grade level of our high school students. Five big collection boxes were put in our lobby with Flash sponsored by freshmen, Captain America sponsored by sophomores, Spiderman sponsored by the juniors, Batman sponsored by seniors and Superman and SuperGirl sponsored the staffuly.

Each box was designated for a particular school supply need that the elementary school had. After two weeks we had enough supplies to fill 40 large shopping bags. At our rally the grade level that collected the most school supplies was awarded the coveted spirit stick until our next rally!

To deliver all the supplies to our elementary school, our office interns dressed in the Super Hero costumes, rode a bus down to the school along with the 40 bags of supplies, our Principal, Joe Gheesling and Assistant Principal Harold Daniels.

Our bus driver who is our Assistant Principal, loved being Batman so much in the Rally, he wore the outfit again when he drove us down for delivery!! The idea was compliments of principal, Mr. Joe Gheesling. It was great to see the faces of the children when the Super Heroes walked through the doors of their classrooms. And it was really great to see the elementary teachers get the supplies and start asking, what is this "Renaissance"!



For more information please contact Beverly Buffington at [Beverly.Buffington@hallco.org](mailto:Beverly.Buffington@hallco.org)

*For submitting this idea, Beverly 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](mailto: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

### **Nominate Now for the Hall of Fame and Coordinator of the Year Awards**

If you have someone from your school that you would like to nominate for the Jostens Renaissance Hall of Fame award or Jostens Coordinator of the Year award, please click on the link below to read the criteria. Remember to submit your requests by **April 1st!** All award winners will be honored at the Jostens Renaissance National Conference in Orlando. Nominate those who have been instrumental in your Jostens Renaissance program for these great honors!

**For complete submission information:**

[http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren\\_490.asp](http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_490.asp)

#### **Jostens Renaissance Hall of Fame**

Induction into the Jostens Renaissance Hall of Fame is the highest honor that a Jostens Renaissance coordinator can receive from Jostens Renaissance. The Jostens Renaissance Hall of Fame recognizes the successes and achievements of the nation's finest Jostens Renaissance coordinators.

#### **Jostens Renaissance Coordinators of the Year**

Jostens Renaissance Coordinator of the Year is annually awarded to four (4) individuals who have successfully guided their school's Jostens Renaissance program and made a positive impact upon the entire school community.

### **Jostens Renaissance Student Scholarship**

The \$2,500 Jostens Renaissance Student Scholarship plus an Apple iBook computer will be awarded to a Jostens Renaissance student based on certain criteria.

### **Jostens Renaissance Teacher Scholarship**

Jostens Renaissance is committed to supporting educators who dedicate themselves to making their school and their Jostens Renaissance program the best it can be by providing scholarships to Jostens Renaissance educators.

### **Jostens Renaissance Grant Program**

A written request describing the intended use of grant funds from Jostens Renaissance.

### **This issue's iPod drawing winner**

Congratulations to **Beverly Buffington**, our **twelfth** 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 March 19th** 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:

### **Science Hasn't Changed**

For the first time all year, I found myself completely zoning out during class, and, of course, it was

during my science class. I'm doing all my work in the class and doing my best to pay attention, but a college science class is still a science class, and it's still over my head. I know it could be a lot worse, and I'm glad my professor is very understanding of the fact that not everybody is passionate about what he's teaching, but whenever he begins speaking in thicker jargon and only a few students in the room really follow what he's doing, I find it really hard to pay attention.

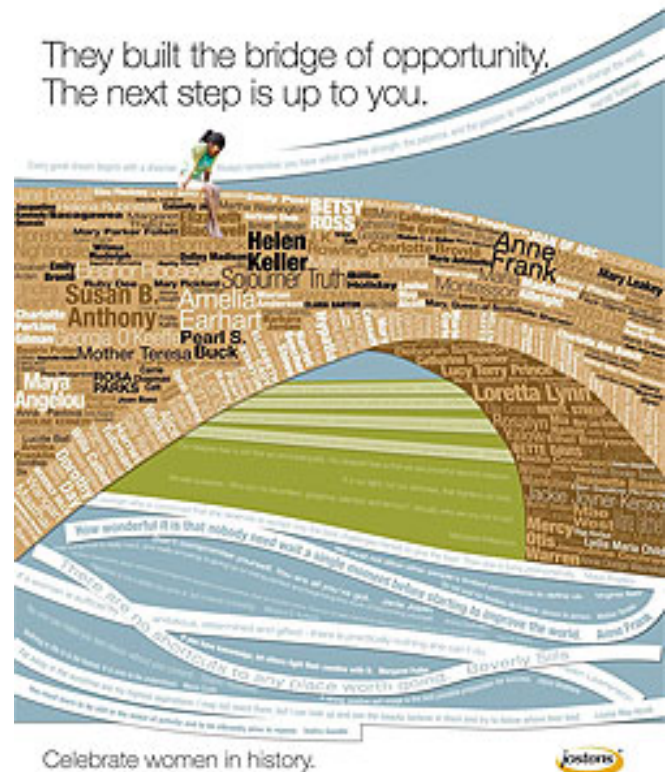
Postings are scheduled to be made twice weekly. To follow the freshmen journey of Scotty and DJ, just go to the Jostens Educator Services home page and click on the Following Freshmen link. [www.jostens.com/edserv](http://www.jostens.com/edserv)

## ORDER TODAY!

### "Celebrating Women in History" Poster available for order

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.

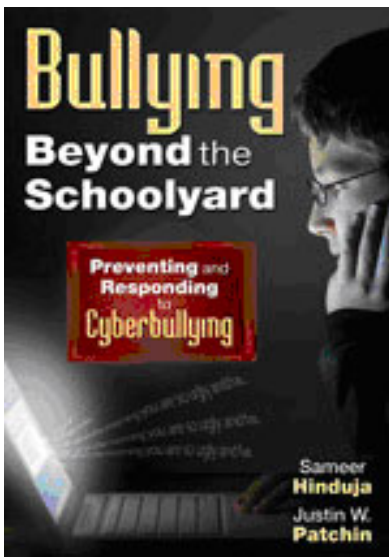
If you would like to purchase this poster, please e-mail [norma.christenson@jostens.com](mailto:norma.christenson@jostens.com). Cost per poster is \$1.00. Please include your school name and shipping address as an invoice will be included with your shipment.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:charlacey24@yahoo.com), Frank Palatucci at [fpalatucci@bhrrsd.org](mailto:fpalatucci@bhrrsd.org), or Pete Sabatino at [peter.sabatino@jostens.com](mailto: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](mailto:ssmereka@chinooksedge.ab.ca) or Jim Saunders at [Jim.Saunders@jostens.com](mailto: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.

## Reminders

### Educator Services Website

Provides information about Jostens Renaissance. Register and get full access to all the program information. [www.jostens.com/edserv](http://www.jostens.com/edserv)

### Renaissance Review Archive

Provided to you on our new website: [http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren\\_400\\_20.asp](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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_500.asp)

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