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Conference Information

Online Registration Now Available

It's time to get registered for the 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference! Our online registration is now available. Only credit card registrations will be accepted online, but you can download a registration form (on the Conference Registration page of the registration site in the Mail or Fax section) and send it in along with your check.

Here is the Online Registration Link: <http://renaissancenational.jostens.com>

We have also posted this link on our Educator Services website in two areas for future reference:

- Go to www.jostens.com/edserv and click on "Register online>>" link under the "Turn It Up! icon" in the middle of the page
- Go to the conference section of our website and get the link to register there: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_310.asp

The 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference is going to be another amazing experience. We'll see you in Phoenix!

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**
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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

Jostens Renaissance National Conference Featured Presenters Now Posted on Website

Click on the link below to check out the lineup of outstanding presenters scheduled to present at the 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference.

http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_315.asp

As we receive and accept breakout session submissions, we'll post them to the site as well. You'll be able to start determining the sessions that you'd like to attend in advance! Keep checking the Jostens Educator Services website for updated information on the 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference.

Your Ideas

This issue's winning JRR Idea - I Inspire!

Submitted by: **Beverly Buffington**
North Hall High School
Gainesville, GA

At our Renaissance Academic Rally we give each student who earns a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Card a color coded index card according to what level card they have earned as they come into the special seating area.

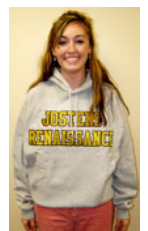
On this card we ask them to write the Staffulty person's name that inspires them to work harder and a short explanation of how or why they are inspired by this person. And of course we ask the student to include his/her name on the note card.

During the rally we have a team calculate the votes by level and at the end we announce the winners. The Staffulty winner of each level comes to the stage and is presented with a trophy and the index cards written by those who nominated them for the award. Staffulty who earn this award get to keep the next rally when it is passed on to the next "I Inspire" winner! We have a name plate and the semester date put on the trophy a few days after the rally so it's a constant source of pride for the person who earns the trophy even when it is passed to the next person. The winner is also invited to a breakfast in their honor with the Student of the Month recipients for the following month. If a staffulty member were to ever earn all four trophies at the same time the individual will receive a \$250 Visa Card. For those staffulty members that received votes from the students, but not the most votes, we place the cards written about them in a bundle and tie the bundle together with a bow to show them how students are inspired by their teaching.

This has been a great hit for our staff and isn't very expensive, while being visible recognition enjoyed by all.

For more information about I Inspire or the North Hall High School Renaissance program, please contact Beverly Buffington at Beverly.Buffington@hallco.org

For submitting this issue's winning idea Beverly 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 NOW! Last chance to submit is May 10th. Winners will be announced May 22nd.

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
- Limo ride back to the airport
- 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

Nominate Now! Deadline is May 1!

For 20 years, Jostens Renaissance has worked with American schools to motivate and recognize students, teachers, advisers, business leaders and many others that partner to strive for and recognize academic excellence.

Jostens Renaissance is committed to celebrating and rewarding Renaissance excellence through scholarships and recognition of outstanding Renaissance Educators.

The link below has information on the Jostens Renaissance Student Scholarship for students and the Teacher Scholarship for educators as well as criteria and the nomination process for Jostens Renaissance Coordinator of the Year and Jostens Renaissance Hall of Fame.

Consider nominating your deserving students and teachers for this recognition.

Click here for more information. **Deadline is May 1st.**

http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_490.asp

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 April 22nd** 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 Colin Cushman!

Collin'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 he is our **14th 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 5000 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:

Mid-Terms

First semester I didn't have any real mid-terms, instead they were just normal tests, but this semester I had 3 and a paper. My Understanding America test wasn't too bad; I got a low B on it. Accounting was really difficult. I even went to the help room for the three days before the test and I still got a C, but since it's a tough class, I'm satisfied with that. I also had an Abnormal Psychology test that wasn't actually cumulative, but it was worth a little bit more than our previous tests and I got an A on it! (my first A in that class) For spring break I went to Mexico with my mom and sister. It was a really nice, relaxing trip. It's strange because at college, people rarely go on a trip for spring break, unless it's with their friends but since most college kids are broke, there weren't a lot of people I know that went out of town. It was really nice to get back to school though; I really missed my friends which made me realize that this summer is probably going to be really hard to be away!

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 - Good Jobs Vanish for Workers with Less Education* Part 2

Our last issue provided information about the difficulty of finding "good jobs" (Pay at least \$17 per hour [in 2005 dollars] and health insurance is fully or partly paid by employer; pension plan with worker participation) without at least a high school education. So what does education really mean to earning potential? Here's the latest information.

	Estimate
Total:	\$32,086
Less than High School Graduate	18,641
High School Graduate (included equivalency)	26,123
Some College of Associate's Degree	31,936
Bachelor's Degree	45,221
Graduate or Professional Degree	59,804
Male:	\$39,041
Less than High School Graduate	22,151
High School Graduate (included equivalency)	31,175
Some College of Associate's Degree	40,217
Bachelor's Degree	55,446
Graduate or Professional Degree	73,991
Female:	\$26,322
Less than High School Graduate	13,255
High School Graduate (included equivalency)	20,650
Some College of Associate's Degree	26,300
Bachelor's Degree	36,875
Graduate or Professional Degree	49,164

**Source - U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey*

Events & Reminders

Events

Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

April 10, 2008 - Jostens Renaissance Philadelphia Workshop - For more information, contact Keri Casey at keri.casey@jostens.com

October, 24, 2009 - Heartland Renaissance Conference - For more information contact Mitch Lefkowitz at lefkowitzmitch@rockwood.k12.mo.us or Terrie Brueckmann at brueckmannterrie@rockwood.k12.mo.us

Upcoming Jostens LeaderShop workshops

April 15, 2008 - Tucson, AZ - For more information, contact Brent McCasland at brent.mccasland@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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