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National Conference**

**Submit before
May 10th!**

**Online Registration
Now Available!**
for the
**2008 Jostens Renaissance
National Conference**

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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**

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 - Balloon Day

Submitted by: **Marion Mann**
Kennedy-Kenrick High School
Philadelphia, PA

Any student who had an increase in their average from the 2nd to the 3rd marking periods was called down to the gym during homeroom. Each student received a balloon and was told to carry it around during classes... they would need it when they were called down at the end of the day for a special event planned in their honor for their academic achievement. They were told to protect their balloon and bring it back down to the gym when the balloon carrying group was called down. The balloon would be their ticket of admittance.

It was great. Over 220 out of 560 students were given balloons and they were so proud. They carried them with them all day and brought them down at the end of the day. At the Balloon Day Event, we had cake, candy, juice, prizes and Renaissance coupons. It was wonderful. The students were all so proud and excited. Teachers and the other students were impressed and many said they were going to get a balloon next time.

Parent e-mails came in to the committee praising our efforts. It was all good. We plan to work on the cards for

next year and we hope that this small event is an indication of the response we will have for them.

For more information about I Inspire or the North Hall High School Renaissance program, please contact Marion Mann at mmann@kkchs.org

For submitting this issue's winning idea Marion 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 May 6th** 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 **Ed Allen!**

Ed'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=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:

Too Much Time

I am learning that I get more done when I have a lot to do than when I have a lot of free time. My biology class was canceled this week, and since it is 4 hours (3 in lecture, 1 in lab) on Mondays and Wednesdays, that freed up my schedule considerably. I had so many big plans for this week, but it is so hard to get stuff done when you have so much time to do it!

Besides my huge amount of free time, I experienced my first truly stressful assignment in college. Besides my speeches, that is. I had to write an in-class essay for my "Argument and Logic" class, which turned out to be pretty difficult. I am starting to think that logic just isn't my thing, which is kind of depressing.

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 - State Budgetary Shortfalls Upon Us*

Most economists agree that the US economy is slowing down and state budgets are reflecting that slowdown as most states are facing shortfalls. Below are projected shortfalls between spending and revenue for the 2009 fiscal year.

State	Amount	State	Amount
Alabama	\$784 million	Mississippi	No estimate
Arizona	\$1.7 billion	Nevada	\$898 million
California	\$16 billion	New Hampshire	\$50 million - \$150 million
Delaware	No estimate	New Jersey	\$2.5 billion - \$3.5 billion
D.C.	\$96 million	New York	\$4.9 billion
Florida	\$3.4 billion	Ohio	\$733 million - \$1.3 billion
Illinois	\$1.8 billion	Oklahoma	\$114 million
Iowa	\$350 million	Rhode Island	\$380 million
Kentucky	\$266 million	South Carolina	\$160 million
Louisiana	No estimate	Tennessee	No estimate
Maine	\$124 million	Vermont	\$59 million
Maryland	\$808 million	Virginia	\$1.2 billion
Massachusetts	\$1.2 billion	Wisconsin	\$652 million
Michigan	No estimate		
Minnesota	\$935 million		

*Source - Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Events & Reminders

Events

Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

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

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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