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*Most Inspirational
Teacher/Mentor/Staffulty Member*

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Most Inspirational Teacher

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This is a really basic and easy idea that supports teaching and learning as well as improving staffulty morale and school climate by bringing visible recognition to educators. A team or organization on campus has each student select his/her Most Inspirational Teacher/Mentor/Staffulty Member. The

student then writes a paragraph detailing how this individual has impacted his/her life and/or educational experience. This paragraph is then emailed to all staffulty members at the school. As further recognition the inspirational teacher/mentor/staffulty member is asked to wear the student's jersey to the upcoming home event or activity.

Example: Football divides team members into three groups; one-third of the team picks their inspirational teacher and writes their paragraph. Then they put on a lunch rally the day before the game where each paragraph is read and the player presents his away jersey to the selected teacher. The band, cheerleaders, etc. are also present to create a festive atmosphere. The teacher is then invited to attend the game wearing the jersey. These teachers are introduced before the game with the paragraph read to the crowd. The reason for one-third of the team is to spread out the recognition throughout the season and not overdo one game.

Drama: Introduce teacher/mentor/staffulty member at a play during the encore, possible wearing something from the student's character or a drama T-shirt.

Band: Introduce teacher/mentor/staffulty member at the beginning of a performance wearing the band uniform top.

Clubs/Organizations: Introduce teacher/mentor/staffulty member at an event or end of year banquet, wearing corresponding shirts or uniform.

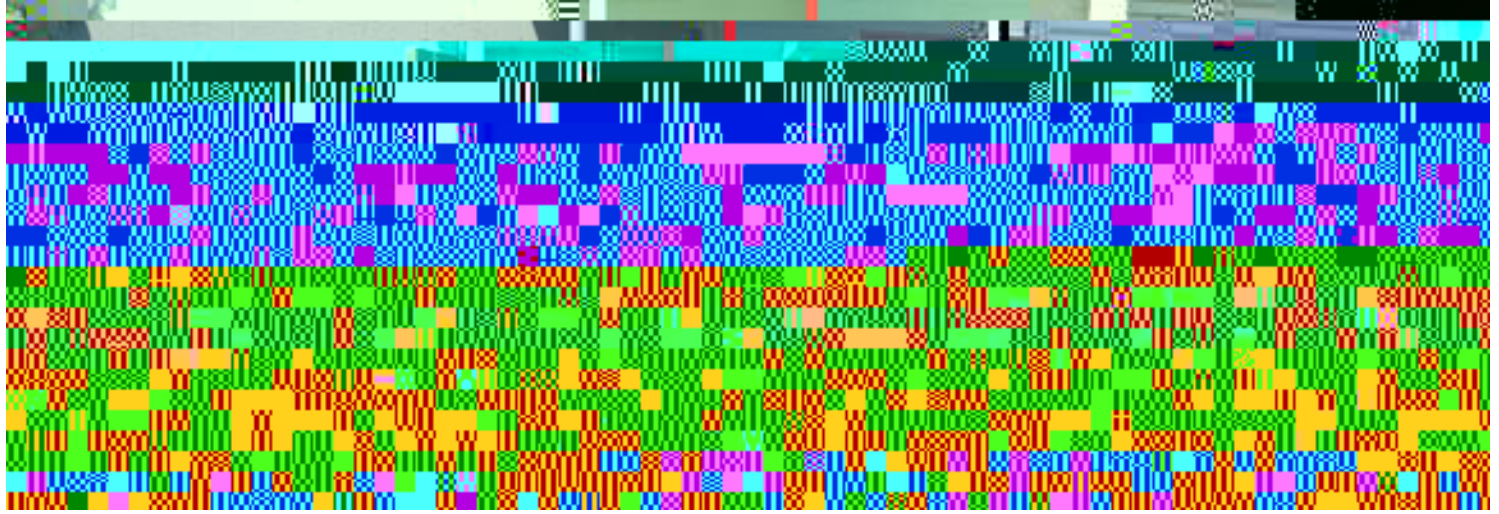
Cheerleading, basketball, baseball, track, swimming, hockey etc: Introduce teacher/mentor/staffulty member before a game or at end of year banquets.

Repeat this process with all groups and organizations on campus

Finally, make sure that all are introduced at the Renaissance Academic Rally as a group of Inspirational Teacher/Mentor/Staffulty Members

For more information about the Most Inspirational Teacher/Mentor/Staffulty Member, contact Bob Casper at rcasper@hlpusd.k12.ca.us

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



It's never too early to become a Rock Star!

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.

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.

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 Oct. 3rd 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>

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.

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.

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Statistic of the Issue – Trends in Alcohol Use*

With school back in session and homecoming upon us, high school social gatherings are becoming more prevalent. As alcohol use and abuse is a concern of all educators, here are some interesting statistics with regard to trends in alcohol use.

Alcohol has been tried by:

- 41% of current 8th graders
- 63% of current 10th graders
- 75% of current 12th graders
- 87% of college students

Heavy drinking (5 or more drinks in a row at least once in the prior 2 week period) was reported by:

- 11% of 8th graders
- 21% of 10th graders
- 27% of 12th graders
- 40% of college students

Long term evidence indicates that alcohol use moves in concert with illicit drug use rather than counter to it. (When drug use in the '80s declined, so to did daily alcohol use and heavy drinking. When illicit drug use rose again during the early '90s, so to did alcohol use, especially binge drinking. And as illicit drug use began to level off and decline in the late '90s, similar trends were seen for alcohol use.)

**Source – National Institute on Drug Abuse, Monitoring the Future – National Survey on Results on Drug Use, 1975 - 2005*

Reminders

Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

Oct. 8th, 2007 - CARE Conference – (Southern California) – Diamond Bar, CA

For more information, contact Mike Westra at Mike.Westra@jostens.com or Richard Parkhouse at Richard.Parkhouse@jostens.com

Oct. 10th, 2007 - CARE Conference – (Northern California) – McClellan, CA

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Oct. 19th, 2007 – Heartland Coalition Conference – Westerville, OH

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