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## Conference Information

### 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/>

### **Plan for the 2009 Conference - Room Rates Announced**

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/>

## **Your Ideas**

### **This Issues Winning JRR Idea - Tunnel of Wisdom**

*Ms. Beverly Buffington  
North Hall High School  
Gainesville, GA*

At a recent outdoor rally we had our cheerleaders make a Run through Banner that is traditionally reserved for Friday night Football games. Only instead of the Football Team running through it, we had all of our 692 Renaissance Card Holders run through a special made Renaissance Banner to begin our Fall Rally! Each cardholder either had on their new Renaissance shirt, their sport jersey, or the club t-shirt. Regardless of what they wore, you had to be a new card holder to run through! Each student had a balloon to represent their level of achievement, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze to release when the run through was complete! This cost nothing except the cost of the balloons and helium and the students loved it!

The second thing we did at our rally was to have **every** member of our staff on the football field to form the "**Tunnel of Wisdom**" for the new staff to come through as their name was called over the PA. The "veteran" staff was called to the tunnel by the number of years they had worked at our school, with those there the longest at the beginning of the "tunnel". We had some "bricks" (cardboard kind) to give the new staff as they made their way down the tunnel. On the bricks each veteran staff person had

written their name and their best advice for success. As the new staff made their way down the tunnel we filled up their bags with the Bricks of Wisdom!

For more information about creating a Tunnel of Wisdom, please contact Beverly Buffington at 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 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

### Now Available: "*We Believe in You*" DVD



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*.

### This issue's iPod drawing winner

Congratulations to **Sherry Magness**, our **fourth** 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 November 12th** 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:

### **Late Night Work Sessions Are Not A Myth!**

The past few days have finally brought me what is apparently common in college, and that is staying up late working. I've managed my time pretty well, and while I've had tons of work, rarely has it gone later than 9-10. That was not the case with last night. I spent the weekend in Cambridge, staying at a friend of a friend's house at Tufts University. It was a really fun time, to be sure. I got to see somewhere around 8 hardcore bands. I've been in moshpits before, but the intensity of these shows has no match as far as I am concerned. I stayed on the sidelines at both the events I went to, taking notes for an article I'm writing for my journalism class. So throughout the weekend, while I was attending concerts, I was deluding myself into thinking that I was doing homework. The only thing I had due on Monday anyway was 45 pages of reading, which is easy, especially since it is from a novel and not a textbook. I completely neglected, however, the massive amounts of work due on Wednesday - 200 odd pages of reading, a five page essay, and a reading response. I would have definitely benefited from taking some weekend time to work on this stuff, but it all ended up happening on Tuesday. Luckily I only have one Tuesday class so I had time to get it done, but I am only human and therefore often fall victim to procrastination. I typically study in my room, but my computer was being too much of a distraction, so I went out in the cold night to go to the library. It's dead quiet on the top floor there, so without any distractions I managed to sit down, focus, and finish my Latin America book - which was also horribly depressing. I still had a five-page paper left to do, which wasn't really that hard - it was about Wartime cartoons, so as a fan of animation I didn't really get too stressed - but I was up until midnight doing it. I'd like to say I've learned my lesson, and I think I have, but sometimes homework still hits me pretty hard. Say, for example, right now. I'm reading the biography of George Bush, and it is almost 10. But a few hours ago the girl down the hall and I were playing bocce ball, both of us admittedly putting off homework. I suppose it's good to relax and take part in a little recreation though, but I can't stand staying up this late working.

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)



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# Events & Reminders

## Events

### Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

**November 17, 2008** - Northwest Jostens Renaissance Coalition Conference - Conference will be held at Tumwater High School, Tumwater, WA. For more information contact Rick Morton at [rick.morton@jostens.com](mailto:rick.morton@jostens.com)

**November 21, 2008** - Southeast Renaissance Coalition Conference - Conference will be held at The Academy for the Arts, Myrtle Beach, SC. For more information contact Gene Holdway at [gene.holdway@jostens.com](mailto:gene.holdway@jostens.com) or Larry Biddle at [lbiddle@aol.com](mailto:lbiddle@aol.com)

**December 5, 2008** - Jostens Renaissance Training Workshop - Training workshop will be held at Highland Regional High School, Blackwood, NJ. For more information contact Pete Sabatino at [peter.sabatino@jostens.com](mailto:peter.sabatino@jostens.com) or Frank Palatucci at [fpalatucci@bhprsd.org](mailto:fpalatucci@bhprsd.org)

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## 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 # 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 - 09 version of the Jostens Renaissance Platinum Program Coupon booklet looks to be 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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