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This issue's JRR winning Idea

Collaboratives
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COLLABORATIVES: a group of people that come together to share information. Our school just opened its doors this year. It is a high school with an academic and career focus. We have an attitude for academics at our school. A key to achievement for students is in creating a culture for success. In creating that culture, our student ambassadors have established "COLLABORATIVES." COLLABORATIVES involve all personnel at the school; from the principal, to the secretaries, to the custodians. The student body is split into groups of 12 to 13 students, by grade level and assigned to a staff member. This collaborative takes place one

period out of each six weeks. The COLLABORATIVE groups meet in an assigned area of the school; whether it is on the school house steps, in the student instructional areas, or the school coffee shop. Our staff members visit with students about respect, taking PSAT/SAT tests, study skills and a wide range of motivational ideas for success.

The purpose of the COLLABORATIVE is to have the students connect with an adult that is within the school community and to create a relationship with that person. The question is, How does a formal institution create relationships? One source that provides some answers to this question is *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. The first step is to create relationships with students and adults by depositing emotional factors into our students. Respecting students as human beings worthy of care and establishing this relationship will enhance learning. Our student COLLABORATIVES build relationships through support systems, through caring about students, promoting student achievement, by being role models, by insisting upon successful behaviors for school and breaking down social barriers. COLLABORATIVES are simply networks of relationships.

Student Ambassadors ask, "Will creating a healthy relationship with students and staff make all students successful?" No. But if we can make a difference in most of our students, it will have a great impact on their success. Locate a passionate student and you will also find a caring adult who has guided him. Our students feel appreciated, respected, empowered and valued. Our staff communicates, cares and COLLABORATES, and we hope to have amazing results.

For more information contact Karen Reich at KarenR@springidsd.org

For submitting this issue's winning idea Karen will receive a Jostens Renaissance hooded sweatshirt and now becomes eligible for the 2007 JRR Idea of the Year grand prize.

Why should you submit your idea? Because you want MORE and EVEN MORE Rock Star Treatment!

Once again, the Jostens Renaissance Review will select a winning idea from those published. And once again, the winning idea will receive an all expense paid trip to the 2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference. This year's grand prize will be bigger and better than ever. A couple of issue's ago we unveiled the first new addition to the prize - **limousine transportation from the airport to the National Conference host hotel**. You will travel like a rock star as a limousine will be waiting for you! The limo will pick you up at the airport and take you to the hotel. **On the Thursday evening before the conference begins, you'll be "limo'd" to and from the restaurant to join other Jostens Renaissance National Conference dignitaries at one of the finest restaurants that our host city has to offer.** It will provide the backdrop for a spectacular evening. And there's more limousine transportation waiting for you at the conclusion of the conference when a limo will be waiting outside the host hotel to take you back to the airport.

Here's the next addition to the Idea of the Year Contest - upgraded hotel accommodations. Standard rooms are never good enough for a Rock Star, so a standard room certainly won't be good enough for you! If you submit the winning idea to the Jostens

Renaissance Review, Jostens will upgrade your accommodations and you'll call one of the **finest rooms that our host hotel has to offer home for three nights.**

Look for more information in upcoming issues about the JRR Idea of the Year contest as there are more additions to come! You can't receive rock star treatment if you don't submit an idea!

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. The individual submitting the published idea will receive a Jostens Renaissance Review sweatshirt and be eligible for the 2007 Idea of the Year Contest, which includes trips to the National Conference.

Hot off the electronic presses - the 2006 fall edition of New Heights

The Jostens Educator Services website hosts the latest edition of New Heights, the official magazine of Jostens Renaissance. This issue has a recap of the 2006 Jostens Renaissance National Conference as well as a case study about the impact the Jostens Renaissance has had at Liberty Jr. High School in Liberty, Missouri, and lots of Renaissance ideas that work.

Also, because New Heights is in a PDF format, you can download as many copies as you need.

The attached link will take you to the Educator Services home page and **the link for New Heights is on the right of the page**, just under the Jostens Renaissance banner.

<http://www.jostens.com/edserv/default.asp>

Minnesota - Land of 10,000 Renaissance Ideas

The 2006 Jostens Renaissance National Conference Rally was a huge hit and we've gotten numerous requests for the script. To accommodate those requests, we've placed the script on the Jostens Educator Services website. **(see link below)**

This will give you one idea for a rally, but we know that there are countless ideas and countless ways to put on a rally. We also know that staging a rally and being creative is very difficult.

You can help other Renaissance educators with a rally by submitting your rally script so that it can be posted on the website and shared with others from across the United States and Canada.

If you'd like to share your rally script, just email it to charley.nelson@jostens.com and we'll get it posted. Thanks for you help. We look forward to hearing from you!

Link to the script: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_471.asp

To access the above link, you must register on the Discussion Board. The Discussion Board "login" enables you to access *premium content* like the discussion board, case studies, scripts, tips, presentations, video, etc.

How to login:

1. Visit <http://edserv.jostens.com/default.asp> and register/login to the Discussion Board
2. You will receive two emails, one to tell you we received your login request and another email for you to confirm your registration by clicking on the **confirmation link**

Who's in the news!

Congratulations to Pinewood Elementary in Estero, FL and North Hall High School in Gainesville, GA for the newspaper coverage that they have received.

Click here for more information about Pinewood Elementary

<http://www.news-press.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061025/NEWS0102/61025069/1075>

or click here for more information about North Hall High School

<http://www.accessnorthga.com/news/hall/newfullstory.asp?ID=108263>

If your Jostens Renaissance program has made the local newspaper or any other type of published media in your area, send us a link and we will include it in the next issue of the Jostens Renaissance Review. Please e-mail the article link to: charley.nelson@jostens.com. By sending us your story, you'll be able to share it with thousands of JRR readers.

Jostens Renaissance Review statistic of the issue

A college degree is worth an extra \$23,000 year!

According to information from the United States Census Bureau, a bachelor's degree is worth an extra \$23,000 annually.

According to 2004 statistics -

- High School dropouts earned \$19,169 annually
- High School graduates earned 28,645 annually
- College graduates earned \$51,554 annually
- Advanced college degree holders earned \$78,093 annually

Reminders

Educator Services Website

Provides information about Jostens Renaissance. Register and get full access to all the program information. www.jostens.com/edserv

Platinum Program Coupon Booklets

The 06-07 coupon booklets are distributed on a first come, first serve basis and they are going FAST, so order yours today!! http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_500.asp

Renaissance Review Archive

Provided to you on our new website: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_400_20.asp

2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference Theme Unveiled

We know that many Jostens Renaissance schools take the Jostens Renaissance National Conference theme use it as a Renaissance slogan throughout the school year. With this thought in mind, we are very pleased to unveil the 2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference theme. We are really excited about this year's theme and the possibilities that it holds. We also think that it embodies the very essence of Jostens Renaissance. Visit <http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/images/2007conftheme.pdf> to see the 2007 National Conference theme!

Jostens Renaissance National Conference Update

The Jostens Event Management team is busy searching for the perfect site to host the 2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference. As soon as we have secured a location and signed the contract, we'll announce the site in the JRR as well as posting the site on the Jostens Educator Services web site. Look for an announcement to come sometime in November.