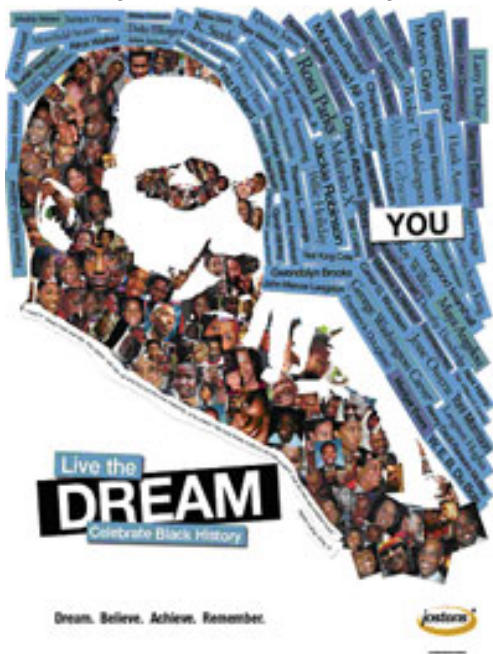




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2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference Announced



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/>

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.

- 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/>

Your Ideas

This Issues Winning JRR Idea - Project Elevate

Paul Dols

Monrovia High School

Monrovia, CA

Project Elevate will target those students who are currently classified as "at-risk" for missing graduation by not meeting the 2.0 GPA requirement. By working with the school counselor specifically assigned to this critical area of the student population a group of students are chosen to participate in the program. Each student on the Renaissance Leadership Team will "adopt" 5 of these students to take on as the year progresses. These students will be trained as mentors for their assigned students and will provide emotional as well as academic support for them.

As the year moves on mentors will host their students for lunches, after-school activities and will provide them with organizational skills to help them succeed in the classroom. The Renaissance Coordinator is responsible for providing the mentors with the materials necessary to provide students with successful time management skills and the tools for classroom success.

The goal of Project Elevate? That each student enrolled in the program would raise their GPA above a 2.0 and meet the graduation requirement established by MUSD. A second goal is active recruitment of the students in the program to join the Renaissance Leadership Team the following year.

For more information about Project Elevate, please contact Paul Dols at PDols@monrovia.k12.ca.us

For submitting this idea, Paul 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. We'll select a "winning idea" for each issue and the individual submitting the published idea will receive a Jostens Renaissance sweatshirt and become eligible 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

Jostens Renaissance Schools Making a Difference!

Congratulations to the Jostens Renaissance program at Fernwood Avenue Middle School in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

Students at the school donated and wrapped over 115 gifts that were given to the Atlantic County Women Shelter. The fundraising effort was part of a project called Project EHT (Every Hand Together). Way to go Michelle Carney-Ray and your team. Thanks for making a difference. We Believe In You! For more information, click on this link <http://www.shorenewstoday.com/eh/> or contact Michelle at CARNEYM@eht.k12.nj.us

This issue's iPod drawing winner

Congratulations to **Jan Doten**, our **seventh** 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 January 7th** 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:

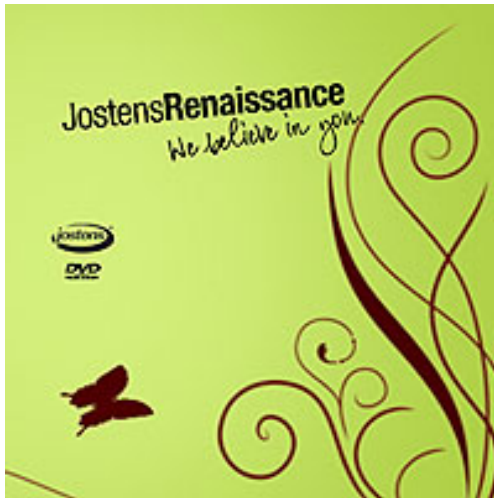
Coming Down The Homestretch

This week was full of work, which was pretty much expected. I finish on Wednesday. Between now and then I have four finals and a capstone essay to write. The good news is that only two of those finals are cumulative. My theatre final which I am not worried about because all of the questions come from previous test and my Spanish final. That one is going to be absolutely terrible! I can't even do a test on

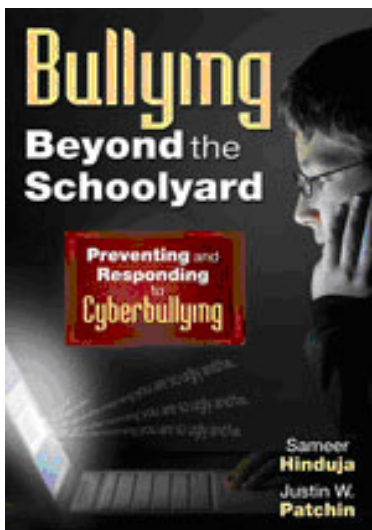
one chapter - I don't know how I am going to do one on three. I guess I better get used to it though because I am taking Spanish again next semester. I have not finalized my schedule yet because I am unsure if I should begin working toward my communications degree this coming semester or next fall. I will have some decisions to make over the break. At least I will have over a month to decide. I can't even feel guilty for not doing work. I don't know what I am going to do with myself. I am sure I will have some adventures. Speaking of adventures, the fire alarm went off when I was in Spanish on Tuesday and we had to evacuate. Luckily my Spanish class is on the first floor, or it could have been much worse. Thankfully we were able to go back in the building after a short time and the adventure ended there. I was not surprised though because everyday is an adventure!

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

ORDER TODAY! "We Believe in You" DVD (limited quantities available)



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 to secure your copy now. An invoice will be mailed with your copy of *We Believe In You*.



Now Available: *Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying*

Dr. Justin Patchin's presentations at the 2008 Jostens Renaissance National Conference brought much needed attention to a growing issue with students - cyberbullying. Here's your chance to find out more through his just published work. Identify the warning signs of cyberbullying and prevent inappropriate behaviors!

Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard helps educators confront technology-based aggression and ensure the safe and responsible use of computers and the Internet.

Cyberbullying is the intentional and repeated act of causing harm to others through the use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices. The authors help educators understand the potential consequences of this deliberate behavior and present strategies for effective identification, prevention, and response.

Focusing on the way technology can facilitate or magnify bullying behavior, this comprehensive resource offers information, guidelines, and resources to give students the protection they need. Written by leading experts, this groundbreaking book offers the voices of youth affected by or involved in real cyberbullying incidents and includes:

- Illustrations of what cyberbullying looks like
- Tips for identifying cyberbullies or targets
- "Breakout boxes" highlighting hundreds of anti-cyberbullying strategies
- A review of current research and legal rulings
- Strategies for responsible social networking
- Follow-up reflection questions in each chapter
- Guidelines for working with parents and law enforcement

Jostens Renaissance is proud to partner with Dr. Patchin and make this book available to you for the discounted rate of \$30 plus shipping. To order your copy, email Norma Christenson at norma.christenson@jostens.com and include your address. We'll get it in the mail immediately and include an invoice in the shipment.



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Events & Reminders

Events

Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

May 29, 2009 - 2nd Annual WECARE Conference (WEstern Canada Amazing Renaissance Educators) - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Held at the Innisfail Middle School, Innisfail, Alberta. For more information contact Shelley Smereka at ssmereka@chinooksedge.ab.ca or Jim Saunders at Jim.Saunders@jostens.com.

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July 17-19, 2009 - Jostens Renaissance National Conference - Held at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, FL. For more information contact your local Jostens Sales Representative.

Upcoming Jostens LeaderShops

February 9, 2009 - LeaderShop, Amarillo, TX. A leadership workshop facilitated by former NFL great Keith Nord designed to develop leadership skills in current and aspiring student leaders. For more information contact Rex Spain at Rex.Spain@Jostens.com or Lisa Spain at Lisa.Spain@jostens.com

February 10, 2009 - LeaderShop, San Antonio, TX. A leadership workshop facilitated by former NFL great Keith Nord designed to develop leadership skills in current and aspiring student leaders. For more information contact Rex Spain at Rex.Spain@Jostens.com or Lisa Spain at Lisa.Spain@jostens.com

February 11, 2009 - LeaderShop, Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX. A leadership workshop facilitated by former NFL great Keith Nord designed to develop leadership skills in current and aspiring student leaders. For more information contact Rex Spain at Rex.Spain@Jostens.com or Lisa Spain at Lisa.Spain@jostens.com

Reminders

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

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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.

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>

[com/watch?v=1wuSaNCIde4](http://www.jostens.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.

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

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