John Cabot University announces Winners of the Italy Reads Video Contest

First Place Award - €500, to be used by the class as they choose, to "A Farewell To Arms", by students in Class IV–D, "The Chalkboard Group" (Professor Cinzia Cetraro), Liceo Isaac Newton, Rome. Watch the video.

One of the judges commented: In a word, this video is stunning . . . beautiful condensation of the complexities of the novel’s story told via the beautiful medium of animation. Truly a work of art. The students and teachers involved in making this video should be very proud of their work.

Second Place Award - €300, to be used by the class as they choose, goes to "Curiosity increaseth knowledge - The enchantment of reading", by students of Class V-C, (Professor Maria Gabriella Gatti), Liceo Scientifico Archimede, Rome. Watch the video.

One of the judges commented: A beautiful video that not only champions the importance of reading but also depicts a significant aspect of Hemingway’s novel. A first rate telling of a multi-layered story in a brilliantly concise way. (Read more on page 2.)

Encourage your students to participate in Italy Writes 2015, JCU’s annual creative writing contest for Italy’s high school students whose primary language of instruction is not English. Deadline: 1 April 2015

Italy Reads Scholarship

Part of the mission of Italy Reads is to support teachers in the local community by providing training and resources for teaching English and American literature. Italy Reads Scholarship recipients attend a JCU course relevant to Italy Reads and lead their students and colleagues in Italy Reads activities.

Corsi semi-intensivi di lingua inglese per studenti della scuola superiore. Una didattica interattiva e coinvolgente in un contesto internazionale. Per informazione: http://bit.ly/1C1uEIm

This document and other resources for Italy Reads teachers, students and volunteers are available at: http://johncabot.libguides.com/ItalyReads.
Dear high school teachers,
to schedule a visit with your students, contact italyreads@johncabot.edu.

Visits will continue through April 2015.

If your students have completed their work with *A Farewell to Arms*, JCU’s Italy Reads Volunteers are also available to engage your students in discussions, in English, about topics of general cultural interest not strictly related to the novel.

**From the Web –**

**Items related to the centennial commemoration of WWI, setting for “A Farewell to Arms”:**

1. "A Farewell to Arms Read-A-Thon"
   [https://www.facebook.com/AmbasciataUSA/posts/10152402236271872](https://www.facebook.com/AmbasciataUSA/posts/10152402236271872)
2. "A Farewell to Arms Read-A-Thon"
3. A global guide to the first world war - interactive documentary
4. Tower of London marks World War I with dramatic poppy display
5. Spine-Tingling Photos Of London As It Remembers World War I
6. *Dulce Et Decorum Est* by Wilfred Owen: Read by Christopher Eccleston | Remembering World War 1
   [http://youtu.be/qB4cdRgIcB8](http://youtu.be/qB4cdRgIcB8)

**Honorabile Mention - “Acid rain”, by students at The Swiss School of Rome (Professor Yvette Manigold).**

Watch the video.

One of the judges commented: *Truly a great work of interpretive art. Innovative, avant-garde and groundbreaking. A truly original and bold take on the novel. This video took artistic risks that paid off greatly. First rate.*

**Honorabile Mention - “Rain”, by students of Class V, Liceo Scientifico S. Anna Falletti Di Barolo, Rome (Professor Francesca Minutello).**

Watch the video.

One of the judges commented: *A very nice adaptation of the central themes of the novel into the present. This video makes Hemingway’s novel clearly relevant to students of today.*

**Photos on Facebook!**

For information on how to participate in Italy Reads, contact italyreads@johncabot.edu.

Learn more about the Department of English Language and Literature at JCU!

**Italy Reads Volunteers visit Italian high schools**

Naples, Italy - February 2015 –

Italy Reads Volunteers travelled to Naples to students at ISIS ‘E. De Nicola’ and discuss Ernest Hemingway’s *A Farewell to Arms*. High school student hosts welcomed JCU students with that world-famous Neapolitan hospitality. They introduced JCU students to home-made treats and showed them their breath-taking city. The Italian students and their teachers then gave their guests a guided tour (in English!) of Naples explaining the role Neapolitan General Armando admired the statue that stands along the seafront of the Gulf of Naples. The visit concluded with a stop at the famous Master chocolatier Gay- Odin and a warm “arrivederci a JCU!”

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The Mission of Italy Reads is to provide high school teachers, book groups and individual readers with the resources to read and consider the significance of great works of American literature and to encourage cultural exchange between the United States of America and English speakers in Italy through the discussion of American literature.

**Italy Reads Volunteers** are JCU students who explore their interests and share their talents by giving back to the local community. The experiential learning of exchange visits with Italian students of English language and literature form cultural bridges and new friendships.

The **Italy Reads Newsletter** supports the mission of Italy Reads and John Cabot University providing a showcase for the activities of the international student body at JCU and the dedicated educators involved in the program.

Next year, (academic year 2015-2016) Italy Reads will be focusing its activities on Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison’s *The Bluest Eye*.

For information about events at John Cabot University, visit our website at **http://www.johncabot.edu/**

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