Decentering Native Privilege: Italy Reads, Italy Writes and Italy Pitches

at John Cabot University
ITALY PITCHES - 10 hrs. of ASL
In collaboration with Casa Scalabrini 634

A national, English-language pitching competition for Italian high-school students. Participating students will select a non profit organization, study it and create a pitch to convince the audience to donate to its cause.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?
All fourth year students enrolled in participating Italian licei.

NOTE: the number of slots will be allocated among participating licei.
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STRUCTURE

- Teachers introduce Italy Pitches as part of the activities
- Students select a nonprofit organization and construct a pitch
- Teachers work with students throughout the year, using the program as a platform for further language learning.
- Students attend a workshop at JCU
- At the end of the program, students will come to JCU to present their pitches in front of a qualified jury and a real audience.

PRIZE

JCU English Summer Camp, a 4-week, 30-hour program designed especially for high-school students (Cost €2300)
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CALENDAR

• MONDAY, NOV 21: JCU Elevator Pitch Competition (18.30-20.00 Tiber Cafè)

• FRIDAY, JAN 20: Deadline to register the classes that will participate

• WEEK OF JAN 23: Workshop for students (How to construct a pitch, rules and regulations, etc)

• MONDAY, APRIL 3: Deadline to submit names of students competing and their guests

• MONDAY, APRIL 10th: Italy Pitches Final Competition (16.30-18.00 Tiber Cafè)

INFO: entrepreneurship@johncabot.edu
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CASA SCALABRINI

Casa Scalabrini 634 is located in Rome, in Via Casilina, 634 and is the operation’s center of the CAI’s project for “Welcoming and Inclusive Communities” of the Scalabrinian Congregation, active for more than 100 years on migration in over 32 countries.

The project promotes the welcoming and integration’s cultures and it also covers the areas of awareness, in schools, companies and other associations, education and active citizenship. Casa Scalabrini 634 welcomes refugees, both families and young adults, and promotes activities and initiatives open to everyone.

For further information on Casa Scalabrini 634:
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EMPOWERING STUDENTS

- Active study of American literature
- Student Video Contest – 3-min. video inspired by work of literature
- Alternanza Scuola Lavoro at JCU – possible with Italy Reads
- Poster Session at JCU by high school students
- ‘Italy Welcomes’ – highlighting Italy through the eyes of its youth. High school students unveil the treasures of their surroundings in English
Italy Reads

- Annual Scholarships (Spring semester) for high school teachers
- Online resources for teachers
- Training Workshop for Teachers and Book Group Leaders
- Keynote Address and Master Class
- Italy Reads Theatre – by The English Theatre of Rome
- Meetings scheduled between JCU students, native speakers of English, and high school students
1 high school teacher
= an average of 20 students

In 2016, 200 high school teachers

Approximately 4000 high school students/year are now reached by JCU’s Italy Reads Program each year
ITALY READS BY THE NUMBERS!

- **The Bluest Eye**: 2015
  - High school teachers: 73
  - JCU Student Volunteers: 64
  - Participating high schools: 200

- **A Farewell to Arms**: 2014
  - High school teachers: 54
  - JCU Student Volunteers: 98
  - Participating high schools: 190

- **The Namesake**: 2013
  - High school teachers: 47
  - JCU Student Volunteers: 54
  - Participating high schools: 145

- **The Great Gatsby**: 2012
  - High school teachers: 50
  - JCU Student Volunteers: 90
  - Participating high schools: 144

- **The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter**: 2011
  - High school teachers: 35
  - JCU Student Volunteers: 70
  - Participating high schools: 32

- **Our Town**: 2010
  - High school teachers: 63
  - JCU Student Volunteers: 53
  - Participating high schools: 23

- **To Kill a Mockingbird**: 2009
  - High school teachers: 19
  - JCU Student Volunteers: 39
  - Participating high schools: 22

**Note:**
The number of teachers includes a school Principal for each school. Each participating teacher involves an average of 25 students in the Italy Reads program. Some teachers do not participate each and every year.
JCU’s National English-language writing competition for Italian high school students. Maximum 1000 words, Fiction or Non-Fiction

Panel of judges: professors from JCU and one of America's most highly-ranked creative writing centers: the University of Iowa's International Writing Program

Engages high school students in the development of their English creative-writing skills

Deadline: 1 April, 2017
Awards presented by JCU’s
Summer Institute for Creative Writing and Literary Translation

Writer in Residence

2012 - Joyce Carol Oates
2014 – Tyler Dilts
2015 – Susan Minot

2013 - Jhumpa Lahiri
2015 – Edmund White
2017 - Frederic Tuten
Alternanza Scuola Lavoro at JCU

High School Collaboration

http://www.johncabot.edu/about_jcu/high-school-collaboration.aspx

- Italy Reads – *from 2 to 60 hrs.*
- Italy Pitches – *from 10 to 30 hrs.*
- Italy Reads – *from 1 to 5 hours.*