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Selected News Releases

Educators Honored at Maine Association for Middle Level Education Conference

The Maine Association for Middle Level Education (MAMLE) honored exemplary educators at its 2000 Annual Conference, held October 19-20 at Sugarloaf USA. This year's recognition ceremony was highlighted by the presentation of a brand new award, the Friends of Middle Level Education Award, to Robert Cobb, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine. The Friends of Middle Level Education Award will be a periodic award, not necessarily annual, and acknowledges people who have helped promote quality middle level education in Maine in ways other than public school service. Dr. Cobb was recognized for his continued support of MAMLE and middle level education in general. Dean Cobb's award, which read, "In Appreciation for Support of Middle Level Education and Benefiting Young Adolescents in Maine," was presented by MAMLE President, Jill Spencer.

The popular MAMLE Conference attracted nearly 450 middle level educators from across Maine and included visitors from New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, and Kentucky.

The Maine Association for Middle Level Education is the professional association of teachers, administrators, and parents who have joined together to support the development of quality programs which serve the needs of young adolescents. MAMLE exists to promote a better understanding of middle grades education in our state. It is a source on ideas, information, and support.

MAMLE also awarded Exemplary Practices and Outstanding Middle Level Educators. The criteria for selection for these awards is based on the five Core Values of MAMLE:

1. Meet the developmental needs of young adolescents
2. Promote local professional development
3. Promote a healthy work environment for students & teachers
4. Exemplify high standards based on research
5. Invite active participation by students, parents, & community

Exemplary Practice Awards

These awards are designed to recognize individuals, teams, and schools across the state of Maine who are incorporating "best practices" into their curriculum and instruction.

1. Anita Smith – China Middle School; China, ME

- Title of Unit: China School Forest Day & China Schools' Forest: A Model in Integrated Learning

2. George Hanley, Frank Davis, and Pauline Hanley – Medway Middle School; Medway, ME

- Title of unit: Iditarod Project

3. Paula Roy – Phillips Middle School; Phillips, ME

- Title of unit: Student Council

4. Sharon Bowman, Gloria Bray, Paul Booth, Susan Shaw – Mt. Ararat Middle; Brunswick, ME

- Title of unit: Collaborative Play Writing

Outstanding Middle Level Educator Awards

Each year the Board of Directors of the Maine Association for Middle Level Education calls for nominations for Outstanding Middle Level Educator Awards. Nomination forms are sent to the general membership and nominators submit a recommendation based on the association's core values mentioned above:

1. Meredith Damone – Freeport Middle School; Freeport, ME

2. Stephen Kingsbury – Dr. Lewis S. Libby School; Milford, ME

3. Glenn Nerbak – Lyman Moore Middle School; Portland, ME

4. Janet Nesin Reynolds – Shapleigh Middle School; Kittery, ME

5. Carol Sherburne – Dexter Middle School; Dexter, ME

6. Nancy Watson – Skyway Middle School; Presque Isle, ME

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