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Middle School Educators Honored

ORONO, Maine - The Maine Association for Middle Level Education (MAMLE) honored exemplary educators at its 2001 annual fall conference. Nearly 400 middle level educators from across Maine as well as visitors from New Hampshire, Virginia and Ohio attended the event held at Sugarloaf USA.

MAMLE is the professional association of teachers, administrators and parents who have joined together to support the development of quality programs to serve the needs of young adolescents. It exists to promote a better understanding of middle grades education and serves as a source of ideas, information and support.

As a highlight of the conference, MAMLE awarded Exemplary Practices and Outstanding Middle Level Educator awards. The criteria for these awards are based on the five Core Values of MAMLE. Those selected must: meet the developmental needs of young adolescents; promote local professional development; promote a healthy work environment for students and teachers; exemplify high standards based on research; and invite active participation by students, parents and community

Exemplary Practice Awards

These awards are designed to recognize individuals, teacher teams and schools across the state who are incorporating best practices into their curriculum and instruction. Exemplary practice winners and the titles of their programs are:

- Teresa Kane, Sharon Littlefield, Marilyn Graham, Ronald Rollins, Kris Mueller - Warsaw Middle School, Pittsfield; How A Bill Becomes a Law.
- Michael LeGage - Bonny Eagle Middle School, Buxton; Pathfinder Program.
- Peter Scontras - Saco Middle School, Saco; Language of Art Unit.
- Marie Potvin, Karen Reardon, Scott Descoteaux - Biddeford Middle School; the Middle School Health/PE Curriculum
- David Petterson - Bonny Eagle Middle School, Buxton; the BOOST Program.

Outstanding Middle Level Educator Awards

Each year the MAMLE Board of Directors 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. Outstanding Middle Level Educators for 2001 are:

- Sue Myers - Auburn Middle School.
- Grace Hoffman - SeDoMoCha Middle School; Dover-Foxcroft.
- Sherri Littlefield - Warsaw Middle School; Pittsfield.
- Carolee Mountcastle - Orono Middle School.
- Ethel Atkinson - Bonny Eagle Middle School, Buxton.

For more information about MAMLE, contact director Wally Alexander, (207) 738-5004.

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