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New England League  
of Middle Schools

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## **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

The Vermont Association for Middle Level Education (VAMLE) and  
the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS)  
announces the

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholar Leader Awards Banquet**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Plumley Armory, Norwich University, Northfield, VT at 6:00 PM**

**PURPOSE** – This program is intended to give public recognition to two representative students who from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade in Vermont who distinguished themselves in terms of outstanding Middle Level scholarship and leadership. In past years, schools throughout the state have recognized hundreds of VT students. *The selection of these students will be the responsibility of each school. The Selection Criteria is based on the standards outlined in the “Vital Results” and “Fields of Knowledge” sections of the VT Frameworks and Standards and Learning Opportunities.*

This typically includes qualities such as:

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| ▪Teamwork                          | ▪Dependability     | ▪Personal Goals        |
| ▪Positive Interactions with others | ▪Productivity      | ▪Respect for diversity |
| ▪Respect                           | ▪Service to others |                        |

**AWARDS BANQUET** – The 2 students selected, school representatives, and others, are invited to attend the statewide Awards Banquet at the Plumley Armory at Norwich University in Northfield, VT. The Governor, the Commissioner of Education and other dignitaries will be invited and often attend. Each student will receive a plaque with his or her name on it signifying the honor. A photograph of the Scholar Leader receiving the award will also be given to each of the students. Table sizes are available for groups of 4, 8, or 10.

**COST TO MEMBER SCHOOLS** – The costs of the event for the students being honored, as scholar leaders, will be borne by the Vermont Association for Middle Level Education and the New England League of Middle Schools. Tables can be purchased for groups of 4 for \$159.00, 8 for \$319.00 or 10 for \$399.00. Small schools selecting one student will sit at a half table and share with another school. At times schools have asked local businesses or civic organizations, parent organizations, school activity funds, or the parents themselves to help fund this event.

**Please note that ticket will not be available at the door.**

**COST TO NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS** – Schools that are not members of the Vermont Association for Middle Level Education or the New England League of Middle Schools may also participate in this program but must pay the expenses associated with the event. Tables may be purchased as stated above, plus an additional \$40 for each scholar leader. If you are interested in VAMLE membership, please contact Sue Gee at (802) 522-7180 or director@vamle.org. If you are interested in NELMS membership, please contact Karin Wilmarth at (978) 557-9311 or kwilmarth@nelms.org.

**RESERVATIONS** – Due to planning requirements **NELMS MUST receive your completed reservation by May 5, 2017.** This is a very popular event with limited space so we encourage you to make your reservations right away. **All schools will be assigned tables on a first-come first-served basis.** The Vermont Association for Middle Level Education and the New England League of Middle Schools look forward to receiving your registration. We hope this event will become one of the premiere events of the middle level school year. *Please call Karin Wilmarth at the NELMS office at (978) 557-9311 if you have any questions.*

Sincerely,

Jerry Frew, Executive Director  
New England League of Middle Schools

Sue Gee, Executive Director  
Vermont Association for Middle Level Education

**Identify your Scholar Leaders and Register Early!**