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### LOCAL MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENTS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, students at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, VT were recently honored as Middle Level Scholar Leaders at the Twentieth Annual Vermont Scholar Leader Awards Banquet on June 7, 2017 at Norwich University in Northfield, VT.

Approximately 375 students, educators, and parents attended, along with members of the VAMLE and NELMS boards. The keynotes were given by students; Aneka Williams from Harwood Union High School, and A.J. Braverman from Stowe High School. The students were presented with an award whose criteria included demonstrating academic initiative and scholarship, providing service to classmates and school, exemplifying positive attitudes and demonstrating leadership in the classroom and school activities. The banquet celebrates the achievements of the middle level students who are representative of the many fine young adolescents in all middle level schools in the State of Vermont. Eighty-four students from 42 schools were honored this year.

Students are selected by their school based on the standards outlined in the “Vital Results” and “Fields of Knowledge” sections of the *Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities*. The goal of the scholar leader program is to honor students who exhibit BOTH academic and leadership qualities.

Betsy Memoe, President of VAMLE, congratulated the students on their ability to balance the rigors of their academics while equally making positive contributions to their educational communities for the benefit of all.

Jerry Frew, Executive Director of NELMS, praised the students for their willingness to help others and for choosing excellence in their personal and school lives. He acknowledged the many contributions of the parents and school personnel for creating environments that promote good citizenship and scholarship.

The event is organized by the Vermont Association for Middle Level Education (VAMLE) and the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) with supporting sponsorship from Lifetouch National School Studios.

*For more information about the Scholar Leader Award program, please contact NELMS.*

*For the list of participating schools from this event, please visit:* [http://www.nelms.org/pages/awards/sl\\_vt.html](http://www.nelms.org/pages/awards/sl_vt.html)

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## MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS SCHOLAR LEADER AWARDS PROGRAM

### 2017 Selection Criteria

Middle grades (5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>) students who best personify the standards outlined in the “Vital Results” and “Fields of Knowledge” sections of the *Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities*.

Qualities such as:

- teamwork
- positive interactions with others
- respect
- personal goals
- dependability
- productivity
- service to others
- respect for diversity

As outlined, in the “Overview of Vermont’s Framework” on page iii, these indicators should be strongly considered.

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