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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 Twenty-First Annual Vermont Scholar Leader Awards Banquet on June 6, 2018 at Norwich University in Northfield, VT.

Approximately 400 students, educators, and parents attended, along with members of the VAMLE and NELMS boards. The keynotes were given by students; Harrison Bushnell, from U-32 High School, and Connor Solimano from Rutland 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-six students from 43 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.

Monica McEnery, 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

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MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS SCHOLAR LEADER AWARDS PROGRAM

2018 Selection Criteria

Middle grades (5th through 8th) 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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