

## Registration Information

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in earning: CEU's \_\_\_\_ Graduate Credit \_\_\_\_  
*(Please check one)*

I will need overnight accommodations Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Project Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due:                      Commuter    \$950

Overnight    \$1,200

Payment is enclosed:                  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_

To Download additional registration forms please visit:

[www.mamleonline.org](http://www.mamleonline.org)

Submit Registrations via fax 207-859-1114 Attn: Mikaela Foster

or mail to Thomas College, Attn: Mikaela Foster

180 West River Rd. Waterville, ME 04901

## Check out the MLEI Ning!

What's a Ning? A Ning is a social networking site where people with similar interests can meet online to chat, ask questions & share resources. Go to the Ning now to meet the consultants. In the spring there will be chats scheduled that registered MLEI participants can join.

<http://mlei2009.ning.com/>

*The Maine Association of  
Middle Level Educators Presents*

**The 25th Annual  
Middle Level Education Institute  
July 12-16, 2009**

*Thomas College Waterville, ME*

*Creating the Future:*  
**Preparing Young Adolescents  
for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**Institute Faculty:**

**Wally Alexander**

*Professor of Record for Institute graduate course*

**Phil Brookhouse**

*MLTI statewide technology integrator*

**Nancy Doda**

*International consultant and author*

**Barbara Greenstone**

*MLTI statewide technology integrator*

**Lisa Hogan**

*Maine middle level educator, technology integrator*

**Theresa Hinkle**

*Past president of NMSA and middle level educator*

**Patti Kinney**

*Associate Director, Middle Level Services for NASSP*

**and a live conversation with  
Rick Wormeli via video conferencing**

**Jill Spencer & Chris Toy, Co-Directors**

**Visit us online at <http://www.mamleonline.org>**

## A Little About Our Consultants

**Wally Alexander:** Dr. Alexander is an assistant professor of education at Thomas College, Executive Director of MAMLE, and the author of *Student-Oriented Curriculum: A Remarkable Journey of Discovery*.

**Phil Brookhouse:** Phil travels the state of Maine as one of the Statewide Integration Mentors (SWIM) for the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) and presents nationally on integrating technology across the curriculum.

**Nancy Doda:** A recipient of the NMSA's John Lounsbury Award for her global influence, Nancy is currently a full time Professional Development facilitator, conference speaker, and author.

**Barbara Greenstone:** Barbara is known across the state of Maine as one of the Statewide Integration Mentors (SWIM) for the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI). Barbara presents nationally on various digital learning issues.

**Theresa Hinkle:** Theresa ("T") is Nationally Board Certified in English/Language Arts and former President of National Middle School Association.

**Lisa Hogan:** Lisa is a district-wide technology integrator for Maine SAD # 75 who is highly adept at using digital resources to dissolve classroom walls, thus allowing her students access to experts around the world.

**Patti Kinney:** Patti is Associate Director, Middle Level Services for the National Association of Secondary School Principals. A former president of NMSA, she was the 2003 NASSP/MetLife National Middle Level Principal of the Year.

## Here's What Past Participants Have to Say

"I keep going back to MLEI because it inspires me for the next school year! It's awesome, from learning new teaching strategies to new technology."

"Love that they treat you as a professional and let you work on what you need to."

"Great that it gives you concentrated time to meet with a group and problem solve/ collaborate that you don't have during the school year. Time for us is a gift. "

"Technology support was outstanding."



"Wonderful learning and collaborative activity that we would highly encourage for teachers from any school district in any discipline. Our district sends people every year"

"It was at MLEI that we first learned about best practices in theory and in practice. The application of best practices was always shown, not just talked about."

"One of the highlights of the institutes was meeting new consultants from around the country -- the ones that wrote the texts we used in courses and the articles we read in journals. (WOW!) "

"I have found that the Middle Level Institute has been a great gathering ground for people with the same or similar interest."

# MLEI Overview

“The Middle Level Education Institute was founded to provide a significant professional development experience for Maine teachers, administrators, and parents to learn about all aspects of young adolescent growth and development and establishing and improving middle level schools.”

*Dr. Ed Brazee on the founding of MLEI in 1985.*

MLEI has a long history of providing a stimulating environment and the time for middle level educators to experience and explore innovative ideas, to discuss and reflect on options, and finally to create a plan for action when they return to school.

## **Components of the Institute that offer participants a unique experience:**

- Participants are encouraged to come in teams to work on a common project.
- Significant blocks of time are reserved for teams to collaborate.
- Consultants who have state and national perspectives support and coach the teams.
- All sessions and/or components model exemplary middle level teaching practices.
- Interactive daily general sessions engage participants in conversations about thought-provoking topics.
- Upon registration, participant questions will be collected and used to plan concurrent afternoon sessions. These sessions feature outstanding teacher presenters sharing what works in the classroom.
- Unique evening programs stimulate and offer a relaxed exchange of ideas as well as socializing and fun.
- Networking opportunities with others from across the state and nation abound.

## Traditional Elements of the Institute That Bring People Back

- Focus on Young Adolescents
- Emphasis on Effective Practices in the Middle Grades
- Team Time
- Team Coaches
- Easy Access to National Experts
- Open Computer Lab
- MLTI Experts On Tap
- NoteShare Notebook & Institute Wiki
- Amazing Atmosphere

THE TRADITION CONTINUES!



# What You Are Going to Love About Thomas College

- A lovely, compact campus where we will be the only people in residence.
- A wireless environment.
- Residential accommodations organized in suites--teams will be housed together!
- Pleasant dining facility and good food.
- Access to the Harold Alfond Athletic Center.
- Minutes from downtown Waterville and all of its amenities.
- Nearby trails where power walkers, runners, and strollers can get their daily exercise.
- Comfortable and spacious meeting rooms.
- 10 minutes off Interstate 95.

Directions to Thomas College:

[www.thomas.edu/grad/directions.asp](http://www.thomas.edu/grad/directions.asp)



# Additional Information

## Fees

Participants who are commuting:	\$950
Participants who are staying on campus:	\$1,200

## Graduate Credit and CEU's

Both graduate credit and CEU's will be available. Dr. Wallace Alexander of Thomas College is the Professor of Record. For more information on these options please contact Dr. Alexander.

Dr. Wallace Alexander

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## Program Information

If you have questions about the MLEI program or schedule, please contact Jill Spencer or Chris Toy, Co-Directors.

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Chris Toy: christoy.net@gmail.com (207) 653-3163

## Facility Information

If you have questions about Thomas College or your registration contact: Mikaela Foster events@thomas.edu (207) 859-1211

