

# *Bright Futures*

## Annual MAMLE Conference

### Sugarloaf

October 22 - 23, 2009

The Maine Association for Middle Level Education invites you to join us at Sugarloaf to explore effective and meaningful educational programming for the young adolescent.

*Michele Demkowicz, M. A. M. L. E. President*

### Conference Strands

In response to your requests and feedback, this year's Annual MAMLE Conference will feature six strands. Each group of sessions will include at least one workshop related to each strand. These special workshops will be identified in the Conference Program to help you make your choices. The strands will be offered in addition to the wide range of topics addressed in the regular program. Strands this year will include:

*Technology Strand*

*Literacy Strand*

*Unified Arts Strand (New)*

*Numeracy Strand*

*Leadership Strand*

*Science Strand (New)*

### Exemplary Practice Winners Must-See Sessions!

#### **Inventing a Middle School Kindness Program**

Learn how the "Kindness Crew" at Biddeford Middle School turned their middle school into one of the kindest middle schools in Maine.

#### **History Club & Lunchbox Lectures**

Find out how Presque Isle Middle school connected students with the Maine Community Heritage Project of the Maine Historical Society and the Maine State Library in a study of local history.

### Bright Futures

Several sessions on the recently-released report from the Maine Commission on Middle Level Education.

### Differentiating Instruction in the Middle Grades: What, Why, & How

Be there for Carol Ann Tomlinson's keynote and sessions on Thursday, October 22. Carol is one of the most widely recognized experts in the area of differentiation.

### Involving Middle Level Students in "Real" Science Research

Don't miss these great science sessions on the collaboration of James F. Doughty School students and the University of Maine:

*Bringing Cutting Edge Maine Research to the Middle School Classroom*

*Invasive Crab Data Collection and Analysis at Moose Point State Park*

### 4 great ways to use the conference as a professional development event:

- Stimulate staff thinking about evolving critical issues
- Inspire staff with an off-campus retreat to chart course for the year
- Utilize condo spaces to facilitate discussion and increase collaboration
- Introduce teachers new to your school to middle level concepts.

# Registration Materials Inside

## Deadline - October 16, 2009

# Conference Schedule

## Wednesday, October 21, 2009

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.      Conference Registration & Housing Check-In      Grand Summit Hotel

## Thursday, October 22, 2009

7:30 a.m.	Conference Registration & Coffee	Base Lodge
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibits	Maple Room (BL)
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	General Session – Keynote by Carol Ann Tomlinson	King Pine Room (BL)
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Exhibits	Maple Room (BL)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Sessions	Base Lodge, Hotel
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Sessions	Base Lodge, Hotel
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Luncheon	King Pine Room (BL)
	Outstanding Middle Level Educator Awards	
	Annual Business Meeting	
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sessions	Base Lodge, Hotel
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Sessions	Base Lodge, Hotel
	Supper on your own	
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Music, Dancing, Recreation, Team Meetings	Sugarloaf Inn

## Friday, October 23, 2009

7:30 a.m.	Conference Registration	Base Lodge (BL)
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Exhibits	Maple Room (BL)
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Early-Bird Sessions	Base Lodge, Hotel
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Buffet Brunch (served until 10:15 a.m.)	King Pine room (BL)
	Exemplary Practice Awards	
	Keynote by Argy Nestor and Leonard Middle School	
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Sessions	Base Lodge, Hotel
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Super Sessions	Base Lodge, Hotel

## Check-In & Registration

Wednesday - Room check-in and conference registration at the Grand Summit Hotel - 5:00 to 9:00

Late arrivers Wednesday night and Thursday can check-in for housing at the Grand Summit.

Thursday and Friday conference registration is at the Base Lodge.

# Carol Ann Tomlinson to Keynote!

Carol Ann Tomlinson's career as an educator includes 21 years as a public school teacher, including 12 years as a program administrator of special services for struggling and advanced learners. She was Virginia's Teacher of the Year in 1974. More recently, she has been a faculty member at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education, where she is currently William Clay Parrish, Jr. Professor in Education and Chair of Educational Leadership, Foundations and Policy. Also at U.Va., she is Co-Director of the University's Institutes on Academic Diversity. Carol was named Outstanding Professor at Curry School of Education in 2004 and received an All University Teaching Award in 2008. Special interests throughout her career have included curriculum and instruction for struggling learners and advanced learners, effective instruction in heterogeneous settings, and encouraging creative and critical thinking in the classroom.

Carol is a reviewer for eight journals and is author of over 200 articles, book chapters, books, and other professional development

materials. For ASCD, she has authored *How to Differentiate Instruction in Mixed Ability Classrooms*, *The Differentiated Classroom: Responding to the Needs of All Learners*, *Leadership for Differentiated Schools and Classrooms*, the facilitator's guide for the video staff development sets called *Differentiating Instruction*, and *At Work in the Differentiated Classroom*, as well as a professional inquiry kit on differentiation. Most recently, she co-authored a book with Jay McTighe titled *Integrating Differentiated Instruction and Understanding by Design: Connecting Content and Kids* and with Kay Brimijoin and Lane Narvaez co-authored *The Differentiated School: Making Revolutionary Change or Teaching and Learning*. For Corwin Press, she is co-author of *The Parallel Curriculum Model: A Design to Develop High Potential and Challenge High Ability Learners*. Carol's books on differentiation have been translated into eleven languages. She works throughout the U.S. and abroad with teachers whose goal is to develop more responsive heterogeneous classrooms.

## Food! Food! Food!

Lunch on Thursday and mid-morning brunch on Friday are included with your conference registration. Reservations for breakfast and dinner at the Grand Summit's Double Diamond Restaurant can be included with your housing reservation. Some restaurants will be operating and all condos have fully equipped kitchens. All you need to bring is your food. A small grocery store at the mountain will be open, but you may want to stock up and bring your own.

### Thursday Night Social!

Bring your dancing shoes and join us at the Sugarloaf Inn on Thursday night for music, dancing, door prizes, snacks and more. Dance up a storm or just relax, socialize and listen to the music

### Resources Available!

Come to the conference prepared to take advantage of our expanded venue of exhibitors. An excellent selection of books and materials will be on display and available for purchase. **Bring PO's, checks, or cash with you!**

### Health Club

The Sugartree Health Club will be open both Wednesday and Thursday nights until 8:00 p.m.

### Educators Recognized

Winners of Exemplary Practice and Janet Nesin Reynolds Outstanding Educator Awards will be honored.

### We're Wireless!

Sugarloaf is now completely wireless, so be sure to bring your laptops! Many presenters will be using Web access.

### Ticketed Meals

In response to your requests on evaluations from previous conferences, ticketed breakfast and dinner choices will again be available at the beautiful Double Diamond Restaurant in the Grand Summit Hotel. Sign up for these meals on the housing registration forms.

## Housing!

All housing arrangements must be made directly with Sugarloaf USA. A housing registration form is included with this brochure. As you will see, there are condominiums of appropriate sizes for most groups. Reasonably-priced rooms are also available at the magnificent Grand Summit Hotel. The friendly staff at Sugarloaf will answer all your questions and assist you in finding the housing arrangement that is right for your group.

## 3 Reasons Why You Should Attend This Conference

1. *Being cognizant of the cognitive, social and physical developmental needs of 10-14 year olds is imperative if teachers and schools are to provide effective learning experiences for this age group. The MAMLE Annual Conference is the only comprehensive event in Maine that addresses these issues.*
2. *The Department of Education recently published Bright Futures, the report of the Maine Commission on Middle Level Education. This Conference is an unparalleled opportunity to discuss its contents and the ways the Core Practices can be used to guide decision-making on middle grades issues back at your school.*
3. *Surrounded by enthusiastic middle grades educators who love what they do, you will leave the conference energized and ready to enthusiastically embrace the challenges and successes of the school year. You will make a difference in your students' lives!*

## Sessions/Workshops

*The following is only a sampling of the sessions to be offered at the Annual MAMLE Conference. The Conference Program will feature nearly 100 sessions and workshops, including exemplary programs, hot topics and critical issues, and many more. Visit [mamleonline.org](http://mamleonline.org) for a complete Program with sessions and times. The complete Program should be available by mid-summer).*

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| Differentiating Instruction in the Middle Grades<br>Teaching to the Front | RTI Skills Blocks at Warsaw Middle                           |
| Classroom "Constitutions" in a Student-Centered Community                 | Inventing a Middle School Kindness Program                   |
| Multiple Intelligences: What Are They And How Can We Use                  | Poverty and Discipline                                       |
| Successful After School Programming (that are FUN!)                       | Growing Up GREEN   |
| Addressing Harmful and Hateful Language                                   | Unified Arts at the Heart                                    |
| A Wealth of Health Activities   | Raising Awareness and Stimulating Action on Eating Disorders |
| Supersize You Summarizers!  | Middle School RTI  |
| Giving "Report Cards" a Grade   | Digital Story Telling With a Purpose                         |
| Time – Let's Think Outside of the Traditional Schedule Box!               | Wake Them UP with Wikis                                      |
| Bright Futures – Report from Maine's Middle Level Commission              | "MARVEL"ous Tour   |
| "Whatever it Takes!" East Asia through the Differentiation Lens           | LEADSTAR and Other Acronyms from The Leadership School       |
| Get Wise to how they Advertise  | Do You Really Want to Become a Middle School Administrator?  |
| Science Literacy  | MIMIO Across the Curriculum!                                 |
| Creating Tomorrow's Ecologists Today                                      | Fired Up to Teach <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> to Early Adolescents |
| Invasive Crab Data Collection and Analysis at Moose Point                 | The Mandelbrot Set   |
| Free Form Friday  | You Don't Have to be Einstein!                               |
| Developing and Maintaining a Successful Middle School                     | No Crash Math – Where Everyone goes to Victory Lane          |
| MLTI Laptops: Noteshare, Podcasting, and More                             | DT's, IG's, DDT's: One Path to School Consolidation          |
| Make Poetry Come Alive  | Introducing iTunesU  |
| Teachers as Writers: Why Should Only the Kids Have Fun?                   | Web 2.0 Tools  |
| Middle School RTI   | So You Think You Know Maine: a Studywiz Experience           |
| LEADSTAR and Other Acronyms from The Leadership School                    | Formative Assessment in Science                              |
| How <i>Bright Futures</i> will Brighten our Schools                       | Maine Explorer   |
|   | My World   |

## Group Rates Available!

**MAMLE is happy to offer special registration rates for groups of 12 or more. Groups of 12-20 receive a discount of 20% off regular registration fees. Groups of 20+ receive 25%. Discounts do not apply to housing. Contact Wally Alexander at [wally.alexander@umit.maine.edu](mailto:wally.alexander@umit.maine.edu) for more information.**