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## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators (COMMLE) and the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS), in collaboration with the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators Association (MSSAA),*  
*Announce*

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholar Leader Awards Banquet**  
**Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA at 6:00 PM**

**OBJECTIVE** – This program is intended to give public recognition to two students from each middle level school in Massachusetts who have distinguished themselves in terms of outstanding scholarship and leadership. *The selection of these two students is the responsibility of each school in accordance with the Selection Criteria on the reverse side of this announcement.*

**AWARDS BANQUET** – The 2 students selected, 2 school representatives, and 6 others who want to join the celebration, for a total of 10 per table, are invited to attend the statewide Scholar Leader Awards Banquet at the **DCU Center** in Worcester, MA. The Commissioner of Education along with other dignitaries is invited to attend. Each student will receive a personalized plaque signifying the honor of being chosen as a Scholar Leader and each recipient will be photographed as they receive their award. Photographs are mailed to the winners after the banquet.

**COST TO MEMBER SCHOOLS** – All costs of the event for the Scholar Leaders themselves will be borne by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators, the New England League of Middle Schools, and sponsors. Tickets for parents and school officials planning to attend need to be purchased in advance. Tables can be purchased for 10 people for \$360.00. Schools in the past have turned to local business or civic organizations, parent organizations, school activity funds, or the parents themselves to help fund this event. Tickets will not be available at the door.

**COST TO NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS** – Schools that are not members of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators or the New England League of Middle Schools may also participate in this program, but must pay the expenses associated with the awards. Non-members may purchase a table as noted above *plus \$35 for each scholar leader.* If you are interested in a NELMS or COMMLE membership, please contact: Bernice Mackenzie at (978) 887-6263 or [bmackenzie@nelms.org](mailto:bmackenzie@nelms.org)

**RESERVATIONS** – NELMS **MUST** receive your completed reservation by **May 7, 2010**. As much as we would like to, we are not able to accept registrations after this date. Due to the rigid timeline for coordinating this event, the deadline date is firm. 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.** Please complete the registration materials accurately and legibly. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools look forward to receiving your reservation. *Please call Kimberly O'Hare at the NELMS office at (978) 887-6263 if you have any questions.*

Sincerely,

Scholar Leader Planning Committee

**Robert C. Spear**, Ed.D, Acting Executive Director, New England League of Middle Schools

**Pat Clem**, Executive Director, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators

**Kathleen Bailey**, Silver Lake Regional Middle School

**Sharyn Tritone**, Grafton Middle School

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