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## **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

The New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) and  
The Rhode Island Middle Level Educators (RIMLE)  
announce the

### ***Eleventh Annual Scholar Leader Awards Banquet***

**Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick, RI at 6:00 PM**

**OBJECTIVE** – This program is intended to give public recognition to two representative students from each middle level school in Rhode Island who have distinguished themselves in terms of outstanding citizenship, 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 two students selected, two school representatives, and four or six others who want to join the celebration, are invited to attend the statewide Scholar Leader Awards Banquet at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick, RI. The Governor, the Commissioner of Education, and other dignitaries will be invited and usually attend. Each student receives a personalized plaque signifying the honor of being chosen as a Scholar Leader and as they receive their award, each recipient is photographed. Photographs are mailed to the winners after the banquet.

**COST TO MEMBER SCHOOLS** – Schools reserve one table, either a table for 8 or a table for 10, in advance. For NELMS or RIMLE members tables of 8 are \$245.00 and tables of 10 are \$315.00. For members the Rhode Island Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools cover costs of the event for the two Scholar Leader Award winners. In other states, organizers have turned to local business or civic organizations, parent organizations, school activity funds, or the parents themselves to help fund their attendance this event. Tickets will not be available at the door.

**COST TO NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS** – Schools that are not members of the Rhode Island Middle Level Educators or the New England League of Middle Schools may also participate in this program, but must cover the costs of the event for the two Scholar Leader Award winners. Therefore, tables may be purchased as noted above: \$245 (8) and \$315 (10) *plus \$33 for each scholar leader*. To become a RIMLE member contact the RIMLE office at (401) 222-8938. Join NELMS by contacting us at (978) 887-6263, email [bmackenzie@nelms.org](mailto:bmackenzie@nelms.org) or download a membership application from [www.nelms.org](http://www.nelms.org).

**RESERVATIONS** – NELMS **MUST** receive your completed reservation by **April 30, 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 must be firm. *This is a fantastic event, many middle level schools will participate and space is limited, so register early!* Tables are assigned on a first come first served basis. The New England League of Middle Schools and the Rhode Island Middle Level Educators look forward to meeting your scholar leaders in May. We hope this event will become one of the premiere events of the middle level school year. *Please call Kim O'Hare at the NELMS office at (978) 887-6263 if you have any questions.*

Sincerely,

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