

Dear Higher Education Partner,

As the New England League of Middle Schools prepares for its 36th Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, March 30 & 31, 2017, we do so with great anticipation and excitement! We would like to take this opportunity to invite you and the upcoming graduating members of your Teacher Education Program to participate in an exciting opportunity with us. In conjunction with the celebration of our 36th Annual Conference, we are offering a special comprehensive membership for our college and university partners.

This special membership will include the following benefits:

- Listing of your Institution on our website as a supporter of young adolescents and middle level education
- Publication in our quarterly newsletter MidLines as a supporter of NELMS
- Complimentary registration for two professors from your Institution to our 36th Annual Conference in March
- Free pre-service training at our Annual Conference for Education majors from your Institution by simply registering for a day program as a student from your Institution  
Free pre-service opportunity for your students to visit any of our Spotlight Schools throughout New England this year simply by contacting NELMS
- Access to our job vacancy listings from schools throughout New England available to them in the spring of 2017
- Finally, upon graduation in 2017, a one-year complimentary individual membership will be offered to your students in the New England League of Middle Schools for the 2017-18 school year, entitling them to all of the discounts, professional development, and resources available throughout our network. What better gift can you offer them than a membership to this professional association? They will simply need to fill out a membership form while still enrolled in your school.

All of the above benefits are included at a Comprehensive Institutional Membership fee of just \$399.00! To take advantage of this offer, please complete the accompanying registration form and return it with your remittance by October 1, 2016. This may be an opportunity for some of your alumni to sponsor this membership for their alma mater and its upcoming graduates. This offer is extended to you in a timely fashion so that you may include your first semester graduates this year in the opportunity to attend the conference, make connections, and begin their journey of middle level education!

We pride ourselves in being the NEW ENGLAND League of Middle Schools, and hope that you will join us in promoting excellent educational opportunities for our young people, and continue to maintain New England's highly respected culture of quality education. Please join your higher education colleagues from throughout New England in demonstrating a commitment to professional growth, networking, and the value of Professional Association membership. This alliance will make a statement to your graduates that you care about their growth and success long after they have reached Commencement from your Institution.

We encourage you to be among the first to demonstrate to your students your continuing commitment to them. Before long, they will become the alumni who contribute to your school! This is a very cost effective measure for you to take that will remind them in the future of something else that you did for them!

Thank you and we look forward to adding you to our list of supportive Higher Education partners in the near future.

Respectfully,

*Jerry Frew*

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