

Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level education

Past Awards

Don Eichhorn Award Winning Schools

Don Eichhorn is considered to be one of the founding fathers of the middle school movement in Pennsylvania. Don was the one who coined the term, "transescence," to describe the stage of development that begins prior to the onset of puberty and extends through the early stages of adolescence.

Don organized the first middle school in Pennsylvania, Fort Couch Middle School, in the Upper Saint Clair School District. Don was passionate about the middle level and designing a program to meet all the developmental needs of all students. This award is presented to the middle school that demonstrates successful implementation of middle level practices and commitment to middle level philosophy.

Maple Avenue Middle School	1992	Mr. Jack Bream, Principal
Upper Perkiomen Middle School	1993	Mrs. Celine Matz, Principal
Wilson Middle School, Philadelphia	1994	Ms. Arlene Holtz, Principal
Carson Middle School	1995	Dr. Marsha Martin, Principal
Independence Middle School	1996	Dr. Robert David, Principal
Derry Area Middle School	1997	Mr. Richard Birchfield, Principal
West Allegheny Middle School	1998	Ms. Janet Walsh, Principal
Mellon Middle School	1999	Dr. Kevin Lordon, Principal
Lewisburg Area Middle School	2000	Mr. Floyd Walters, Principal
Highlands Middle School	2001	Dr. Karol Galcik, Principal
Marshall Middle School	2002	Mr. John J. Schwoebel, Principal
J.E. Harrison Middle School	2003	Mr. Randy Lutz, Principal
Pine Richland Middle School	2004	Dr. Kathleen Harrington, Principal

2005 Don Eichhorn Award Winning Middle Schools

West: Moon Area Middle School	Dr. Julie Moore, Principal
S.E.: Drexel Hill Middle School	Mr. Jonathan Ross, Principal
East: Orefield Middle School	Dr. Victoria Hersh

2006 Don Eichhorn Award Winning Middle Schools

SE: Paxton Hall MS	Dr. Stephen Subers, Principal
East: Lemoyne MS	Mr. Robert Savidge, Principal
West: Seneca Valley MS	Mrs. Tracy Vitale, Principal

In 2007-08 we changed the award to the Don Eichhorn Schools: Schools to Watch – schools recognized and re-designated are in the Schools to watch section of the website, Ann Moniot Award Winning Educators

Ann Moniot Outstanding Teacher

Ann was a very dynamic educator from the city of Pittsburgh. She was one of the original Board Members of PMSA. She was also the second president of the National Middle School Association. This award is presented to a middle level educator that has made professional contributions that have positively influenced middle level education as well as middle level students.

Mr. Jack Bream	1992	Maple Avenue Middle School
Dr. Robert David	1993	Independence Middle School
Dr. Donna Milanovich	1994	J. E. Harrison Middle School
Cheryl Webber	1995	North Star East Middle School
Leslie Shearer	1996	Hershey Middle School
Dr. Joseph Cuzzola	1997	Westlake Middle School, Erie
Louise Havrilla	1999	Highlands Middle School, Natrona Hts.
Joy Hirokawa	2001	Upper Perkiomen Middle School
Natalie Cajka	2002	Highlands Middle School, Natrona Hts.
Deb Kuhar	2003	Wendover Middle School
Jane Eisenhart	2004	Seneca Valley Middle School
Mr. J.P. Prager	2005	Pine Richland Middle School
Stephanie Ross	2006	Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Renee Owens	2007	Hershey Middle School
Barbara Frye	2008	Titusville MS
Jeffery Tranell	2009	Park Forest MS
Heath Gamache	2010	Ingomar MS
William Beyer	2011	Great Valley MS
Clay Hayes	2013	Youngsville Elem/Middle
	2014	None Awarded
Michael Flood	2015	Seneca Valley MS

Joan Jarrett Student Awardees

This award is presented to one boy and one girl who have displayed leadership abilities, good citizenship, and made positive contributions to their school and community.

1999	Nalene Denning	7	Norwin MS West
	Robert O. Fairley	8	Allen MS (West Shore Dist.)
2000	Tara Belcher	8	Penns Valley JHS
	Matthew Jacob	8	West Allegheny MS
2001	Melinda Ann Snavelly	8	Manheim Central MS
	Jason McGovern	8	Northern Lebanon MS
2002	Jonna Sattizahn	8	Schuylkill Haven Area MS
	Wayne Querry	8	Huntingdon MS
2003	Rebecca Ann Joyce	8	Orefield MS (Parkland School Dist.)
	John C. Bradford	7	Chambersburg MS

2004	David Adley	8	J.E.Harrison MS (Baldwin Whitehall Dist.)
	Amy Pompelia	8	Ligonier Valley MS
2005	Bianca Palmisano		Ingomar MS (North Allegheny School Dist.)
	Ryan “Rocky” Hillanbrand		Stewart MS (Norristown Area School Dist.)
2006	Taylor Frederick	8	Ligonier MS
	Madison Pawley	8	Moon Area MS
	Sean Grim	8	Saucon Valley MS
	Kemper Vogel	8	Pine-Richland MS
2007	Jason Appiah		Ben Franklin School, math/Science Academy, (Harrisburg SD)
	Cody Clements		Ligonier Valley MS, (Ligonier Valley SD)
	Kayla Hammel		Spring Cove MS, (Spring Cove SD)
	Robin Hannen		Trinity MS, (Trinity SD)
2009	Meredith Thompson		Radnor MS
	Stephen Fay		Radnor MS
	Nicole Koontz		Everett Area MS
2010	Colin Castro	8	Radnor MS
	Lexie McClatchy	8	Radnor MS
	Lauren Morris		Northern Bedford County MS
	Kenneth Shimer		Northern Bedford County MS
2011	Jonathan Burrows		Youngsville Elem/Middle
	Savannah Pollow		Youngsville Elem/Middle
	Kyle Ward		South Alleghney MS
	Spenser Lawson		South Allegheny MS
2013	Robby Heberle		Southside MS
	Kennidy Allen		New Brighton MS
	Matt Rigolizzo		Radnor MS
	Ashley Adams		Pottstown MS
	Joshua Frazier		Youngsville Elem/Middle
	Rebekah Hogg		Youngsville Elem/Middle
2014	Taylor Lambright		Highland MS
	Christian Ehrman		Seneca Valley MS
	Amanda Venesky		Cambria Heights MS
	Brayden Marra		Cambria Heights MS
	Luciano Vincenzo DeRose		Titusville MS

2015

Western Region:

Connor Stout – West Allegheny MS

Angela Busch – New Brighton MS

Central Region:

Paige McConnell – Cambria Heights MS

Seth Link – Cambria Heights MS

East Region:

Marcus Walko – Mechanicsburg MS

Promising Practitioner Award

Beginning in the 2002 – 2003 school year, this award is presented to teachers who are just beginning their middle school careers. These beginning teachers have made a positive impact on both their school and community. They incorporate effective middle level practices in their everyday teaching. Each PMSA member school has the opportunity to nominate up to three teachers yearly to receive this distinction. The first “class” of awardees was announced from the podium at the 2003 State Conference in Hershey, PA.

2002-03

Dan Cabrol	Jennifer Wood	Becki Banker
Sarah Doris	Jeffery Lytle	Heather Spancake
Marcia DiGregorio	Amy Barone	Sue McDonald
Kristian Damaska	Stacey Catanese	Karen Snyder
Renee Gabol	Heather Hassinger	Dr. Erin Carlin
Kristen Mitchell	Joan Crick	Robert Piatt
Tiffany Gruber	Lisa Thiry	Marissa McGlone
Joseph Talarico	Adam Weber	Carol Kelly
David Bruce	Stephanie Wolfe	Rob Thompson
David Mayan	Sharon Branca	Craig Corrao
Jennifer Stewart	Wendy Gross	Ryan Barr

2003-04

Rob Thompson	Jared Reck	Andrea Peck
J.P. Prager	Kathy Batykefer	Jayme Elson
Michael Schrader	Dawn Qualli	Carrie Catalina
Natalie Lilley	Tawnia St. Amant	Elizabeth Bollens
Jessica Phillips	Melissa DeSimone	Kelly Walbush
Mandi Yarroll	Joel Yohn	Marianne Fronk
Natalie Wozniak	Frank Nefos	Colleen Tovey-Schroeder

2004-05

Mrs. Marilyn Eaton – Pottsgrove Middle School
Ms. Christine Sedlacko – Mechanicsburg Middle School
Mrs. Pam Schoenly - Mechanicsburg Middle School
Ms. Carol Slovinac - Mechanicsburg Middle School
Mrs. Colleen Siebener - Mechanicsburg Middle School
Darin Hickethier – Hershey Middle School
Troy Smith – Hershey Middle School
Kristen Schaffer – Hershey Middle School
Terry Lewis – Hershey Middle School

Heather Dussinger – G. A. Stetson Middle School
Julie Chase – Titusville Middle School
Anneliese Ledebur - Titusville Middle School
Denise Mellott – McConnellsburg Middle School
Amy Burke – Eagle View Middle School
David Freidenbloom – Chestnut Ridge Middle School
Dana Wolfel – Charles Patton Middle School

2005-06

Dana Burrows West Allegheny MS
Nancy Watkins West Allegheny MS
Valerie Prevade West Allegheny MS
Faye Junker Ingomar MS
Sarah Thatcher Saucon Valley MS

2006-07

Rayna Smith – Lenape MS
Zachary Marttila – Lenape MS
Stephanie Godsell – Lenape MS
Greg Perry – Big Spring MS
Leah Richwine – Big Spring MS
Heidi Gilbert – Big Spring MS
Jacqueline Russo – Disston Elementary School
Carey Barzeski – James S. Wilson MS
Michael Choi – North Brandywine MS
Janet Faccenda – Charles F. Patton MS
Diana Armitage – Hershey MS
Michael Gogoj – Lambertson MS
Allison Clabaugh – Bellwood-Antis MS

2007-08

Christine Kline Dubois MS
Heath Vavrek Bethlehem-Center MS

2008-09

Renae Callihan Seneca Valley MS
Colleen Byrnes Ingomar MS
Allison Whitman Mechanicsburg MS
Nicole Settanni Radnor MS
Christie Haibach J.S. Wilson MS
Caitlin Bogosta Pine Richland MS
Shawn Haddox Highland MS
Brian Beighey Seneca Valley MS
Chris Brown Seneca Valley MS

2009-10

Michelle Senneway Fort Couch MS

Brad Wilson Fort Couch MS

2010-11

Heather Cozzo

Ryan Cleary

Holly Fesler

Larry Ansell

Sean Quenzer

Ryan Hardesty

Judy Broadley – Charles F Patton MS

Kim Hisler – Charles F Patton MS

2012-13

Jessica Reilly – Great Valley MS

2013-14

Jason Keim – Walnut Creek MS

Megan McLaughlin – ET Richardson MS

Sarah Pizzica – ET Richardson MS

Madison Weary – ET Richardson MS

2014-15

Dan Bonora – Mechanicsburg MS

Jennifer Sobotka – Propel Schools Braddock Hills K8

Lauren Paddick – CanonsburgMS

Joelene Holderny – David E Williams MS

Melissa Nagle – Propel Schools Braddock Hills K8

Learning to Teach & Teaching to Learn

This award is presented to recognize outstanding student teachers or interns. PAMLE wants to recognize teaching candidates who have student taught in a middle school and have demonstrated both a commitment to middle level teaching as well as an awareness of young adolescent development. Any student teacher who has completed his/her student teaching in either the Fall or preceding Spring are eligible for this award. Each PAMLE institutional or individual member may nominate one student teacher per middle school.

2003-04

Summer Bennetch

Scott Blair

April Blythe - Elementary/ Special Ed LaRoche College

Brody Bush - Health/PE West Chester University

Brian Eisiminger - Spanish California University of PA

Lisa Kern - Health/PE Indiana University of PA

Elizabeth Lehman - Elementary Ed Alvernia College

Renee Manzetti - Elementary Ed LaRoche College

Erik Ness - Secondary Social Studies West Chester University

Elizabeth Olshock - Elementary / Special Ed LaRoche College

Michelle Paige - General Science & Biology Corlow College

David Stahler

Debra Utz - Elementary Education Clarion University

Allison Wright

2005-06

Erin Manion – (University of Pittsburgh)

2006-07

Diane Leslie – Ben Franklin School – Harrisburg SD (Penn State University)

Tim Seibert – Owen J. Roberts MS – Owen J. Roberts SD (Ursinus College)

Christine Bradley – C. F. Patton MS – Unionville-Chadds Ford SD (University of Delaware)

Jennifer Moran – Owen J. Roberts MS – Owen J. Roberts SD (West Chester University)

Jessica Sobotka – Governor Mifflin MS – Governor Mifflin SD (Kutztown University)

2007-08

Amanda Yenshaw – CF Patton MS – University of Delaware

Megan Zerbe – Kutztown MS – Kutztown University

Jennifer Mellin – Walnut Creek MS – Edinboro University

2008-09

Lindsay Brinchi – J.S.Wilson MS – Gannon University

Kathleen Pfeifer – Pine Richland MS – Duquesne University

2009-10

Monica Petrilli - Radnor Middle School – Southeast Region

2010-11

Melissa Hilbert – Upper Perkiomen MS – Kutztown University
Krystyne Clark – Mechanicsburg MS – Messiah College
Amanda Freiler – Pallasades MS – Lehigh University
Molly Kline – Cedarbrook MS – Penn State University
Erin Rebling – Westmont Hilltop MS – University Pittsburgh Johnstown
James Redington – James Buchanan MS – Shippensburg University
Melissa Sebring – Whitehall-Coplay MS – Cedar Crest College
Mike Sullivan – Colonial MS – Cabrini College
Anthony Mulson – Parker MS – Edinboro University
Katie Hovan – Central Valley MS – Robert Morris University

2011-12

Kathleen Corcoran – Lionville MS – Immaculata University
Jamie Elser – Rice Avenue MS – Edinboro University
Sarah Johnson – Springhouse MS – Lehigh University
Kelly Krakowski – Halifax MS – University of Phoenix
Nichole Lewis – Radnor MS – West Chester University
Katelyn MinetreeTulpehocken Junior/Senior HS – Kutztown University
Krysta Reber – Conrad Weiser MS – Kutztown University
Jeff Snyder – Broughal MS – Lehigh University
Greta Stemplinger – Columbia Jr/Sr HS – Millersville University
Rebecca Voss – Southern MS – Drexel University
Emily Wallen – York Suburban MS – Millersville University
Jonothon Zolomji – Northeast MS – Lehigh University

2012-13

Lauren Grant – Walnut Creek MS – Edinboro University
Lelly Krakowski – Halifax MS – University of Phoenix
Monica Reinnagel – Donegal Sprngs Elementary School – Elizabethtown College
Kameron Saffer – Margaret Bell MS – Waynesburg University

2013-14

Kelly Keating – Lamberton MS – Shippensburg University
Emily Kohibus – Central York MS – Shippensburg University
Lauren Murphy – Gettysburg Area MS – Shippensburg University
Rashida McIntosh – Charles F Patton MS – Wilmington College

2014-15

Felicia Mannino - Pocono Mountain West Junior High School - East Stroudsburg University
William Joseph Devlin III - JTL Intermediate School - East Stroudsburg University
Frank D. Landis Jr. - Middletown Area Middle School - Penn State Harrisburg
Diane Marie Patch - Lower Dauphin Middle School - Penn State Harrisburg
Emily Villafane - Cedar Crest Middle School – Penn State Harrisburg

Joshua Graham - Easton Area Middle School – Kutztown University
Emilie Cahill - Catasauqua Middle School – Kutztown University

William Alexander Award

This award is presented, at the discretion of the PAMLE President, to an individual who has made a significant, positive contribution to middle level education in the state of Pennsylvania.

2002 - Mrs. Diane W. Kyle
2003 - Mr. Charles Patton
2004 - Mr. David Brown
2005 - Mr. Bernard Hoffman
2006 - Ms Gail Heinemeyer
2007 - Mrs. Sue Swaim
2008 - Ms. Claire Miller
2009 - Robert Furman Ed.D.
2010 - Karen Jez,
2011 - Dr Theresa M. Stahler
2012 –
2013 - Paul Meck
2014 - Herb Steffy Ed.D.
2015 – Not Awarded

PMSA Administrator's Award

By establishing this award in 2004 – 2005, PMSA sought to honor administrators who value, understand and support effective middle level education that promotes powerful learning for young adolescents. A nominator (from the same district) can nominate an administrator who:

- Understands how young adolescents learn
- Champions middle level education
- Actively promotes middle level education
- Builds community support
- Recognizes middle level as a distinct entity of education
- Supports and models effective middle level philosophy
- Encourages professional development of middle level best practices

Mr. Joseph Gargiulo	2005	Lemoyne MS, (West Shore School Dist.)
Mrs. Tammy Andreyko	2006	Ingomar MS, (North Allegheny SD)
Diane Hathaway	2007	Hill-Freedman MS, (Philadelphia SD)
Brian Miller	2008	Carson MS, (North Alleghent SD)
Joseph DeMar	2009	Fort Couch MS, Upper St Clair SD)
Thomas Ralston	2010	Avonworth MS, (Avonworth SD)
Dr. Stephen Subers	2011	Paxon hallow MS, (Marple Newtown SD)
Erik Leamon	2013	Eisenhower MS, (Warren County SD)
	2014	None Awarded
John Rozzo	2015	Upper St Clair SD

Schools to Watch Advocacy Award

Kathy Benson	2013
Robert Furman	2014
Not Awarded	2015

Student Art Awards

2009-09

East Region – Corryn Klien – Abington Heights MS – grade 8
West Region – Jenna Richardson – Neshannock Jr/Sr HS – grade 8
Southeast Region – Paige Demucci – Ridley MS – grade 8
Northwest Region – Shannon Lavery – Titusville MS – Grade 8
Central Region – Rachel Hill – Penns Valley Jr/Sr HS – grade 8

2009-10

Meghan Claar from Bellwood Middle School grade 7
Brandon Titus from Titusville Middle School grade 8
Lauryn Fitch from Abington Heights Middle School grade 8
Kristen Franks from Ingomar Middle School grade 8

Advocate for Public Education Award

2004-05	State Senator James J. Rhoades
2005-06	State Representative Jerry L. Nailor
2006-07	State Representative Mike Turzai
2007-08	United States Representative James Gerlach State Representative Marquerite Quinn
2008-09	Charles McIlhenney
2009-10	State Senator Patricia H. Vance
2010-11	Joe Acri Assistant Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association Elementary-Secondary School Principals
2011-12	Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent of the Blackhawk School District
2012-13	Not Awarded
2013-14	Not Awarded
2014-15	Not Awarded

Executive Director's Partnership Award

2001-02	Dr. Maritza Robert from PDE
2002-03	LifeTouch
2003-04	Lincoln Investment Planning, Inc
2004-05	PHEAA Teachers' Insurance Plan
2005-06	Future Connect
2006-07	QSP
2007-08	InnerLink
2008-09	Lincoln Investment Planning, INC
2009-10	Horace Mann, educated Financial Solutions
2010-11	DRS Printing Services, Inc.
2011-12	eSchoolView
2012-13	Not Awarded
2013-14	
2014-15	Duquesne University