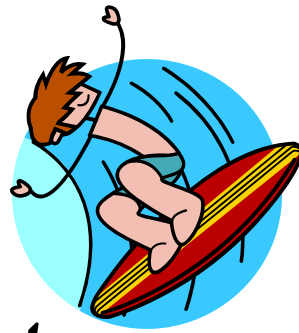


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## NJMSA/NJCMS

### New Jersey Statewide Middle Schools Conference



*Riding the Wave in the Middle*

Kean University  
Union, New Jersey  
Friday, March 27, 2009  
Downs Hall

## General Assembly Keynote Presentation – ”Middle Level Education- Living it, Loving it, and Laughing about it.” – Jack Berckemeyer

Middle Level Education, Living it, Loving it, and Laughing about it, is based on the foundations of National Middle School Association’s *This We Believe*. Being able to connect with young adolescents is critical to the success of any educator or administrator.

During the keynote presentation topics such as being committed to this age group, the importance of being an adult advocate and new methods of classroom management will be discussed.

Real stories will be shared along with practical advice for teachers and administrators. Humorous experiences, classroom examples, and the importance of teaching young adolescents are the focus of this inspirational keynote that make everyone realize how important

During his eight years of teaching, Jack taught various subjects including language arts, social studies, health, expression skills, and physical education. He was named outstanding educator after two years of teaching at Scott Carpenter Middle School, and

shortly thereafter he was identified as one of the outstanding educators in Adams County School District. Known for his

humor and teaching advice, Jack has presented to several school districts around the country on middle level topics. He has also presented to middle level educators in 30 different international locations. Jack is known for his practical teaching ideas that engage and motivate young adolescents.



# Riding the Wave in the Middle



The turbulent years of adolescence are quite often a great balancing act much like riding a *wave* while avoiding being thrown into the *wash cycle*. Each of you stand in a significant place in the lives of our young *grommets*. The middle school years are filled with new academic, social, psychological and developmental changes. Your challenges as our learners *take off* include ensuring that their academics do not *stall*, they do not *burn* their peers and they rise to new challenges and *hang ten*.

“Catch a Wave” to the NJMSA/NJCMS Statewide Middle Schools Conference and explore middle school topics such as teaming, advisory programs, differentiated instruction, problem based learning, middle school transition, technology infusion, classroom management, peer leadership, and NJ Schools to Watch.

We look forward to your *Tube riding* with us at the state conference!!

Interesting in presenting??

Call for Presenter forms can be found at:  
www.njmsa.com

Questions about registration? Email us at :  
registration@njmsa.com

## Conference Schedule

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009**

8:00 AM	Check In & Breakfast Vendor Visitation
9:00 AM	Opening session and Awards Presentation
9:15 - 10:15 AM	General Session Jack Berckemeyer Keynote Presentation
10:30- 11:45AM	Session I
12:00 - 1:15 PM	Session II Lunch Service A Vendor Visitation
1:30 - 2:45 PM	Session III Lunch Service B Vendor Visitation

### **Directions to Kean University:**

For information regarding directions visit the Kean University website at:

<http://www.kean.edu/directions.html>

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### Statewide Middle School Conference Registration

Please complete the registration form below completely and accurately by February 1, 2009. Registration fees are inclusive of general session, workshops, Awards Breakfast and luncheon. Individual registration is inclusive of new membership fees. Register as a Team of Five for the cost of 4 participants and a free NJMSA School Membership!!

School Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address &Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title (attendee #1)

Home Address and Email Address

Name/Title (attendee #2)

Home Address and Email Address

Name/Title (attendee #3)

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Name/Title (attendee #4)

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Name/Title (attendee #5)

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NJMSA Member Rate =	\$75.00	_____
Individual Registration =	\$120.00	_____
Team of Five =	\$480.00	_____
Pre-Service Teacher Rate=	\$30.00	_____
Presenter Discounted Registration=	\$60.00	_____

### Registration Fees:

Method of Payment: Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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