

AT THE CORE...OF MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-



BECAUSE WE BELIEVE....

On Friday, March 19, 2010 The New Jersey Middle School Association opened the doors at Kean University to deliver professional development opportunities to over 315 teachers and administrators. The welcomed professional body was greeted by the NJMSA President James Barnes, who focused the group on the theme of the conference, *Because We Believe*. The theme this year is a take-off from the National Middle School Association publication *This We Believe*, which focuses on the important tenants that apply to great middle schools and successful middle level learners.

The conference was delivered in three parts: The Keynote presentation by Ross Burkhardt, 24 breakout sessions, and a Hot Topics session, which took place after a delicious lunch.

In addition NJMSA is proud to sponsor several awards. This year's recipients were:

NJMSA Middle Level Educator Award

Sondra Wozniak
Mount Olive Middle School

NJMSA Dr. Katherine Goerss Leadership Award

Frank Corrado
Roosevelt Middle School in West Orange

NJMSA J. Thomas Kane Presidential Award

Dr. Dorothy Feola
William Paterson University

All three award recipients have made significant and lasting contributions to middle level learners and professionals.

Our special student award went to **Lakeside Middle School in Millvile** who received first place in the **NJMSA Video Contest**, with the topic of "What We Believe" teachers should know about Middle Level students.



Eighth graders, Zachary de Stefan and Danielle Rifkin who are currently collaborating with Mr. Ross Burkhardt on his new writing project.

***We are happy to announce the
Officers of the New Jersey Middle School
Association for the 2010- 2012 term.***

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Leading the Way with Dr. Ross Danis

- ❖ ☐ **Date:** May 18, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.☐
- ❖ ☐ **Registration Ends:** May 7, 2010. Only 60 people allowed. There is no charge.☐
- ❖ **Map to Event through [Drew University](#) website.**☐
- ❖ **Dr. Danis will help administrators to harness the power of teachers to move the school forward and create a climate of school improvement. Join us at Drew University - Mead Hall.**☐
- ❖ **This Breakfast Series is sponsored by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill.**☐

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for NJMSA, please contact us at info@njmsa.com.

Save the Date

We look forward to seeing you on March 18, 2011 at Kean University for our next conference.

Check your email and our website for the Call for Presenters form.

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Holdrum Middle School Jazz Band performing at the NJMSA State Conference on March 19th.