MIDDLE MATTERS

News from Virginia Middle School Association
An affiliate of the international Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE)

Nominations open...

2016 Teacher and Educator of the Year Awards

VMSA celebrates the contributions of educational professionals committed to young adolescents. Help us honor middle grades teachers and educators in YOUR school or district by nominating a teacher, counselor, administrator, or other educator. Nominees but be from schools that are current members of Virginia Middle School Association. Recipients will be given a free registration for the 2016 Annual Conference.

Nominations are due **October 1** and should be emailed to **VMSAawards@gmail.com**.

Teacher of the Year Nomination Information

Educator of the Year Nomination Information

Register your team today!

2016 VMSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 29, JMU

Join middle grades principals, teachers, and counselors from across Virginia at the 2016 VMSA Annual Conference, October 29, at the Festival Center at James Madison University. This one-day conference is a learning and fun-filled day uniquely centered on teaching and working with young adolescents. You and your middle grades colleagues will leave energized and full of new ideas you can use in your schools. Best-selling author and international speaker Dr. Sharon Faber will keynote. We'll also offer principal-only breakouts on literacy and leadership, and 30+ sessions on a variety of topics, tools and tips for middle level educators.

**Conference Registration:
http://tinyurl.com/VMSA2016**

**Conference Session Proposals:
http://tinyurl.com/presentVMSA2016**
Share your great ideas, processes, and programs with your colleagues! (Virginia Schools to Watch Schools should use this same link to submit your session topic.)

Virginia Middle Schools in the News
- **Fairfax County Middle School Students Get Living History Lesson**
- **Camp Med Offers Middle School Students Hands-on Experience in Health Care**
- **Henry County Middle School Teacher Follows Life's Calling**