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Andrews Receives Association for Middle Level Education John H. Lounsbury Award

Westerville, OH – On November 10, 2011, at the NMSA/Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) 38th Annual Conference and Exhibit, in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Gayle Andrews was awarded the John H. Lounsbury Award. Dr. Andrews, the 21st recipient of AMLE’s highest award, is an associate professor of middle grades education in the department of elementary and social studies education at the University of Georgia, Athens.

Dr. Andrews co-authored *Turning Points 2000* with Tony Jackson and has published numerous articles, book chapters, and research reports. She is the current president of the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform and has served the profession extensively filling many leadership roles for the Association for Middle Level Education.

According to Dr. John Lounsbury, “Gayle has been especially effective in collaborating with others and communicating research in ways that make sense to practitioners. A sound, meticulous, and productive scholar and researcher, Gayle’s publications are having an impact globally.”

Not an annual award, the John H. Lounsbury Award is given only when an individual has demonstrated a level of service, integrity, and leadership in middle level education that warrants this special recognition.

Andrews, a native of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and alumna of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, started her career teaching middle level social studies. Throughout her career she has focused on advancing reform efforts that center on equity, social justice, and democracy.

“She is a courageous collaborator and bridge builder. Gayle has played a critical role in advancing middle level education and we are honored to bring recognition to such a passionate, conscientious, and dedicated individual,” said Nancy Polisenio, president of the Association for Middle Level Education.

About the Association for Middle Level Education

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The Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) is the premier association for middle level education. With more than 25,000 members who are principals, teachers, central office personnel, professors, college students, parents, community leaders, and educational consultants around the globe, AMLE welcomes and provides support to anyone interested in the education and well-being of young adolescents. AMLE offers information, resources, and professional development to middle grades educators working to develop more effective schools that focus on the success of every student. AMLE, 4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 300, Westerville, OH 43081, 800-528-6672 www.amle.org

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