

2023 AAMLE Conference Session Information

November 17-19, Little Rock Marriott

Beyond the Ordinary– A Middle School Experience

Sunday, November 12, 2023					
Time	Session	Speakers	Location	Limit	Facilitator
5:00	Informal <i>Meet and Greet</i>	Networking with AAMLE Board Members & Conference Attendees	Marriott Lobby & Bar	ANY	AAMLE Board
Monday, November 18, 2024					
7:30 - 8:00: Registration and Exhibits Open <i>A special thank you to all of the AAMLE sponsors! We appreciate your support for Arkansas Middle Level Education. Please Visit Exhibitor Tables</i>					
Time	Session	Speakers	Location	Limit	Facilitator
8:00 - 8:30	Informational Meeting on <i>Schools to Watch</i> : Guidelines & Expectations	Lekia Jones, Executive Assistant Director of AAMLE	Ouachita Room (Level Two)	ANY	Lekia Jones
8:30-9:00	Welcome to 2023 AAMLE Conference & Day One Announcements	Jacob Hayward, AAMLE Executive Director & AAMLE Board Members, Lekia Jones, Associate Executive Director & James Scott, AAMLE 2023 President	Conway Room (Level Two)	ALL	AAMLE Board
9:00-	Student Presentation by the Middle Level Robotics Team from Forest Heights STEM Academy, Little Rock	Laura Gowan, Forest Heights STEM Coordinator	Conway Room (Level Two)	ALL	AAMLE Board
Door Prize Drawings! Presented by AAMLE Sponsors: <i>Harry Dickens, Curriculum Associates/ iReady</i> <i>Anne Anderson, Positive Sparks Educational Consultant</i> <i>World Strides Educational Travel & Consultants, presented by Angela Elsass, AAMLE Board Member</i> 9:15 - 9:30: Break <i>Please Visit Exhibitor Tables</i> 9:30-11:30 Keynote Speaker					
9:30 - 11:15 11:15 - 11:30	Keynote Address: <i>"Happy Teachers"</i>	Dedra Stafford, Nuts & Bolts Symposium	Conway Room (Level Two)	ALL	AAMLE Board

*Door Prize Drawings! Presented by AAMLE Keynote & Sponsor
Dedra Stafford, Nuts & Bolts Symposium
Paula Prock, Lifetouch Photography*

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch On Your Own

1:00-2:00 Breakout Presentation Sessions (Rotation One)

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1:00-2:00	Hook, Line, & Sinker: Engagement Strategies in the Middle School Classroom	Katie Kinder, Premier Professional Development	Conway Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Angela Elsass
1:00-2:00	Structuring the Middle School for Purposeful RTI	Chelsea Jennings and Stephanie Phillips, Springdale School District (Sonora MS)	Ouachita Room (Level One)	Limit 40	Lekia Jones
1:00-2:00	Good Things That Come In Threes: Double Blocking, Double Lunches, and Doubling Down on Culture	Matt Morningstar, Fayetteville School District (Holt MS)	Grampus Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	James Scott
1:00-2:00	Literacy Strategies for Non-ELA Teachers	Tiffinie Smith, Siloam Springs School District (Siloam Springs MS)	Chicot Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Renee Speight

2:15 - 3:15 Breakout Presentation Sessions (Rotation Two)

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Time	Session	Speakers	Location	Limit	Facilitator
2:15 - 3:15	Classroom Management in Middle School Building Thinking Classrooms	Katie Kinder, Premier Professional Development	Conway Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Adrienne Cook
2:15 - 3:15	Quick Differentiation for High Potential Students in the Regular Classroom	Alyssa Henley, Springdale School District (J.O. Kelly MS)	Ouachita Room (Level One)	Limit 40	Jonathan Buchanan
2:15 - 3:15	Inclusive Practices at the Middle School Level	Katie Tyler and Kristy Harter, Fayetteville School District (McNair MS)	Grampus Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Lisa Davis
2:15 - 3:15	Building Thinking Classrooms	Shannon Torell & Maureen Broglen, Siloam Springs School District (Siloam Springs MS)	Chicot Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Jacob Hayward

3:30 - 4:30 Breakout Presentation Sessions (Rotation Three)

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3:30 - 4:30	20 "Tech Tips" for Building Community & Engagement at the Middle Level	Jessica Herring-Watson and Noel Gieringer, University of Central Arkansas College of Education)	Conway Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Britney Nalley

3:30 - 4:30	Bridging the Gap into Inclusive Practices	Sara Martin, Abby Boster, Marti Salisbury, JD Coursey, Bob Wolfe, Alma School District (Alma MS)	Ouachita Room (Level One)	Limit 40	John Unger
3:30 - 4:30	Engaging Students through Station Teaching	Laura Venters, Jordyn Murray, Samantha Mercado, Fayetteville School District (Woodland JH)	Grampus Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Jacob Hayward
3:30 - 4:30	Micro-Credentials for Middle-Level Educators	Bobette Ray, DESE Educator Effectiveness	Chicot Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Natasha Clay

Conference Day One: Evening Events

President's Reception Door Prize: Free 2024 AAMLE Conference Registration. You can submit your name for the drawing at the reception!

5:30 - 6:30	Presidents Reception & Social Hour	Celebrate our AAMLE President James Scott & Network with AAMLE Colleagues	Suite TBD	ALL	President James Scott & AAMLE Board
7:30 - 10:00	Pub Crawl on the Riverfront Marketplace! <i>Come join the fun and visit with your middle level colleagues! Please reference the schedule for locations and times.</i>	Networking with AAMLE Colleagues	Roosevelt Drive	ANY	AAMLE Board

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Time	Session	Speakers	Location	Limit	Facilitator
7:30 - 8:00: Registration and Exhibits Open <i>Please Visit Exhibitor Tables</i> <i>A special thank you to all of the AAMLE sponsors! We appreciate your support for Arkansas Middle Level Education.</i>					
8:00 - 8:30	Welcome Address	ADE Secretary, Jacob Oliva	Conway Room (Level Two)	ALL	Executive Director, Jacob Hayward
8:30 - 9:15	Announcements & Recognition of <i>Arkansas Middle Schools to Watch</i>	AAMLE Executive Directors, Jacob Hayward & Lekia Jones and President, James Scott	Conway Room (Level Two)	ALL	AAMLE

Door Prize Drawings! Presented by AAMLE Sponsors:
Darice Gammon, RTI Scheduler
U of A Global Campus- Fayetteville Campus, presented by Renee Speight, AAMLE Board Member

9:20 - 10:30 Round Table Discussions

What do you want to know about becoming recognized as a Schools to Watch recipient?

Learn about the "IT Factor" from our current STW recipients!

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Time	Round Table Topic	Speakers	Location	Limit	Facilitator
Rotations: 9:20 - 9:40 9:45 - 10:05 10:10 - 10:30	<u>Table #1 IT Factor:</u> <i>Multi-level Systems of Support</i> <u>Table #2 IT Factor:</u> <i>Strong Communication Through Teams & Communities</i> <u>Table #3 IT Factor:</u> <i>Becoming a STW</i> <u>Table #4 IT Factor:</u> <i>Professional Learning Communities</i>	Table #1: Bob Wolfe & Alma Middle School (Alma) Table #2: Micah House & Cabot Middle School North (Cabot) Table #3: Jonathan Buchanan & J.O. Kelly Middle School (Springdale) Table #4: Lisa Davis and Lynn Faught & McNair Middle School (Fayetteville)	Ouachita Room (Level One)	Limit 10 per Table	James Scott
Rotations: 9:20 - 9:40 9:45 - 10:05 10:10 - 10:30	<u>Table #1 Topic:</u> <i>RTI-A & RTI-B: Responding to Academics & Behaviors</i> <u>Table #2 Topic:</u> <i>School Culture</i> <u>Table #3 Topic:</u> <i>Virtual Schooling in the Middle Level</i>	Table #1: John Unger, West Fork MS Table #2: Natasha Clay, Marion Junior High Table #3: Adrienne Cooke, Siloam Springs Virtual Academy	Grampus Room (Level Two)	Limit 10 per Table	Lekia Jones
Rotations: 9:20 - 9:40 9:45 - 10:05 10:10 - 10:30	<u>Table Topic #1:</u> <i>IT Factor: Teaming, Time & Temperature</i> <u>Table #2 Topic:</u> <i>Artificial Intelligence (AI)</i> <u>Table #3 Topic:</u> <i>Preservice Teacher Preparation</i> <u>Table #4 Topic:</u> <i>AAMLE Membership & Strategic Planning</i>	Table #1: Matt Morningstar, Principal, Holt Middle School, <i>Your School Is Better Than You Think!</i> Table #2: Richard Campbell, Fayetteville Schools Table #3: Angela Elsass & Renee Speight, U of A, Fayetteville Table #4: Jacob Hayward, Executive Director, AAMLE Board Member	Chicot Room (Level Two)	Limit 10 per Table	Britney Nalley

Door Prize Drawings! Presented by AAMLE Sponsors:
Mary Arrasmith & Chris Oonk- Project Lead the Way
Michele Linch, Learning Blade, Career Blade
10:45 - 11:45: Breakout Presentation Sessions (Rotation One)
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10:45 - 11:45	Cyberbullying Victims: Adolescent Experiences, Behavioral Decisions, and Justifications	Dr. Mark A. McJunkin and Dr. Minghui Gao Arkansas State University, Jonesboro	Conway Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Jonathan Buchanan
10:45 - 11:45	Meeting the Needs of ALL Learners: A Guide to Flexible Grouping	Taylor Lewis, Darci Hays, Austin Bishop, Patty Tufts, Springdale School District (Central JHS)	Ouachita Room (Level One)	Limit 40	Angela Elsass
10:45 - 11:45	Co-teaching and RTI - Making it Work	Micah House, Ginger LeQueieu, Ashlee McDaniel, Stephanie Ford, Cabot School District (Cabot MS North)	Grampus Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	John Unger
10:45 - 11:45	From Elective to Essential: Empowering Middle School Students with 21st Century Skills through CTE	Stacey Torell, Siloam Springs Middle School (Siloam Springs MS)	Chicot Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Lisa Davis

Lunch Break - 11:45 - 1:00 - On Your Own
1:00 - 2:00: Breakout Presentation Sessions (Rotation Two)

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1:00 - 2:00	Funding Your STEM Vision-PLTW Grant Success	Mary W. Arrasmith & Chris Oonk, Project Lead the Way	Conway Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Adrienne Cooke
1:00 - 2:00	Putting the "Co" in Co-Teaching	Mindy Lucas and Tami Durr, Springdale School District (J.O. Kelly MS)	Ouachita Room (Level One)	Limit 40	Angela Elsass
1:00 - 2:00	Library Programs for Students with Special Needs	Kristy Harter and Beth Lewis, Fayetteville School District (McNair MS)	Grampus Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Lisa Davis
1:00 - 2:00	Inclusive Practices for Middle School Classrooms	Tiffinie Smith and Marshall Thornton, Siloam Springs School District (Siloam Springs MS)	Chicot Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	John Unger

2:15 - 3:15: Breakout Presentation Sessions (Rotation Three)

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2:15 - 3:15	Understanding Unwanted Classroom Behavior & What To Do About it!	Renee Speight, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Conway Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Lekia Jones
2:15 - 3:15	How to Be the Star Witness as an Educator	Bridgette Work, Work Law Firm, PLLC	Ouachita Room (Level One)	Limit 40	Britney Nalley
2:15 - 3:15	Flexible Scheduling Made Easy - RTI Scheduler in Arkansas	Darice Gammon, RTI Scheduler	Grampus Room (Level Two)	Limit 40	Jonathan Buchanan
2:15 - 3:15	Parent Communication: A	Gregory Eric Kelley, West Memphis SD	Chicot	Limit 40	Lisa Davis

	Radical Approach	(Wonder Jr. High)	Room (Level Two)		
3:15 - 4:00: Closing Remarks for 2023 AAMLE Conference <i>Don't miss the drawing for free registration to the 2024 AMLE Conference in Nashville, TN & the 2024 AAMLE Conference.</i> YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!					
Time	Session	Speakers	Location	Limit	Facilitator
3:15 - 4:00	Closing Remarks, President James Scott & AAMLE Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrapping It Up: Practical Implications for Everyday Practice • 2024 Conference Dates • Conference Feedback Survey • ADE PD Certificate 	2023 President James Scott	Conway Room (Level Two)	All	James Scott & AAMLE Board
Thank you for attending the 2023 AAMLE Conference! We appreciate your participation and hope to see you next year! Please submit the Conference Feedback Survey to receive your ADE Certificate for Professional Development!					

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