

The Claude Mazzocco Award for Distinguished Service to Middle-Level Education

The Claude Mazzocco Award for Exceptional Classroom Instruction and Distinguished Service to Middle-Level Education was founded in 2009 to honor Claude Mazzocco who devoted his career to helping young teachers become exceptional educators. It is with great respect and admiration for Mr. Mazzocco that the Association of Illinois Middle-Level Schools has chosen to recognize his work by establishing this award.

This award will be presented to honor individuals whose works have demonstrated an outstanding dedication and commitment to the teaching of middle-level students. This award may not be granted on an annual basis. It will be presented at such time as a person is nominated who warrants recognition of this distinction.

A candidate for this award should:

- be a member of the Association of Illinois Middle-Level Schools (AIMS)
- be known as a person of outstanding character;
- exhibit a high regard for middle-level students and their learning;
- demonstrate a high level of service to a school district;
- have been involved for a minimum of ten years with the education of young adolescents in a particular district within Illinois;
- have made significant impact on middle-level education in the school.

After a nomination is received by the AIMS Executive Director, the award committee will review the nomination and make a recommendation to the AIMS Board of Directors. The AIMS Board will make a final determination whether or not to present the award.

The award committee will be comprised of: two AIMS Board members, a Robert Knight Award Recipient and AIMS President-Elect (chair).

The following documentation must accompany the nomination:

1. A least three but no more than five letters of reference and support that speak directly to the stated criteria (one could be from a current or former student).
2. A completed professional profile (see below).

Nominator:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Email _____

Position: _____

Nominee:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

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Mail completed nomination forms and materials to:

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