The SC-AMLE Conference is fast approaching! We hope you have made plans to attend this premier event, tailored to meet the needs of middle level educators. We are excited to bring to you the 39th Annual Conference dedicated to Middle Level Education; March 4-6, 2016 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

Saturday’s Keynote Speaker

Kim Campbell

Kim Campbell crosses the country energizing educational professionals as a dynamic presenter and self-proclaimed “Proud Middle School Teacher.” Building on the lessons learned and techniques developed as a middle level social studies teacher since 1991, Kim is in national demand as a keynote speaker, workshop facilitator and consultant for the Association of Middle Level Educators, Staff Development for Educators, and the Jack Berckemeyer Consulting Group.

At home in her Twin Cities, Minnesota metropolitan area school district, Kim augments her classroom role with a position as her school’s Dean of Students. She has also served in various leadership and committee positions including team leader and a member of the Equity and Literacy Teams.

Kim is founder and coordinator of a highly-successful after-school program called Students on Academic Rise (S. O. A. R.) developed to address the achievement gap. Her first book, S. O. A. R: A Handbook for Closing the Achievement Gap, is a manual for helping other school districts replicate this program that transports students to higher academic performance, self-awareness, self-esteem and individual responsibility.

Among her honors are 2004 semi-finalist for Minnesota Teacher of the Year, 2009 Fox one of nine “Top Teachers” of the year and the 2012 Coleen Yatckoske Minnesota Middle Level Educator of the Year.

Described by more than one observer as “a force of nature,” what makes Kim run? “It’s about building strong, positive relationships, having high expectations and creating lessons that are relevant, engaging and fun. I feel lucky every day to have chosen education as my lifelong career. There is no place I would rather be than to be working with middle school students.”

Kim is the co-author of SOAR: A Handbook for Closing the Achievement Gap, a guide for replicating the success of her revolutionary after-school program for disadvantaged students, and author of If You Can’t Manage Them, You Can’t Teach Them. She is in the process of completing her third book.

After twenty-three years of teaching, Kim says that she still loves it. Learn Kim’s tips and techniques to look forward to every day as she translates theory into best practices with a trove of personal experience. Kim’s direct and engaging style flavored with heart and humor make her a favorite with teachers, administrators and students alike.

Sunday’s Keynote Speaker

JC Pohl, sponsored by LifeTouch

JC Pohl is a producer and speaker who has reached over 7 million lives with his message of strength and personal power. As President & CEO of TEEN TRUTH, his work has led to travels around the world inspiring students, educators, and parents to be the difference and tell their truths. During his career, Pohl has been featured on various news programs, radio shows, and received front-page coverage on Yahoo! Sports and USA Today. He has consulted for brands such as Disney, Warner Brothers, Six Flags, and Lifetouch and he is considered to be an expert in school culture and student related issues. He is the creator of the RISING UP: Coaching Program and holds a Master’s Degree in Professional Counseling from Texas State University.

After over 10 years inspiring change, the TEEN TRUTH: DIFFERENCE MAKER SUMMIT has become the premiere solution for leadership development in schools, districts, and cities across North America. Featuring award-winning content, powerful live performances, and workshop-style sessions, this leadership event gives students a critical understanding of the issues currently affecting school climate. The program empowers the student body to develop a plan of action that addresses specific, identified concerns. Overall, the goal of every TT: DM SUMMIT is to produce campus wide initiatives that will improve school safety and build campus culture.

Ideal for middle school or high school aged audiences; TEEN TRUTH’s focus is to help student leaders understand that being an effective leader is about more than producing dances, rallies, and theme days. The TT: DM SUMMIT teaches student leaders the importance of their elected position and show them how to use campus activities to improve student life.

On Saturday we are asking everyone to wear to wear their school shirts/gear to promote the school in which they work. We are treating it like a spirit day competition. Proudly wear your colors!
SIGN-UP FOR SCHED
We are excited to provide a new way of scheduling your time at the conference. Sched.org is the go to place for conference sessions and information. Attendees can develop a personalized schedule, connect with other attendees, find out information about sessions and more. All announcements, news, and related conference information will be shared on Sched. Sched works on all devices: phones, tablets, etc. Use the link below to learn more about features and how to sign-up.

4 minute tutorial on Sched

2016 SC-AMLE Conference Schedule

Spotlight Sessions

In addition to our concurrent sessions, this year we have added to our schedule “Spotlight” sessions which are one hour sessions on current hot-topics in our field. These sessions will feature presentations from JC Pohl - Teaching Resiliency through Peer - to - Peer Programming and Kim Campbell - Engaging Boys...Yes, It Is Possible We look forward to growing together with you! The following “Spotlight” sessions will be offered.

Dr. Debra Leach - Essential Practices for the Successful Inclusion of Students with Disabilities
Debra Leach is an Associate Professor of Special Education at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC. She is also the Director of the Winthrop Think College program, a post-secondary program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her areas of specialization are autism spectrum disorders, applied behavior analysis, positive behavioral interventions and supports, differentiated instruction, and inclusion from birth to adulthood. She is the author of Bringing ABA into Your Inclusive Classroom and Bringing ABA to Home, School, and Play for Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Disabilities.

David Vawter - Success for All Students Through Differentiation
David Vawter has been an educator for over 30 years in middle school, high school, and college. He presently teaches future teachers as an Associate Professor at Winthrop University. He has published handbooks on teaching in block schedules, differentiation, and advanced differentiated instruction. He has published articles on the adolescent brain and working with ELL’s. He was voted Most Innovative and Inspirational teacher by his faculty and Professor of the Year by the university students. He has done over 850 training sessions in over 48 states and provinces.

Amanda Kruysman - Uniting EdTech and PBL
Amanda Kruysman has been teaching for 5 years with experience at both middle and high school levels. She helped to pilot South Carolina’s first public school project based learning magnet program in Columbia, SC in 2012. She also contributed to the beginnings of multiple PBL programs in the Columbia area while serving as the district’s Lead Teacher of Project Based Learning. She presented on Design Thinking in the Humanities at SXSWedu 2015 and is on the 2016 SXSWedu Advisory Board. She was selected as a PBS Learning Media Lead Digital Innovator in 2015 and will present with PBS at ISTE in Denver this coming July. She teaches 8th grade English Language Arts in Fort Mill, SC.

If you have not registered for the conference, please go to the website. Registration Link. Remember the conference includes Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast. The sessions for the 2016 conference are on the SC-AMLE website so you can plan ahead.

2016 Conference

The conference is at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Click for the booking link for the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel or you can also call 888-627-8203 and ask for SC-AMLE, SC Middle School or Group ID#3563.
A full listing of the books that will be offered for sale at the conference can be seen on the SC-AMLE website: Bookstore Titles

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MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY
MARCH 4, 2016
Ralph Chandler MS
Orchestra
Greenville County Schools
Susan Wines, Director

SATURDAY
MARCH 5, 2016
Tanglewood MS
Chorus
Greenville County Schools
Velita Jones, Director

SUNDAY
MARCH 6, 2016
Rosemary MS
Concert & Show Choirs
Andrews, SC
Brittany Carter, Director

We can’t wait to see you at the conference!

Tweet us @The-_SCAMLE or tag us in an Instagram with a comment telling us why your school is excited to attend the conference. Use the hashtag #SCAMLE2016

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SC-AMLE 2016 FOCUS ON OUR FINEST

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 South Carolina Schools to Watch!

springfield Middle School
Keith Griffin – Principal

Dutchman Creek Middle School – Re-Designation I
Dr. Norris Williams – Principal

Indian Land Middle School – Re-Designation II
Chris Thorpe – Principal

Lugoff-Elgin Middle School – Re-Designation III
Karen Bullard – Principal

SC STW is pleased to have 16 schools that have been recognized as National Schools to Watch. The other SC STW schools are:

Blythewood Middle School
Campobello-Gramling School
Castle Heights Middle School
College Park Middle School
Fulmer Middle School
Landrum Middle School

League Academy
McCracken Middle School
Mabry Middle School
Palmetto Middle School
South Middle School
St. James Middle School

Presentations by these schools are denoted in the schedule with the STW Logo. Visit the Exhibit Hall to view the STW Showcase of Schools.
Changes in Traffic Pattern

The Myrtle Beach Marathon that will be happening on Saturday March 5th. There will be several road closures. The map is shown below.

The attendees staying at the overflow hotels should not have blocked roads but they will be one way. They usually have 21st Ave. one way flowing towards bypass 17. They will be able to leave the overflow hotels and go down to bypass 17 and then turn down 29th towards Oak street. Then turn again to the left on Oak Street towards the convention center. So they basically have to drive in a big square to get here.

The traffic will be heavy early in the morning so I would recommend those attendees staying off property giving themselves enough time to get here.