The Time Is Now when we become reflective and begin to set intentions and goals for the upcoming calendar year. This school year, I have had the privilege to witness the work that is being done on behalf of the students, staff, and families on a daily basis throughout the state in each and every building, which is exceptional. We have all been faced with challenges that no one can imagine. There is no one else who understands the role you play better than those who live it.

Education has taken a beating recently and the Time Is Now for the education profession and particularly educational leadership to receive the respect you all deserve. The MPA celebrates Positive Stories from around our state, but the Time Is Now for us to share all of the great things that are happening with each other as well as support each other. The Time Is Now for us as Educational Leaders, to take care of ourselves. We take care of others regularly, but the Time Is Now to care for ourselves emotionally, physically, and professionally.

The Time Is Now for you as leaders to focus on you, your needs both professionally and personally. There are amazing things going on in each and every building in each region across the state. I encourage you in the upcoming year to reach out to someone from another part of the state and connect with them. The power of understanding and collaboration cannot be underestimated.

My hope for each of you is that the New Year may bring you and your family good health and cheer and to celebrate all that is good in the world. On behalf of the MPA I say “Thank You for all that you do!”

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Thank you to all of our sponsors and vendors for exhibiting at our annual Fall Conference on November 16-18, 2022. Please feel free to click on their name below to go directly to their website.

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“LIVE AND ON-DEMAND”

Friday, January 13, 2023
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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Note to Non-Members

Non-Members are receiving The Maine Apprise in October, November, and December compliments of the Maine Principals’ Association. Member benefits are described on our website. Click HERE for direct link to member benefits and form.

If you would like to receive this newsletter and other member benefits, please contact Patty Newman at the MPA office at 622-0217, ext. 130 or at mpa@mpa.cc to join your professional association!

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- Acquiring and being able to use knowledge
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WEBINAR

Saying No: why we don’t, why we should, and how we can
with Dr. Sholda Ezeokoli

Wednesday, January 18, 2023
3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. EST
Cost: $40/person

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MPA Spring Conference

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with Dr. Joe Sanfelippo
April 26-28, 2023
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Recognition Counts

Take advantage of the numerous opportunities for you to nominate an exemplary member of our educational community in Maine. Commit a few moments to shine your light on excellence.

**Larry LaBrie Award for Outstanding Contributions to the MPA Interscholastic Division**

Do you know an outstanding contributor to the Interscholastic Division of the MPA as a building administrator, athletic administrator, or other person (i.e. site/meet director, coach, official, media, etc.)? Each year the MPA honors up to three recipients to be honored with the Larry LaBrie Award at the Spring Conference Awards Banquet. Click [HERE](#).

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**Volunteer of the Year ~ Dr. Phyllis Deringis Service to Maine Youth Award**

Do you know an outstanding adult volunteer who is making a difference for students in your school, your district, or possibly beyond? Each year the MPA honors up to two awardees with the Dr. Phyllis Deringis Service to Maine Youth Award at the Spring Conference Awards Banquet. Click [HERE](#).

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**2023 Secretary of the Year Award**

We all have them—the incredible people who know every student and parent in the school ~ the people who help keep the districts in order and organized ~ those who greet our students and communities and set the positive tone in our schools and districts—our AMAZING secretaries/administrative assistants. You can recognize their hard work and dedication by nominating them for the 2023 Secretary of the Year! All nominees will be considered for this honorable recognition. The Secretaries will be publicly announced at the Secretaries Conferences in April and then they will be honored at the MPA Spring Conference Awards Banquet. Click [HERE](#).

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For more information please Contact Tammy McNear at tmcnear@mpa.cc. Deadline for nominations and completed applications (as required) is January 30, 2023.

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**FREE**
Job Vacancies Posting on the MPA Professional Webpage

The MPA is listing job postings for administrative positions (principal, assistant principal, dean of students, CTE directors, etc.) on the www.mpaprof.org website AT NO COST TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS!

The only thing we will need is the title of the position, your district name, the date the application closes if you have one, and the link that will take potential applicants to YOUR site.

Please email your job opening to Tammy at tmcnear@mpa.cc.

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**Do You Know An Outstanding Elementary or Middle Level/High School Principal?**

The Maine Principals’ Association, in cooperation with the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals invites you to nominate an outstanding elementary or middle level/high school principal for consideration as Maine’s 2022-2023 Principal of the Year.

The successful candidates will represent Maine at the 2023 National Principals’ Programs that will be held in the fall of 2023 in Washington, D.C. The Maine Principals’ Association will honor our state’s Principals of the Year at an awards banquet during the 2023 MPA Spring Conference.

**Elementary National Distinguished Principal of the Year** ~ Click [HERE](#) for Nomination Application.

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**NOMATIONS ARE DUE BY NOON TIME ON DECEMBER 12, 2022**
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