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Introduction

The articles in this issue of *Current Issues in Middle Level Education* include a celebration of the National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education, a report of a research study, and a summary of best practices.

Bridget Coleman and Nancy Ruppert are current and past presidents of the National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education (NAPOMLE). As this journal is the journal of NAPOMLE, we wanted to celebrate NAPOMLE's 25th anniversary. Coleman and Ruppert reviewed several documents related to NAPOMLE's history and mission; they also contacted several past leaders.

Michael DiCicco and Ryan Alverson contributed an article that adds to the literature on Schools to Watch. Their study, based on schools in Kentucky, provides additional information about successful middle schools.

Holly Thornton suggested best practices for online middle level education. As online teaching and learning continue, these ideas can assist middle level educators as they reflect and renew their commitments to student learning.

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