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Media is invited to attend at Gems Along the Mohawk on Saturday, April 29, from 9:00-9:30am

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***Gems Along The Mohawk is Pleased to Announce Local School Project
Winners at Upcoming Congratulatory Breakfast***

Gems Along The Mohawk in Herkimer, New York will kick off their first celebration of the 2017 year long activities.. The program scheduled on Saturday, April 29, 2017, will honor fourth graders in the local school systems from Rome to Canajoharie, New York.

“Our theme, ‘Dreams and Hard Work: Learning for the Erie Canal’s Success-’ has come alive through the eyes, hearts and creative minds of our local fourth graders,” said Dr. Renee Scialdo Shevat, Developer and Owner, Gems Along the Mohawk. “We are delighted that the legacy of the Erie Canal lives on through our youth.” Gems Along the Mohawk, along with other partners across New York State, is celebrating the 200th year of the Erie Canal.

The Gems Along the Mohawk sponsored contest attracted entries from regional schools. From Rome to Canajoharie, many local fourth graders participated. Winning recipients are from Ridge Mills and Stokes Schools (Rome City School District), Benton Hall (Little Falls School District), West Canada Valley School District, Canajoharie School District, and Dolgeville School District.

The winning recipients, along with their parents, teachers, principals and school superintendents, have been cordially invited to attend the event at 8:30-9:30am, Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Gems Along the Mohawk, 800 Mohawk Street, Herkimer, NY. A recognition breakfast will kick off the events followed by an awards program from 9:00-9:30am.

The projects were submitted to Gems Along the Mohawk where a panel of local judges from the business, educational, and historic fields viewed and chose winning entries. The judging team was represented by Dr. Cathleen McColgin, President, Herkimer County Community College, Mr. Justin Hummel, CEO of Hummels Office Plus, Melody Milewski, Manager, Gems Along the Mohawk, Ann Marie Collins, educational consultant, and Michael Milewski, the only remaining hoggee from New York.

All entrants will receive a recognition certificate and the following awards:

- First Place - \$500.00
- Second Place - \$400.00
- Third Place - \$250.00
- Honorable Mention - \$25.00
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The winning entries will be on display at Gems Along The Mohawk until the end of the yearlong celebration-December 2017 and the community is invited to view the winning entries and enjoy the many other special events during this exciting year.

For more information about this and other events, please contact either Melody Milewski or Dr. Renee Scialdo Shevat at 315-717-0077. A list of winning recipients will be available at 9:30am Saturday.

Honoring the Gems of the Past with Eyes to the Future!

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