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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### National Champion Rube Goldberg Machine Team from Kimberly High School Invited to Jimmy Kimmel LIVE!

**Kimberly, Wis. – May 10, 2017** – The National Champion Rube Goldberg Machine team from [Kimberly High School \(KHS\)](#) was invited to share their “Kimberly Kitchen” machine with a national audience on the [Jimmy Kimmel LIVE!](#) show. A video of the show, which broadcast on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, can be viewed online at <https://goo.gl/EHTVi9>.

The team was invited to Hollywood to speak about their kitchen-themed Rube Goldberg Machine that completes a simple task through an overly complicated and creative process. This year’s challenge was to apply a Band-Aid. Their machine completes that task in about 70 steps.

KHS students Sam Barwick, Kyle Downham, Carter Eckes, Rachel Foster, Logan Hartman, Stephen Littrell, Logan Paalman, Chris Thompson and Grant Zoromski along with Mr. Kevin Janota, their team

advisor and teacher, all did a great job representing our schools and community.



The National Champion Kimberly High School Rube Goldberg Machine team was invited to appear on the Jimmy Kimmel LIVE! show. Pictured left to right (front row): Kevin Janota, the team’s teacher, Chris Thompson, Kyle Downham, Carter Eckes and Rachel Foster; (back row): Grant Zoromski, Sam Barwick, Stephen Littrell, Jimmy Kimmel, Logan Paalman and Logan Hartman.

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The team advanced from [STEM Forward's](#) regional competition earlier this spring to compete at Nationals. The team swept the [National Rube Goldberg Machine Contest](#), bringing home 1<sup>st</sup> place overall in the competition, as well as the Creative Spark Award, the Teamwork Award and the Spirit of Rube Award. The National competition took place March 25, 2017, at the Center of Science and Industry in Columbus, Ohio.

Kimberly High School had two Rube Goldberg Machine teams this year. The other team developed a barbershop-themed machine that they presented very well at the regional contest. This team brought home 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the regional competition as well as the Most Creative Use of Materials Award. However, only the first place regional team advances to compete nationally.

“This project strongly encourages teamwork and complex thinking skills that will help prepare students for careers after school,” said Janota. “I think our success in the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest is just another way to reinforce a common message we try to pass on to all students, and that is to embrace a challenge and to do your very best for yourself and for others.”

### **About the Kimberly Area School District**

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,000 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).