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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Kimberly Kitchen Rube Goldberg Team from Kimberly High School Has a Winning Recipe and Sweeps National Competition**

**Kimberly, Wis. – March 27, 2017** – The Kimberly Kitchen Mechanical Design/Rube Goldberg team from [Kimberly High School](#) (KHS) has a winning recipe. 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.

The team advanced to compete in Ohio after earning 1<sup>st</sup> place at [STEM Forward's Wisconsin Regional Rube Goldberg Machine Contest](#). The Kitchen team consists of students: Sam Barwick, Kyle Downham, Carter Eckes, Rachel Foster, Logan Hartman, Stephen Littrell, Logan Paalman, Chris Thompson and Grant Zoromski.

“I'm so very proud and happy for the Rube Goldberg students,” said Kevin Janota, Technology Education Teacher and Rube Goldberg Machine Team Advisor at Kimberly High School. “It's an old cliché, but it really is about the journey and the lessons you learn from a project like this that will benefit you in life later on.”

In about 55 seconds, their machine applies a Band-Aid in 69 steps using a variety of scenarios and materials found in a kitchen. Watch a video of their machine in action at <https://youtu.be/y8TdoWK8Zuw>.

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The team members learned to work as an engineering team and go through the design process of brainstorming, sketching, CAD modeling, building/fabricating, and presenting their outrageously complicated solutions for a simple task. The Rube Goldberg competition gives students an opportunity to combine academics and a co-curricular activity to help them reach their potential and prepare for their future.

KHS had a successful Rube Goldberg season with both of the school's teams earning awards for their engineering, design and team-building skills at the regional level. "The dedication towards a long term

goal, a commitment to your teammates, communication and problem solving skills are just a few of the big lessons they will walk away with," said Janota. "National recognition is icing on the cake."

### **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).



The Kimberly Kitchen Rube Goldberg team received first place at Nationals. Team members pictured left to right: Logan Paalman, Chris Thompson, Rachel Foster, Logan Hartman, Grant Zoromski, Kyle Downham and Sam Barwick. Also pictured are two organizers from the competition. Not pictured: Carter Eckes and Stephen Littrell.