



*Dutchess County*  
*Young Republicans*



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**MEDIA ALERT**

**What:** The Dutchess County Young Republican Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

**Where:** Mount Gulian Historic Site 135 Sterling Street Beacon, NY

**When:** Friday May 8, 2009 3PM EST

**Why:** The Dutchess County Young Republicans will host the award ceremony for their nonpartisan, high school essay contest, which was open to students throughout the county. Students were asked to write a 1,000 word essay on the topic "What does it mean to be an American Citizen." The winner will receive the opportunity to shadow Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro (103<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District), a club member, who will be present. A description of the contest is available at [http://www.dutchessyr.com/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.dutchessyr.com/essay_contest.html).

**Additional:**

- The Press Conference will provide the media with a great photo opportunity of this year's winners with their respective local officials as well as with Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro.
- The winners will be asked to read their essay aloud during the ceremony.
- Interviews with the recipients will be available before and after the official ceremony.
- Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro will provide a brief opening statement about the value of young people being a good citizen