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AWARD

Museum director earns award — Lara Litchfield-Kimber, executive director of the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, has been chosen to receive the 2015 ATHENA Award, presented by The Chamber Foundation, Inc.

She was presented the award Thursday, Nov. 19 at The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie. Litchfield-Kimber will travel to an upcoming regional conference to represent the region.

In 2012, Litchfield-Kimber became the executive director of the museum, where she reorganized the staff and board, raised funds, improved the building and overhauled its exhibits and programs.

Litchfield-Kimber also created a partnership with the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., and developed a comprehensive school readiness initiative.

Every child enrolled in a Pre-K program through Poughkeepsie Head Start, Universal Pre-K or Catharine Street Community Center visits the museum for free field trips and receives free family museum memberships.

The museum has been honored by Dutchess Tourism with its 2015 Family Entertainment Award of Distinction, and was recognized as a 2015 Non-Profit Spotlight Award winner by the United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region.

The ATHENA Award is given annually to a member of the community who best embodies the organization's leadership model, which focuses on personal traits of strong, successful leaders.

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