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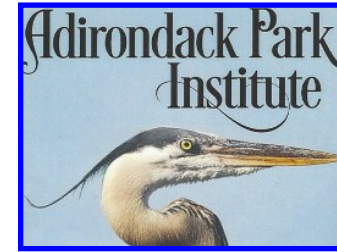
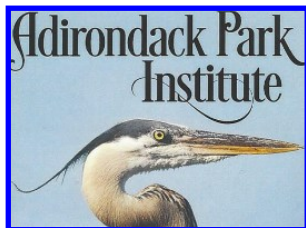
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2023 LEADERSHIP AWARDS GALA

September 15, 2023

5:30—8:00 PM

Adirondack Hotel, Long Lake, NY

Evening's Program:

Cocktail Reception

Welcoming Remarks

Dan Fitts, API Executive Director

Steph Hample, SUNY ESF's AIC

Dinner

2022 Community Service Award

Event Co-Chair, Hon. Sterling Goodspeed

Awardee Mike Pratt

2023 Frank and Jeanne Hutchins

Adirondack Environmental Education Leadership Award

Event Co-Chair, Elizabeth Thorndike

Awardee: Dr. Chester A. Crocker

Gala Honorary Chair

Joseph J. Martens



2023 Frank and Jeanne Hutchins Environmental Education Leadership Award - Dr. Chester A. Crocker is the James R. Schlesinger professor emeritus of strategic studies at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service and serves on the board of its Institute for the Study of Diplomacy. Dr. Crocker's teaching and research focus on international security, conflict management, and mediation. From 1981 to 1989, Dr. Crocker served as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. He developed the strategy and led the diplomacy that produced the treaties signed by Angola, Cuba, and South Africa in New York in December 1988. These agreements resulted in Namibia's independence (March 1990) and the withdrawal of foreign forces from Namibia and Angola. President Ronald Reagan granted him the President's Citizens Medal, the country's second-highest civilian award.

2023 Community Service Award – Mike Pratt is the President and CEO of the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), a position he has held since March 2017. With over 30 years of experience at ORDA, Pratt has deep roots in the Adirondack community. He started his career at Gore Mountain, where he served as the general manager for 21 years, earning a reputation for his low-key style, attentive listening, and commitment to both the town and the ski area. His dedication to environmental conservation led to numerous national awards for Gore Mountain. Pratt's expertise and passion for the job make him a respected leader at ORDA, overseeing the development of Olympic venues and promoting sports and tourism in the region.



2023 Gala Honorary Chair - Joseph J. Martens is a prominent figure in environmental conservation and public service in New York. He has recently been appointed as the head of the Olympic Regional Development Authority. Martens has a long history with ORDA, previously serving as its board chair from 2007 to 2011. Prior to his appointment, Martens served as the director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance, where he worked to promote the development of offshore wind energy. He was also a senior fellow at the Open Space Institute. Martens is widely known for his tenure as the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) from 2011 to 2015 under former Gov. Andrew Cuomo. During his time at the DEC, Martens played a crucial role in environmental conservation efforts in the state.

Proceeds of tonight's event benefit educational programs at **SUNY ESF's Adirondack Interpretive Center** in Newcomb and educational programs throughout the Adirondacks.

The Adirondack Park Institute expresses gratitude and appreciation for the many kind donations in support of tonight's Awards Reception. Thank You!

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