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CRESCENT ELEMENTARY STUDENT WRITES DIAMOND-WINNING POEM

ORANGE, Calif., February 13, 2013 — Crescent Elementary sixth grader Gage Butterfield is Orange County's grade 6-12 winner of the 21st Annual "Why Mom Deserves a Diamond" contest.

Each year, Gallery of Diamonds Jewelers sponsors a writing contest for elementary (kindergarten through fifth grade) and secondary (sixth through twelfth grade) students across Orange County. Students participate by writing a poem regarding "Why My Mom Deserves a Diamond." More than 20,000 entries were submitted this year.

Poems are evaluated on creativity and originality. Gage Butterfield's diamond-winning verse:

"Stars and galaxies in her eyes, More beautiful than the finest butterflies. Mom is beauty and grace All put into one face."

Gage will receive a quarter-carat diamond valued at \$600 to give to his mom when he presents his poem to her at this year's Diamond Day celebration at Gallery of Diamonds Jewelers in May.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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