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## Troy Athens High School Teacher and Students Win National Mapping Contest

*Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) recently announced Mrs. Susan Syme, a Geography Teacher at the Troy Athens High School and her class, have won a top honor in the 2018 AGS-TeachOSM Great County Mapping Challenge.*

[New York City, NY] — [January 24, 2019] – The American Geographical Society (AGS) recently announced Mrs. Susan Syme a Geography Teacher at Troy Athens High School, and her class, have won the Most Features and Edits Award for the national 2018 AGS-TeachOSM Great County Mapping Challenge. Mrs. Syme and her class created the most suitable features and edits to their county among all of the teacher/student competitors in the contest.

The 2018 AGS-Teach OpenStreetMap (TeachOSM) Great County Mapping Challenge is nationwide geography mapping contest open to AGS geography teacher fellows and their students across the US. Using OpenStreetMap as the platform, student competitors map public buildings in their school's county, contributing to OSM's worldwide data base. OpenStreetMap is one of the world's leading data bases for geographical and geospatial data. Information from OpenStreetMap is widely used by researchers, municipalities, humanitarian organizations, and governmental agencies which need accurate and extensive geospatial data.

"We are proud of teachers like Mrs. Syme and her class for their contributions to the greater OpenStreetMap database. Their work is not only good...it will be used in years to come by everyone who needs accurate and comprehensive geospatial data", said Dr. John Konarski, Chief Executive Officer of AGS.

Established in 1851, the American Geographical Society (AGS) is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education in Geography for over 168 years. The mission of the American Geographical Society is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.



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