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Brunet Honored as an Outstanding Worker at Herkimer Industries

HERKIMER — Herkimer Industries (HI), the vocational division of Arc Herkimer located in Herkimer, NY, honored Donald Brunet, of Dolgeville, NY, who was chosen as an “Outstanding Performer” by the New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID) 2018 William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Awards Program.

An awards ceremony was held for Brunet on Tuesday, October 30. He received a recognition check of \$500, and the event also recognized National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

NYSID’s annual program recognizes exceptional vocational and personal successes on preferred source jobs. NYSID works to turn business opportunities into jobs for New Yorkers with disabilities.

Arc Herkimer Vice President of Industrial Operations Michael Lamb, said, “Over the past year Donald has demonstrated leadership while working on the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Wood Project for Herkimer Industries. He is enthusiastic to show new employees how to complete specific tasks. When Donald works the DEC Project, he assists supervisors with setting the pace for the crew that operates the production line. Donald has learned many new work-related skills, and he operates various pieces of industrial equipment while on the job. He is now a thoroughly trained materials handler,” Lamb said.

NYSID sales at Herkimer Industries will eclipse \$2.5 million in 2018 with support work providing meaningful employment opportunities. Products on state contracts at Herkimer Industries have grown from approximately 50 in 2010 to over 250 today, and that total is still growing as the organization continues to expand medical bag and LED lighting lines of business. In 2010, HI workers spent about 96 hours on state contract packaging products. In 2018, they have worked over 4,800 hours through the end of September.

For more information regarding employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, contact Career Connections at (315) 574-7883. For more information regarding partnering with Herkimer Industries, call (315) 574-7517 or visit herkimerindustries.com.



Donald Brunet, second from left, is congratulated for being chosen an “Outstanding Performer” by the New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID). Those honoring Brunet include, from left, Arc Herkimer President/CEO Kevin Crosley, Donald Brunet, Career Connections Employment Services Specialist Tim Whaley, and Arc Herkimer VP - Industrial Operations Michael Lamb.