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Career Connections and Herkimer College Earn National Award with Intern Program

HERKIMER, NY—Career Connections, a division of Arc Herkimer, and Herkimer County Community College earned a national job placement award for the Project SEARCH program.

The award, presented at the Annual Project SEARCH Conference in Savannah, GA honored the organizations for their collaboration to secure 100 percent placement for the first class of interns for jobs in the community earning at least minimum wage. The program is in its third year of collaboration between the nonprofit and college.

Project SEARCH is a 40-week intern program for young adults with disabilities, ages 18 to 34, with a sole objective and intensive focus on achieving competitive employment and maximum independence for each participant.

Interns, supported by Career Connections and college staff, participate in daily classroom instruction and gain hands-on work experience by rotating among three unique, unpaid internships at various sites at Herkimer College throughout the academic year.

For more information or an application for 2019-2020 intern class, contact Catherine Loomis, Career Connections, at (315) 574-7893 or email: cloomis@archerkimer.org.

Career Connections is located at 257 N. Main Street. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome. Career Connections assists individuals with disabilities, ages 16 and older, in obtaining meaningful employment, based on each person's interests, skills, and needs. For more information on Career Connections programs, call (315) 574-7883 or visit www.archerkimer.org.



Career Connections, a division of Arc Herkimer, and Herkimer College celebrate as recipients of a national job placement award for their collaboration for the Project SEARCH program. Those on hand include, from left, Career Connections Assistant Program Director Catherine Loomis, Career Connections Employment Services Specialist Nicole Knapp, Herkimer College Associate Dean of Academic Affairs - Humanities/Social Science Dr. Robin Reicker, Herkimer College President Dr. Cathleen McColgin, Arc Herkimer President/CEO Kevin Crosley, Career Connections Director Robin Mattox, and Arc Herkimer VP - Supports & Services Shawn Schultz.

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