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Arc Herkimer's Hagadorn Earns Statewide Scholarship

Jessica Hagadorn, Arc Herkimer direct support professional, is one of four recipients statewide of the Jonathan Weingold Scholarship, awarded from The Arc New York.

Each year, The Arc New York presents scholarships to individuals pursuing their education with the intention of contributing to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. The award, in the amount of \$3,000 per recipient, is paid in installments of \$1,500 for two semesters.

Hagadorn graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development from Empire College in May. She will now begin a master's program in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in Clinical Counseling at Capella University in June.

Hagadorn said, "The tuition reimbursement program at Arc Herkimer helped me a lot to earn my bachelor's degree. Our Human Resources department was wonderful in assisting me with my work schedule to accommodate college classes. This Weingold scholarship is a great start to pay for my master's program."

The Arc New York is comprised of 52 chapters, including Arc Herkimer, which supports 60,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families and caregivers statewide. The Arc New York's mission is to advocate and provide support and services to people with disabilities, emphasizing choice and community engagement.

The Arc New York was founded in 1949 to serve a critical mission—to improve the quality of life for people. What started as a support group and day nursery for families coping with these disabilities has grown to become the largest nonprofit in New York State serving those with developmental and other disabilities.

Arc Herkimer's mission is empowering people with disabilities and enriching lives throughout our community. For more information on supporting the nonprofit, visit www.archerkimer.org.



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