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Herkimer Industries' Bakiewicz Named Judge for Statewide Competition

Suzanne Bakiewicz, Herkimer Industries (HI) National Business development director, has the honor of being selected for a panel of judges to participate in 2019 CREATE (Cultivating Resources for Employment with Assistive TEchnology) Competition where college engineering students collaborate with rehabilitation organizations to develop inventions that help those with disabilities succeed in their jobs.



The April 10 event, sponsored by NYSID (New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc.), is open to the public at the North Concourse/Empire State Plaza, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Herkimer Industries, a division of Arc Herkimer, supports an integrated workforce of 150 people with and without disabilities. HI provides contract packaging, industrial sewing, and package and product design services including sub-manufacturing and assembly solutions, quality assurance, and worldwide distribution in the areas of safety products apparel and uniforms, LED lighting and signs, and sewing and packaging solutions.

Bakiewicz loves and lives the mission of Arc Herkimer, Herkimer Industries, and NYSID by developing market and product opportunities leading to more jobs for New Yorkers with disabilities and helping to build a stronger, more integrated community. Student teams will compete to receive prize funds worth \$15,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000, to be shared between students, their universities, and their rehabilitation organization partners. This is the biggest year ever for CREATE, with nine colleges and 11 NYSID member rehabilitation organizations producing 21 inventions.

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