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The famous author and poet, Henry David Thoreau once said, “*Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.*” As college freshmen it is important for you to remember that determination, involvement and hard-work will be your greatest assets in achieving success. As a student at HCCC and president of the Student Government Association, I’m acquiring a great deal of leadership experience and learning the benefits of hard-work. To *BE* successful is to obtain something that is desired, or to achieve greatness. Some of the best ways to guarantee success here at Herkimer are to get involved in the college community and make your voice heard.

The Student Government Association is the official governing body of Herkimer County Community College. SGA represents the interests and opinions of the student body. We decide how funds from activities fees will be spent. SGA hears requests for funding of college clubs & organizations, as well as requests for the formation of NEW clubs & organizations. Additionally, we act as a liaison group on campus. We facilitate communication between the students and the administration, faculty, staff and general community. SGA members are also appointed to various college committees to provide student input on campus issues. We are currently recruiting new members for the 2007-2008 school year. Student Government is open to all students, and anyone interested is welcome to attend our meetings. Lists of our fall meeting dates are posted around the campus and will be available in the Student Activities Office.

Even if SGA isn’t the club for you, it’s still important for all students to be involved in the HCCC community. Joining a club, organization, or sports team is one of

best ways to become a well-rounded student. HCCC offers 37 different clubs and organizations. From Student Activities Club to the Black Student Union, there's something for almost every one, and if you can't find a club to join you can always form one yourself. For information on Herkimer's student clubs and organizations, or to learn how to start your own club, you can stop by the Student Activities Office in RMCC. Herkimer County Community College also boasts 17 excellent Intercollegiate athletic teams, including men's and women's soccer in the fall and lacrosse in the spring. Information about all of the college's athletics teams can be found in the P.E. Building. There are also constant opportunities for volunteer and community service work on and around our campus.

Make YOUR voice heard! Leadership is a key component in helping you to become both strong and successful, students and individuals. By getting involved and making your voice heard you can express your views, opinions and ideas and make our college community a better place to learn and grow.

As you begin this year in this new place, push yourself to be successful, obtain what you desire and achieve greatness. And remember, determination, involvement and hard-work will always be your greatest assets in achieving success. On behalf of myself, and the returning students of Herkimer County Community College, Welcome, and we wish you all the best of luck!