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Our students experience great achievements - in the classrooms, on the athletic fields, in co-curricular activities, internships, and in their endeavors after they graduate. More than 20,000 graduates now call Herkimer College their alma mater. Our alumni live and work in all corners of the world as business leaders, educators, health care workers, therapists, counselors, television personalities and producers, scientists, engineers, technicians, accountants, artists, musicians, public servants, investigators, attorneys, entrepreneurs, and the list goes on.

As a first generation college student and a proud graduate of two community colleges, my higher education journey began at a community college. I also spent 27 years as a faculty member and administrator at two other community colleges before arriving at Herkimer. So I am personally aware of the incredible value of a community college education, and the opportunities we provide for our students and our communities.

This report illustrates the numerous opportunities that Herkimer College affords our students, employees, partner organizations, community members and the region.

I would like to personally thank everyone who supports our institution. As an employee, volunteer, advocate or donor, it takes the contributions of each and every one of you to ensure the delivery of high quality, accessible educational opportunities and services. For that, I am sincerely grateful.

Sincerely,

Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D.
President
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Exposure to college for local students

Approximately 95 sixth grade students and their teachers from Herkimer Elementary School attended a field day at the College in June. The students learned about academic programs and the career fields they lead to, received guided tours of the campus and the Nature Trail, and enjoyed recreational activities and games at Wehrum Stadium. They also had an opportunity to meet President McColgin on her third day on the job.

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SCIENCE FACULTY SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Herkimer College faculty are taking science lessons on the road. Twenty six local elementary school classrooms have participated in the Monarch Butterfly Project. Coordinated by Professors Jennifer Herzog and Jessica Kelly, the initiative is designed to assist educators in kindergarten through second grade with the teaching of the life cycle, a major component of the science curriculum.

The current monarch population is steadily declining. By actively engaging in this project, students are supporting the monarch population and becoming citizen scientists by planting milkweed (the major food source for monarchs), developing pen pal relationships with students in Mexico (the destination of monarch migration) and tagging monarchs as part of a larger study. Kelly stated, "These projects are used to increase student engagement and learning outcomes. It's popular with both students and teachers as it goes beyond teaching the life cycle, a dominate topic in the elementary science curriculum, and encourages the students to become citizen scientists."

Herkimer College provides opportunity for people from all types of backgrounds with many different academic goals – from the local student who wants to save money by staying close to home for her first two years of college, to the student from the big city who knows he needs small classes and support to focus on his studies, to the international student whose goal is to attend a top university in the United States, to the working mom who needs a degree to advance in her career. Although the goals and challenges vary, there's one thing our students have in common—they have found opportunity at Herkimer College.

Opportunity | äpər’t(y)o͞onitē | noun (pl. opportunities) | a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something
Herkimer College and the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES continue to work cooperatively to implement new and unique opportunities to prepare students for the future.

**IT Academy**

The Information Technology (IT) Academy, located at Herkimer College, allows Herkimer BOCES students to earn 29 college credits while in high school. The program provides an opportunity for students to learn what it’s like to take college courses and get exposed to the atmosphere of a college campus. Students choose between two programs – network administration and business management, and they attend classes at the College during their junior and senior years in high school. Upon completion, they can continue their programs at Herkimer College or transfer their credits to another college.

**VP-Tech**

The Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School (VP-Tech) program enables students to begin their college and professional lives quicker and with more support than the typical school-to-work pathway. Graduates earn a high school diploma and an associate degree in quality assurance, and professional lives quicker and with more support than the typical school-to-work pathway. Graduates earn a high school diploma and an associate degree in quality assurance, and

The inaugural program began in June 2015 with 33 local ninth graders. During the summer, students were prepared for the collaborative classroom environment through a summer bridge program at the College where they participated in team-collaborative classroom environment through a summer bridge program and attended classes at the College during their junior and senior years in high school. Upon completion, they can continue their programs at Herkimer College or transfer their credits to another college.

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**My Job, My Future STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST**

The College collaborated with Herkimer BOCES and The Genesis Group on a skills gap educational initiative and essay contest for local students in grades five through eight. Sponsored by Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, the goal of the essay contest was to get middle school students and their parents thinking about and discussing future career opportunities available in the Mohawk Valley. Students were asked to write about careers they see the future of jobs in the region. More than 100 essays were submitted. Six winners were selected and recognized with certificates of excellence, cash prizes (top prize was $500) and lunch provided by the Herkimer County College Foundation.

The winning student essays mentioned career interests such as physical therapy, oncology, structural engineering and photography, as well as the importance of family, small businesses, the arts, the outdoors and the four seasons.

**Herkimer County and New York Power Authority Partnership**

As part of a 31-point plan for the Mohawk Valley, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a $1 million project where the New York Power Authority will partner with Herkimer College to build a workforce development program that will train professionals to meet the needs of the modern energy economy.
Herkimer College helped Nicole Todd of Herkimer transition from high school by providing opportunities to join clubs and participate in student government and athletics. “Being a local student, it was a smart decision to attend Herkimer because I had no idea what I wanted to major in. Even though Herkimer is a small college, there were many options making it easy to explore majors,” said Todd.

While at Herkimer, Todd changed her major several times from accounting to fashion and everything between the two. “Once I found my niche, fashion, I ran with it and loved the program so much I finished one semester early and transferred to SUNY Oneonta. Herkimer got me ready for the course load that a four-year institution had to offer,” she said.

Todd was able to transfer all of her credits to Oneonta, where she ultimately decided to pursue a degree and career in communications. She credits Herkimer with her success at Oneonta and beyond. “I know I did well at Oneonta because of the coursework and strict deadlines I was given at Herkimer. The professors at Herkimer were like a close-knit family, and when I needed and asked for help, it was happily given,” she said.

While working toward a master’s degree from Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, Todd had the opportunity to spend time in Washington D.C. as a news correspondent. She was the only intern with an associate degree, and it set her apart from the rest. Todd said it was helpful to have the experience of different schools, and she had a more thorough understanding of the business because of her hands-on experience at Herkimer College.

Todd recently returned to the Mohawk Valley and is working as a multi-media journalist for WFXV/WUTR/WPNY. “To put it simply, Herkimer provided me with a great foundation. If you are open-minded and you work hard, you really can go anywhere from Herkimer College,” said Todd.

Nicole Todd ’13
Fashion Buying and Merchandising, A.A.S.
Communication Studies, B.S., SUNY Oneonta
Digital and Broadcast Journalism, Sports Communication Emphasis, M.A., S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University

Herkimer College has an amazing staff in the Radio/Television Department. The professors are supportive and give students just enough freedom to grow, yet keep them focused on their objectives. Their guidance has helped me to succeed.”

Melissa Krull ’14
Communication Arts: Radio-Television Broadcasting, A.A.S.

A 2012 Poland Central School graduate and 2014 graduate of Herkimer College, Melissa Krull has had opportunities that many don’t experience throughout entire careers. When Krull enrolled at Herkimer, she had already completed the Ulitsa ABC-Television affiliate WUTR while in high school, and before starting college, she participated in WUTR’s summer internship program.

While a full-time student at Herkimer College, Krull was a production assistant at WUTR, WFXV and WPNY. She was also the producer and host of Hello Central New York, a weekly 30-minute news magazine show on WUTR. While in those roles, she had the opportunity to tell local stories, report on events and meet and interview several high-profile personalities including American Idol winner Phillip Phillips. Krull is now working as a video journalist for Time Warner Cable News.

Krull said, “I chose Herkimer College because graduates of the Radio-TV program said it was outstanding. I had many opportunities at Herkimer and was awarded several scholarships.” In addition to winning multiple first place awards in Skills USA broadcasting competitions and receiving an award from the Society of Broadcast Engineers, Krull, along with fellow Communication Arts students Sean Messier ’14 and Kristofer Klosner, won an Associated Press award for “Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast.” In the newscast, Krull served as correspondent and anchor. Krull also won in the “Best News Story” category for her work on “From HCTV to Eyewitness News” where she chronicled the story of three Herkimer College Communication Arts: Radio-Television Broadcasting students and their journey from Herkimer College to working at local TV station WUTR.

Krull said, “To even have our work nominated in the Associated Press was an incredible honor. I am so thrilled that we won not just one, but both awards. It proves that Herkimer is just as capable of producing exceptional news as any private school or university in New York State.”
**STEM ENGINEERING SCIENCE PROGRAM TAKES OFF**

New in the fall of 2014, enrollment in the Engineering Science program has grown significantly. Similar to top four-year engineering programs in the country, Herkimer’s Engineering Science program utilizes project-based learning in the classroom with a focus on real-world application. Lecture and laboratory classes are small, resulting in maximum faculty/student interaction and the benefits of hands-on learning.

“Herkimer offers a cost-effective alternative that prepares students for transfer into the best engineering programs. Our goal is to model working in an engineering team environment,” said Jessica Kelly, Assistant Professor, STEM. Frankfort-Schuyler High School graduate Shawn Cool enrolled in the Engineering Science program to prepare for transfer into a four-year university. Cool said, “I was able to save a lot of money, get a good education and get into RIT.”

In recent years, the College has introduced new STEM programs including Computer Science, Quality Assurance, Engineering Science, and Mathematics. Access to all the best technology. These spaces allow us to provide an even more dynamic learning environment,” said Kelly.

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**Providing Opportunities to Students**

Jessica Kelly
Assistant Professor, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
B.S., William Smith College
M.S., SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

A lifelong resident of the Mohawk Valley and graduate of Little Falls High School, Jessica Kelly joined the faculty at Herkimer College as an assistant professor of STEM in 2012. “I love the opportunities Herkimer College provides for our local communities and those from other communities seeking out a quality education. The diversity on this campus is an asset to our learning community,” said Kelly.

Kelly has been instrumental in growing the Engineering Science program over the past several years. The program is attractive to many students because it offers the opportunities of a larger institution in a small liberal arts college setting. Kelly said, “The faculty at Herkimer College have time to give each student the attention needed for success. We offer small class sizes with hands-on learning opportunities.”

To support the STEM programs, several infrastructure investments have been made including an all-new state-of-the-art Gaynor Science Center and the new SUNY Regional Center for Quality Assurance. “[They] provide our students with access to all the best technology. These spaces allow us to provide an even more dynamic learning environment,” said Kelly.

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“Having the opportunity to serve this community is an honor.”

**April Harris**
Assistant Professor, Cybersecurity
B.A., Central Connecticut State University
M.S., University of New Haven, M.S., Utica College

April Harris was a government contractor conducting national security background investigations when she decided to advance her education and career in the field of cybersecurity. Her interest in computers led to her career choice, and she had always had a desire to teach, so in 2011, she returned to school at Utica College. In 2012, she earned a master’s degree in cybersecurity with a concentration in digital forensics, and in the fall of 2014, she joined the faculty at Herkimer College as an assistant professor of cybersecurity.

Although Harris loves the field she chose, she admits it is difficult to be a woman pursuing a career in a technology field. “I had to get over the barrier of first having to learn about technology that wasn’t immediately accessible in school. Generally girls fear STEM programs because it is a boys thing. There is a gap right now and it needs to be more accessible to girls,” said Harris. Harris has worked to make her program gender neutral and encourages her female students to continue pursuing cybersecurity at the baccalaureate and graduate levels.

As for her experience as a new professor at Herkimer College, Harris said, “So far it has been terrific. I absolutely love it.” She has worked tirelessly to update and enhance the program to better prepare students. For Harris, the most rewarding thing about being an educator is “…when my students have the ‘aha’ moment, when they try to figure something out and they finally get it, getting to see that is really cool.”

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As a coach at Herkimer, Aragon has produced seven NJCAA National Players of the Year, 11 Region III Players of the Year, three Region III Male Athletes of the Year and more than 60 All-Americans. In return, many of his athletes have received academic or athletic scholarships to colleges and universities like Syracuse, Connecticut, Ohio State, St. John’s, Boston, Coastal Carolina, Cornell, West Virginia, Temple, Binghamton, Albany, Clarkson, Lynn, South Carolina, Charleston, California State, Marist, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Cortland and many more.

Expectations are infused right from the start when an athlete sets foot on campus. Aragon works with his athletes during the off-season including a summer workout program and an initiative he calls ‘Breakfast Club.’ “If I find out my athletes are late to class or absent (with the exception of illness), they have to show up for ‘Breakfast Club’ at 6 a.m. the following morning in the athletic building. For 30 to 40 minutes we have them do mop ups, sit ups and burpees. It’s something I’ve done for a long time now, and we do it because we care.”

Beneficiaries of Aragon’s tutelage are recent Herkimer College graduates Ben Polk ’15 and Korab Syla ’13. Both were Player of the Year honorees in their final years as captains and went on to play for Syracuse University, using Aragon’s close connections with Ian McIntyre, the Orange’s head coach, as a resource.

Polk and Syla helped the Orange to their first ever Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Championship and Final Four appearance this past fall, finishing the season 16-5-4, one win shy of the school record. Polk scored the game winner against Boston College in the Elite Eight of the College Cup, netting his 12th goal of the season in the 79th minute from a corner kick to defeat the Eagles 1-0 in regulation. He led the team in points (28) and goals in just 23 games played and has since been drafted to play professionally. As for Syla, he didn’t have the same offensive statistics but helped the senior class accumulate 56 wins, the highest total of any class in school history.

“I am so proud of what those two have done on and off the field at Syracuse,” said Aragon. It doesn’t stop with Polk and Syla however, as Aragon recruits endlessly all over the world to help his program be the best it can be. He feels there is always someone out there chasing him, and because of this, he learns as much as he can to stay ahead of the pack.

“We’ve done a good job preparing our athletes for the next level, not only on the field, but in every aspect of their lives,” said Aragon. “Coaching is no different than parenting. It’s how you guide and push them (students) athletically, academically and socially to prepare them for a successful transition to a four-year institution.”

In the world of community college athletics, one is hard pressed to find a coach who creates better opportunities for student-athletes than Pepe Aragon, head men’s soccer coach.
The Herkimer College athletic program won the 2015 NJCAA Region III Sportsmanship Award for outstanding sportsmanship displayed by student-athletes and staff during the year. They were also recipients of the 2015 Region III Community Service Award.

The athletic program was named an Outstanding Program by the Genesis Group at the ninth annual Celebration of Education on November 20, 2014.

SHINNOSUKE TAKAHASHI
Shinnosuke Takahashi, a native of Chiba, Japan, was drafted by the Yomiuri Giants, a professional team that is part of Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB). Takahashi was drafted in the eighth round, getting an opportunity to pitch for a storied franchise, the oldest team present amongst Japanese professional teams. Takahashi helped the Generals’ 2014 team to a school-record 41 wins (41-11), a regional championship and a third-place finish in the NJCAA Division III World Series.

WILLIE GABAY '12
In April 2015, pitcher Willie Gabay of Mahopac, NY signed a minor league contract with the New York Yankees. In 2012, Gabay was the first Herkimer Generals player ever selected in the Major League Baseball draft when he was chosen by the Tampa Bay Rays. In his 44 career minor league games with the Rays, Gabay had a 4-3 record with a 3.59 ERA and 72 strike outs in 78 innings pitched. While at Herkimer, Gabay set a record with 91 strikeouts in 58.1 innings.

JACOB SHORTSFLEEF
In the spring of 2014, former Herkimer Generals pitcher Jacob Shortslef was drafted in the 26th round by the Texas Rangers. Shortslef was sent to the Arizona League Rangers and went on to throw 35 innings allowing six earned runs while striking out 31 batters and only allowing six walks. He had a 3.2 ERA—good enough to be called up to Class A after his rookie season ended.

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Athletics Championships and Awards

For the second consecutive year, the Herkimer Generals athletic program won the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup, keeping Herkimer ranked first in the nation amongst NJCAA non-scholarship programs. Herkimer also finished third in the standings for the 2014-2015 Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup which recognizes the top overall two-year colleges, based on athletic success in championship competition. With 152 points, Herkimer topped Nassau County Community College (148), Suffolk County Community College (135.5) and Mohawk Valley Community College (129.5).

“The academic pursuits of the student-athlete, beginning with the recruiting process through to graduation requirements, are of the highest priority in cohesiveness with the mission of the college. For the Herkimer Generals, becoming the number one two-year college athletic program in the nation is a byproduct of instilling the core values of community, excellence, integrity and opportunity in all that we do.”

Donald Dutcher, Athletic Director

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“Professional ball has been a great experience for me so far...I was lucky to come from a great program at Herkimer College that really prepared me both mentally and physically for my first professional season. I’m thankful I’ve been given this opportunity to continue to play the game!”

Jacob Shortslef

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Herkimer College Ranked Second Best Community College in New York State

Schools.com ranked 39 community colleges in New York State, each of which is administered by the City University of New York (CUNY) or State University of New York (SUNY) system. According to their publication, the schools were ranked based on the following metrics for the 2013-2014 academic year: student-faculty ratio, distance education participation, affordability of tuition, flexibility, graduation rates, retention rates and transfer rates.

Torchbearers Helped Create Culture of Excellence and Opportunity

In October 2014, Dr. Robert Campo of Utica, NY; David Champoux of Ilion, NY; Ronald Carvin of Waterville, NY; Sally Durkee of Herkimer, NY; and Thomas LaPuma of Utica were presented with the most prestigious College award, the Torchbearer Award. Joining 19 previous Torchbearer Award recipients, the three emeriti were recognized for having made substantial contributions to the College’s development, particularly during the first 20 years of the College’s history.

The common theme in the honorees’ acceptance speeches was one of humility and gratitude to their colleagues. “To those of you who worked so hard to make our students successful, it could not have been done without you,” said Dean Emeritus Robert Campo who retired in 1990 after 21 years of service as the dean of students. “I have an immense sense of pride that I was instrumental in establishing the intercollegiate and intramural athletics programs and developing the physical education curriculum. He also coached no fewer than nine team sports and played a key role in the creation of the Fitness Center.

The Torchbearers all played key roles in helping the College achieve numerous milestones over the years, including:

- Champoux was an innovative leader, teacher and mentor at Herkimer College for over 30 years and served as an associate dean of academic affairs and division chair for several departments.
- Champoux expressed his gratitude to Dr. D. Harold Trautson for hiring him and giving him a chance to establish the Radio/TV Broadcasting program. Champoux was an innovative leader, teacher and mentor at Herkimer College for over 30 years and served as an associate dean of academic affairs and division chair for several departments.
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Bergmann, an attorney since 1993, Carper’s son, currently serves as the Herkimer District County Attorney and formerly was a faculty member at the College. “Little did I know how profoundly this institution would impact my life. I was here that I discovered what was to become my professional life: criminal, or civil law. It was there that I made lifelong friends. It was here that I completed an internship with Oneida County District Attorney Michael Dwyer, where I discovered my dream to be a prosecutor. It was here that I had some of the very best teachers I ever had,” said Carper.

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Brooke Critten, Office Assistant II, Registrar’s Office
Samantha DeChiaro, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Students
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Nearly three decades after former major leaguers Mookie Wilson and Bill Buckner were involved in one of the most memorable moments in World Series history, they appeared at Herkimer College to help raise funds for the Herkimer Generals athletic endowment.

More than 200 guests filled the gym on a Saturday evening last spring to hear Wilson, the former New York Met, and Buckner, a first baseman for the Boston Red Sox’s ’86 team, relive their place in baseball history. In game six, with Boston one strike away from winning the World Series, Wilson hit a ball straight at Buckner. The ball rolled under his glove, ending up in the outfield. The Mets scored the winning run, forcing a game seven the following night which they won to become World Series Champions.

The infamous play was the focus of many questions for Wilson and Buckner, but both seemed to take it all in stride. Throughout the event, the friendship the pair has forged was evident. Wilson and Buckner shared with the audience memories and laughs, and even some advice for parents of college-bound students. “If I had to do it all over again, I would highly encourage my son to go to a junior college,” Buckner discussed his son Bobby’s experience of not getting to play much at his first college, choosing to transfer to a community college where he had more opportunities to play, and ultimately transferring again to Texas A&M. Buckner also talked about the affordability factor of attending a community college.

The evening concluded with an E.S.P./mind-reading show by mentalist and speed painter Robert Channing who became a nationwide household name after competing on America’s Got Talent.

For more information about the athletic endowment, contact Rob Fowler at 315-866-0300, ext. 8459.
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