



# HUMPBACK WHALE SKELETON

AT THE CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**AS THE CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES IS COMPLETED**, SUNY Cobleskill is in the process of acquiring a completely disarticulated skeleton of a juvenile humpback whale, to be displayed from the ceiling in the expansive lobby area. The skeleton will serve as a centerpiece, giving students the opportunity to engage in skeleton construction and take pride in a monumental moment in SUNY Cobleskill History.

Ten Eyck Insurance and Sandy DiNoto '80 have generously supported the fund for the whale skeleton, bringing the College \$2,000 closer to the goal of \$5,000.

SUNY Cobleskill students are taught how to articulate skeletons for the museum collection. The whale skeleton articulation will be assembled using student knowledge of skeleton assemblies.

The skeleton should inspire students to seek education beyond their own understanding and for them to develop an appreciation of large mammal anatomy.

SUNY Cobleskill is proud to present this opportunity for students, faculty, and members of the local community to gain a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

## Academic Programs & Courses Enhanced:

- Wildlife Management (B.T.)
- Fisheries & Wildlife Technology (A.A.S.)
- BIOL 131—Natural History of the Vertebrates
- BIOL 330—Mammalogy
- BIOL 400—Evolutionary Biology
- BIOL 415—Marine Ecology

## Faculty:

- Mark Kiburz is a Fisheries & Wildlife Technician who is responsible for the taxidermy program portion of the Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Sciences program.

## Alumni:

- Judy St. Leger '85—SeaWorld Pathologist

## PROFESSORS SAY...

"The skeleton is demonstrative of the evolutionary underpinnings fundamental to *all* the biological sciences. It will demonstrate for students the structural/functional similarities as well as adaptive differences that exist among species that share monophyletic ancestry (e.g., homologous structures)."

—Dr. Amy Quinn  
*Mammalogist*

"This specimen, if properly reconstructed, will be sure to stop people in their tracks upon entering CANR and will be a huge talking point in recruitment."

—Dr. Mike Losito  
*Evolutionary Biology Professor*