

## ELEMENTARY THESPIANS TO PRESENT "WILLY WONKA KIDS" APRIL 12-13

The BCS Elementary Thespians will transport Bradford to a "world of pure imagination" with their production of *Willy Wonka Kids*, a 30-minute musical based on Roald Dahl's timeless children's book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.



A world-famous reclusive candy maker named Willy Wonka announces that he will offer the tour of a lifetime through his secret chocolate factory to five children who find a golden ticket in one of his candy bars. One ticket holder also will win a lifetime supply of chocolate. Against all odds, an impoverished but sweet-natured boy named Charlie Bucket wins a golden ticket. He and his fellow tour members spend a day traveling with the mysterious and marvelous Willy Wonka and his crew of Oompa Loompas through the fantastical factory.

The children encounter marvelous sights and tastes along the way, including giant nut-selecting squirrels, fizzy lifting drinks, Everlasting Gobstoppers and a chocolate river. But each stop proves to be a test, as only one can go on to win the Wonka prize.

"It takes tremendous imagination to communicate the whimsy and wonder of Willy Wonka's factory, and it requires great sensitivity to deliver the musical's key message on the importance of good character," said Dusty Baker, artistic and music director. "This is just our second elementary musical, and our first as an official club at school, so it's sure to be a special production and has been an incredible opportunity for learning and growth with these kids," he said.

Kristin Croft is the show's assistant director and the choreographer is Courtney Miller.

Don't miss *Willy Wonka Kids* on Friday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Bradford Central School. Golden tickets to the production are \$5 and available at the door.



The cast and crew of Willy Wonka Kids hard at work during rehearsal.

## STUDENTS LEARN CAREER SKILLS

High school seniors are often asked: What are you going to do after graduation?

Thanks to their Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes at GST BOCES, these seniors already have their answer. The students attend half-day classes at the Coopers Education Center to learn a trade.

Here's what Bradford students had to say about their experiences at BOCES:

### ***Logan Barned, the son of Roxanne and Keith Barned, is a student in the CISCO Networking Academy program.***

Logan's strong interest in computers and a desire to learn the ins and outs of how the machines work led him to the CISCO Networking Academy. While in the program, Logan has enjoyed working with students from other districts who share his same interest in technology. His favorite take away from the program is mastering the ability to take apart a hard drive, diagnose the problem and then repair it.

Following graduation, Logan will attend Corning Community College to study Computer Science.



### ***Colin Cormier, the son of Tara Abbey and Aaron Cormier, is a Building Construction student.***

Colin chose the Building Construction program because he has always enjoyed using tools and building projects. "I love the challenge of building something... of seeing how it comes together," he said.

Throughout his two years in the program, Colin and his classmates learned all aspects of home building and put those skills to use as they built a house from the ground up in the classroom shop and then traveled to the job site to install the finishings on the completed home.



Upon graduation, Colin will enlist in the US Navy with a goal of joining the Navy Construction Battalion, aka the Navy Seabees. Following his service, Colin plans to study Business in college under the GI Bill and eventually start his own construction company.

### ***Daniel Dailey, the son of Tahitia Burnside, is a student in the Automotive Technology program.***

Daniel says he fell in love with cars at a young age watching his father and grandfather work on vehicles, so the Auto Tech program was a natural fit for him. He enjoys the satisfaction of the hands-on work in fixing a motor or piecing a car back together to get the vehicle up and running and back on the road.

Daniel knows that his time at BOCES has opened up additional career paths. "There's a lot more out there than just working on cars," he said. "With the skills I've learned in the Auto Tech program, I also could work on airplanes or join the military."

Daniel hopes to be his own boss one day and open his own garage and specialize in ATV sales.



### ***Faith Darcangelo, the daughter of Lisa and Jim Darcangelo, is a Culinary Arts student.***

Faith grew up helping her parents in the kitchen, so enrolling in the Culinary Arts program was an easy choice for her. From learning the basics of food preparation to creating complicated dishes, Faith loves that class is different each day. While working in the class kitchen, students rely on teamwork and communication to be successful, much like they would in the kitchen of a working restaurant.

According to Faith, the life-long skills she learned during her two years in the program, including



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## CAREER SKILLS, CONTINUED

budgeting and using what's on hand in the pantry to make a home cooked meal will allow her to take care of her family following graduation and beyond.

### ***Dylan Matuszek, the son of Tabitha and Patrick Matuszek, is a student in the Heavy Equipment program.***

Dylan decided to attend BOCES because he wanted to try something new. The Heavy Equipment program was a good fit for him because he prefers hands-on learning over the traditional classroom setting. In addition to learning how to operate, maintain and repair equipment ranging from skid steers to bulldozers to excavators, Dylan says he also gained other valuable skills to help in work and life, including a strong work ethic, teamwork and communication.

Following graduation, Dylan will attend Alfred State College to study Heavy Equipment Operation.



### ***Timothy Miller, the son of Joyce Konopski and Tim Miller, is a Heavy Equipment student.***

As a child, Timothy remembers watching his grandfather driving a tractor on the family farm, which piqued his interest in heavy equipment. During his time at BOCES, Timothy enjoyed the hands-on nature of the work, as well as meeting other students with similar interests. In addition to learning to operate, maintain and repair heavy equipment, students in the program earn numerous certificates including OSHA 10, forklift operation, logging, chain saw use and CPR/First Aid. Timothy credits the program for helping him to mature and gain a respect for working the land and the importance of safely operating heavy equipment on it. He will enter the workforce following graduation.



### ***Aiden Monell, the son of Heather and Adam Monell, is a student in the New Visions Innovation, Leadership and Business (ILB) program.***

Aiden views his participation in the New Visions ILB program as an investment in his future. "I want to start my own business," he said. "I have an interest in real estate. This program has taught me about finances and how to manage money." He also likes the change from the traditional school setting and appreciates the responsibility and freedom the program has allowed him, noting that he has learned to manage his time effectively and gained real-world experience by visiting various businesses and industries throughout the Southern Tier.

After graduation, Aiden plans to study to become a real estate agent and one day start his own brokerage firm. He also is interested in purchasing investment properties to renovate and then sell.



### ***Barbara Strassburg, the daughter of Mark Strassburg, is a Culinary Arts student.***

Barbara, who loves to cook and bake, has thoroughly enjoyed her experience in the Culinary Arts program. "I wanted to learn about the culinary industry and this program taught me how to do my dream job," she said.

Barbara appreciates the relationships she has formed with her classmates during her two years in the program, noting the strong communication and teamwork among her peers. "That's what the culinary industry is based on: teamwork and communication," she said.

Following graduation, Barbara will join the workforce, possibly as a substitute food services worker in the BCS cafeteria. Her goal is to one day work at Poppleton Bakery and Café in Corning.



## CAREER SKILLS, CONTINUED

### ***Randy Travis Jr., the son of Kandy Guiles and Randy Travis Sr., is a student in the Digital Media Arts program.***

Randy's love of the creative arts, including movies, animation and photography, led him to enroll in the Digital Media Arts program. His work in the program has allowed him to earn certifications in numerous Adobe programs including Premiere, Illustrator and Audition.



"This program allowed me to follow my destiny," he said.

After graduation, Randy wants to continue his work in drawing and illustrating and work in the field of animation.



*Mikayla Schoffner (left) and Madison Sutryk (right).*

### ***Mikayla Schoffner, the daughter of Jennifer and Greg Schoffner, is a New Visions Health Careers Exploration student.***

Mikayla enrolled in the New Vision Health Careers program to help her decide which area of health-care she wanted to pursue. "I knew I wanted to help people and better the lives of others," she said.

Mikayla is grateful to be a part of the New Visions program and appreciates the many benefits it has

afforded her, including building connections with students from other schools who share her interests, the hands-on exposure to many different aspects of the medical field through clinical rotations and the ability to earn numerous college credits through demanding course work that has prepared her for the next step in her education.

"New Visions is the absolute favorite part of my day," she said. "I love the environment and getting to be around amazing people who share my goal of working in the medical field."

Mikayla will attend Nazareth University to major in Physical Therapy in the 3+3 doctoral program.

### ***Madison Sutryk, the daughter of Kim and Adam Sutryk, is a student in the New Visions Health Careers Exploration program.***

Madison credits the New Visions Health Careers Exploration program with not only preparing her for the rigors of college, but also helping her decide which healthcare path she wants to pursue. She enjoys the fast-paced environment of the class and working with like-minded students interested in medicine who want to work hard and support each other. In addition to gaining practical experience through hands-on clinical work at various medical facilities across the region, New Visions students earn 19 college credits, as well as CPR and First Aid certifications. As a three-sport athlete, Madison said the program taught her how to balance academics with athletics and other commitments outside of school. "I learned how to study and to manage my time," she said.

Based on her clinical experience, Madison has decided she wants to work as a nurse in the Emergency Department. She will attend SUNY Brockport to major in Nursing this fall.

GST BOCES offers hands-on training in more than 20 career areas to high school students and adults. Graduates leave with marketable skills to find employment or to continue their education in their chosen career areas. For more information on these and other programs, contact your school counselor or visit the GST BOCES website at [www.gstboeces.org](http://www.gstboeces.org).



## BOCES STUDENTS EARN TOP OF THE TRADE HONORS



**C**ongratulations to Logan Barned, Randy Travis Jr. (pictured), Dylan Matuszek, Faith Darcangelo and Mikayla Schoffner, who have earned Top of the Trade honors in their respective Career and Technical Education classes at GST BOCES Coopers Campus. Every month, a student from each CTE program is selected for the award based on hard work, perseverance, attendance and positive attitude.

## STUDENTS HELP TO CLEAR LAND FOR PLAYING FIELDS



**B**OCES Heavy Equipment students Timothy Miller and Dylan Matuszek and their classmates have been working to clear land adjacent to the Kozy Korner restaurant to allow the district to expand its baseball/softball and soccer field space. The students have been working since February to cut trees, clear brush and re-grade the area, as well as create an area for additional parking.

## SIX INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY



*Congratulations to Logan Barned, Madison Sutryk, Dylan Matuszek, Mikayla Schoffner, Randy Travis Jr. and Aiden Monell, who were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. The NTHS recognizes students who demonstrate skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship and leadership in their chosen CTE classes.*



## WINTER ATHLETES EARN HONORS

Our athletic teams had a great winter season! Congratulations to these teams and individual athletes, who received special honors:



### Girls Varsity Basketball

Bruna Crespo \_\_\_\_\_ Sectional All-Star  
Finger Lakes West 1st Team All-League

Mikayla Schoffner \_\_\_\_\_ Sectional All-Star  
Finger Lakes West Exceptional Senior

Madison Sutryk \_\_\_\_\_ Finger Lakes West  
League Sportsmanship Award

Kailey Yeoman \_\_\_\_\_ Ronald McDonald All-Star Game  
Finger Lakes West 2nd Team All-League

2023-24 Team \_\_\_\_\_ Section 5 Class C2 Champions  
Finger Lakes West League Co-Champions  
Western Region State Runner-Up  
Ranked as high as #4 by NYS Sports Writers

### Varsity Indoor Track

Madison Hughes \_\_\_\_\_ Finger Lakes West Long Jump  
Champion (new record)  
Divisional Long Jump Champion

### Varsity Cheerleading

Delilah Buzzell-Wilson \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Team All-Star

### Boys Varsity Basketball

Aiden Monell \_\_\_\_\_ Exceptional Senior Game

### Girls Varsity Bowling

Amelia Wood \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Team All-Star

### Varsity Wrestling

Gage Machuga \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Team All-Star

### NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams

Girls Basketball • Boys Basketball  
Boys Bowling • Boys and Girls Indoor Track



To receive the Scholar Athlete team recognition, the team's average GPA for 75 percent of the roster must be 90 percent or higher.

## SENIOR WINTER ATHLETES



Senior winter athletes included Madison Sutryk, basketball; Madison Hughes, indoor track; Mikayla Schoffner, basketball; Brunna Crespo, basketball; Kailey Yeoman, basketball; Aiden Monell, basketball; Logan Barned, bowling; Michael McNeill, bowling and Devon Grandall, bowling. Thank you for representing Bradford well during your athletic careers!



# ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to these winter athletes, who were honored as Athletes of the Month.

November: Bruna Crespo, Varsity girls basketball; Alex Goltry, Varsity boys basketball; Riley Stinson, JV girls basketball and Kaiser Kiklowicz, modified boys basketball.

December: Kailey Yeoman, Varsity girls basketball; Gage Machuga, wrestling; Reese Simpson, modified girls basketball and Colton Aftuck, JV boys basketball.

January: Mikayla Schoffner, Varsity girls basketball; Jeremy Stiles, Varsity boys basketball; Sophia Keefer, modified girls basketball and Clay Gleason, modified boys basketball.

February: Piper Simpson, JV girls basketball; Amelia Wood, Varsity girls bowling and Caitlyn Bates, Varsity cheerleading.

March: Members of the Section V Class C2 championship girls Varsity basketball team.

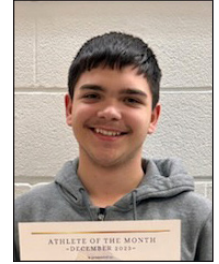


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## THEATER GROUP BRINGS STUDENT'S STORY TO LIFE

The Echoes program for grades 6 through 8 is one of the largest middle school writing competitions in the United States.

After taking part in a classroom workshop with actors from the Auburn-based REV Theater Co., middle school students have the opportunity to submit an original piece of writing. As many as 4,000 creative writing pieces are submitted each year from students across New York State. Members of the theater group read each one and select dozens of poems, songs, stories and skits to weave into an original 50-minute production. The REV actors return to the schools to perform the skits they created from the entries. The performance showcases at least one author from every school that enters.

Following the performance, an awards ceremony recognizes the school's featured writers, as well as others who contributed works of special merit that were not included in the show. All students who enter the competition receive a certificate of participation.

Congratulations to BCS students who earned honors, including:

- **Carol Strauss, 8th grade**

Carol's two-voice poem titled, *My Classmate*, was chosen as a Showcased Author piece. Her poem was part of the 2024 performance.

- **Amelia Wood, 8th grade**

Amelia's two-voice poem titled, *My School Morning*, earned an Excellence in Writing award.

- **Clifford Barber, 7th grade**

Clifford's two-voice poem titled, *My School Day*, was given an Honorable Mention award.



Amelia Wood



Clifford Barber

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