

# LIFE

A pictorial perspective on student success



**One journey ends -  
another begins**

Graduations offer hope,  
inspiration, introspection

See center spread

**Inside: Year ends with fun & challenging events, activities**



# Hands on... a hand up



Mixing creativity, engineering know-how and team work, the annual “Canstruction” competition at the Oakdale Mall enables students to develop and demonstrate skills while supporting efforts to combat hunger in our community. BOCES this year fielded two teams, partnering with Visions Federal Credit Union (left) and Lockheed Martin (right).







# Head of the class



Through the Junior Achievement program, students became teachers in a role reversal that connected seniors in our New Visions Academy with kindergarteners at Binghamton's Horace Mann Elementary School. While a generation apart, the student-to-student exchange provided insight and learning opportunities at both ends of the classroom.







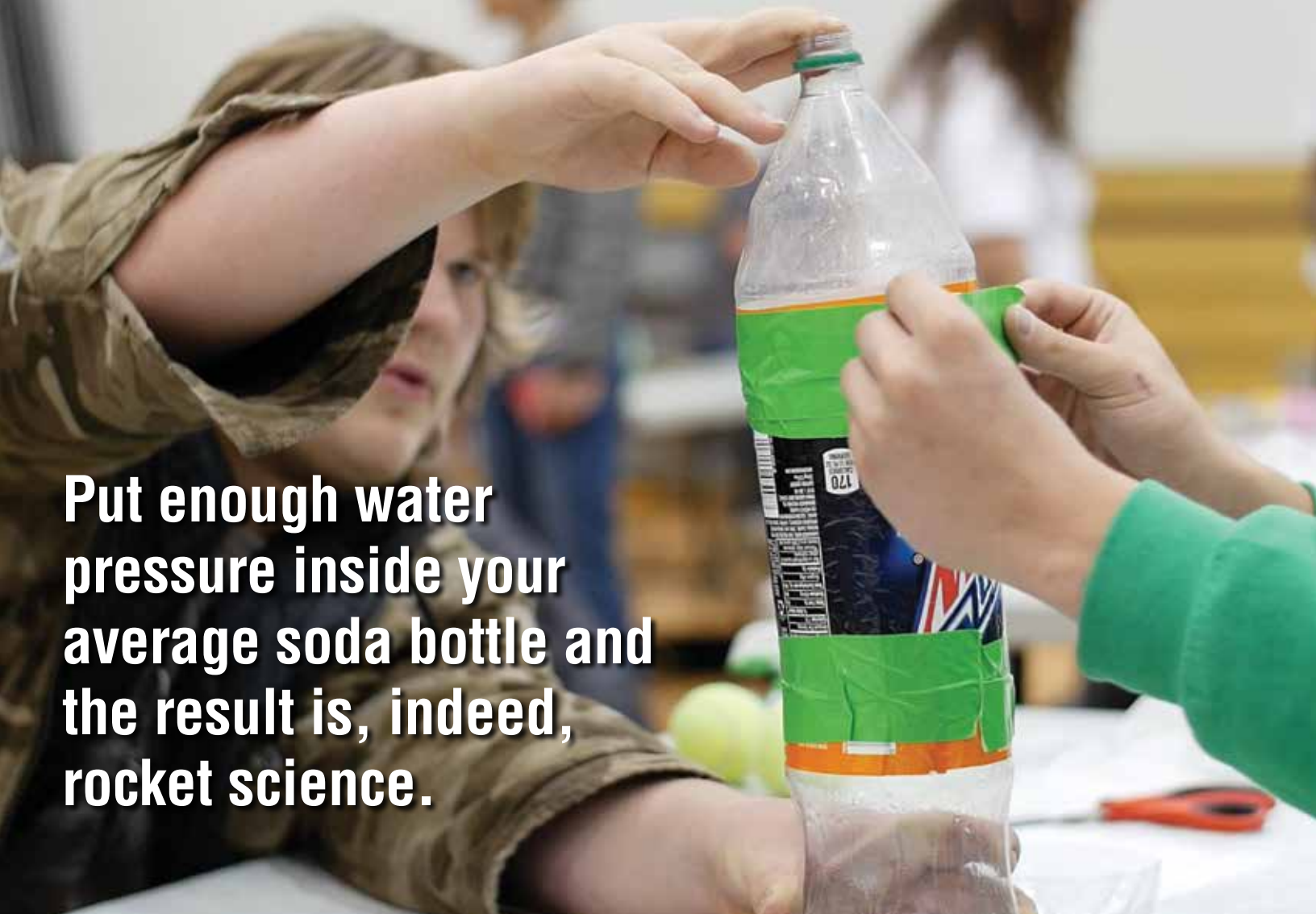
# Unlocking the secret to success



With the clock ticking and the pressure mounting, teams of students tediously examine the esoteric clues that promise to provide the combination that reveals the secrets contained in the locked box. One of a series of online game programs entitled “Breakouts,” the exercise requires critical thinking, cooperation and teamwork, all important skills to future success.







**Put enough water pressure inside your average soda bottle and the result is, indeed, rocket science.**





# Through our eyes

Student photo exhibit focuses on hopes and needs in our community.



Experimentation and discovery essentially define much of what students experience in the P-TECH program. Whether learning to build and launch a homemade bottle rocket or creating photographic expressions of how they view our community, students in this innovative six-year program are on track to earn both a high school diploma and associate degree.







As enduring as any classroom subject, the annual prom is a much anticipated and celebrated part of the traditional high school experience. For many students, including those in our special education programs, these events are the social highlight of the year, a time to share some laughs and memories with friends before heading off to wherever life may lead.





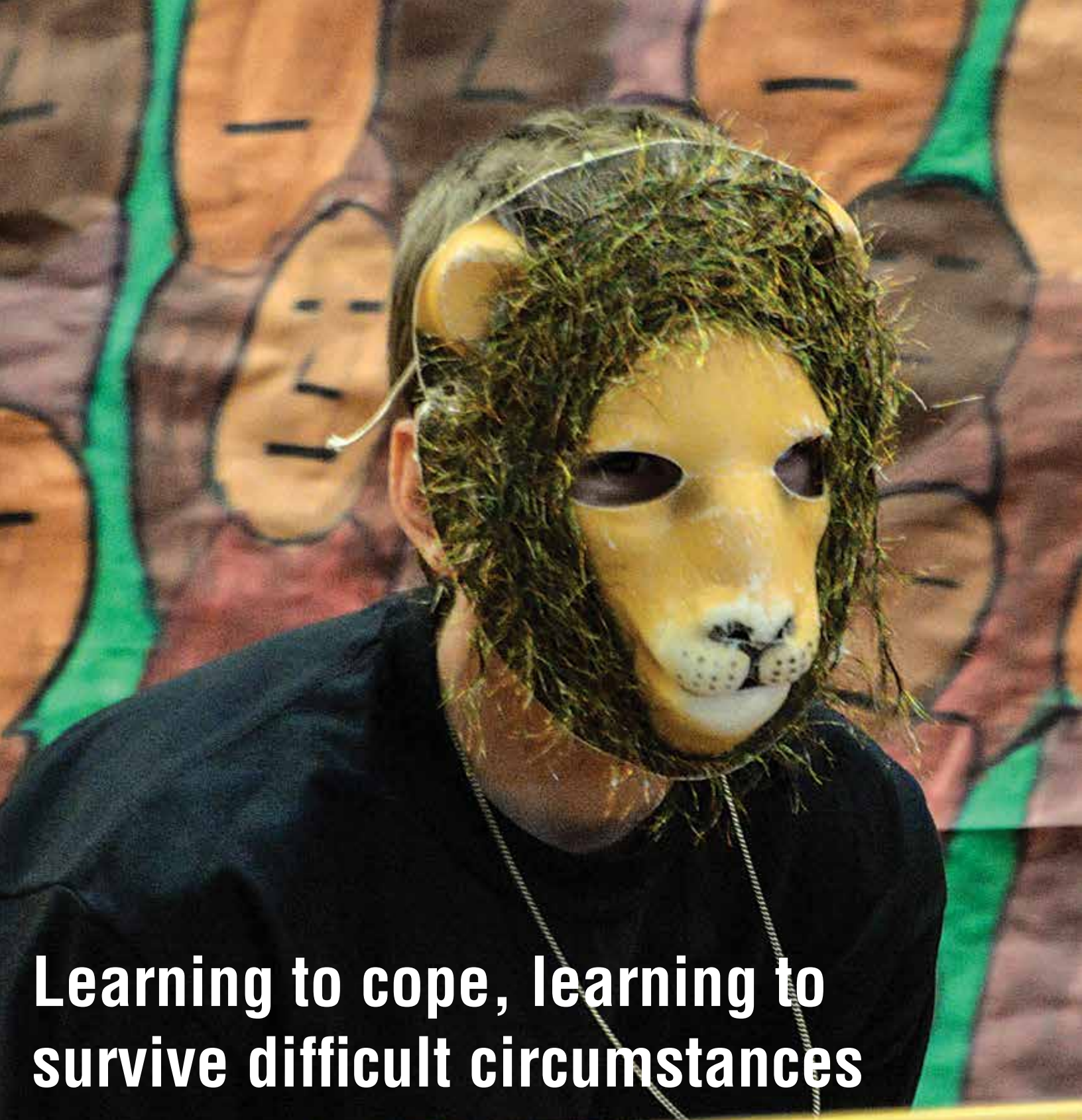
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MAY 13<sup>th</sup> | SUNDOWN







## **Learning to cope, learning to survive difficult circumstances**

Students at West Learning Center presented a stage performance based on the book “A Long Walk to Water,” which tells the story of a young boy who survived the brutal civil war in South Sudan and later returned to teach his people how to drill wells to produce safe drinking water. Using art, music and theatrics, students were able to draw connections between the difficulties overcome in the story and those they may face in their own lives.







# Unravelling the science of the crime scene

It's called forensic entomology, and while it can be smelly and a bit unnerving, it is step No. 1 when the investigation leads to the unidentifiable remains of a victim. Pictured, students in the criminal justice program are sent into the woods in search of decaying remains (animal parts donated by a local butcher) to gather and document evidence and estimate the post-mortem interval (time of death).



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# CRIME SCENE





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**We did it!**  
Years of dogged determination and hard work culminate in ceremonies punctuated by fist-pumping cheers, broad smiles, many hugs and a few tears. Graduation photographs need no captions.









# A time to stand and be recognized







Success comes in many forms at Broome-Tioga BOCES, not all of them measured by grade-point averages or celebrated in flowing silk gowns and funny caps. Every class has its standouts, every program a special story to tell. For some, a simple, handmade certificate confers the value of a winning lottery ticket. Success always wins.





# Serving up support for autism







Community support is an integral component in every course and service, but perhaps none more so than in special education programs such as Oak Tree. That commitment is demonstrated each year at our annual "Celebrity Pasta Dinner," where local elected officials and media personalities join together to serve as hosts for a fun-filled, belly-filling evening.





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or

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**Student life-saver**  
Congratulations to Jessica  
Fitzgerald, who used the  
CPR she learned in  
nursing class to save  
a co-worker's life.



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