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A pictorial perspective on student success

The thrill of the challenge

Plunging headlong into tomorrow



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Enriching Lives Through Education

Answering the call





It doesn't get any more "hands-on, real-world" than this.

For students considering a career in health services, hearing from those who work at the gritty, street level of the business can be an eye-opening experience.

Visits by groups such as Chenango Ambulance Services Inc. provide students with an up-close opportunity to ask questions and receive answers that can't be found in a book or online discussion.



Shaping the world, the future

Hundreds of students from throughout the region attend the annual Construction & Technology Career Day to explore futures with nearly unlimited possibility and potential. The event takes hands-on learning to a whole new level.





Freezin' for a special reason



A major funding source for Special Olympics events throughout the year, the annual “Freezin for a Reason Polar Plunge” is also a quintessential example of how the mind can overcome matter when dedication and determination are applied. Each year, dozens of hearty souls line up for a chilly dip into Chenango Lake at Chenango Valley State Park. There is no shortage of shivers, shrieks and smiles.





Students in various building trade courses at BOCES enter a real-world classroom each day, helping build a home that one day will be occupied by a local family through Broome County Habitat for Humanity. This is hands-on learning with the heart-warming benefits of doing something special for the community.

An eye on the future



Engineering Day

The challenge is to construct a “Rube Goldberg” machine with multiple transfers of energy in a given period of time using nothing but a box full of common, household items. There is pressure, for sure. There is tension, for sure. There are set-backs as well. But before it’s over, there is the satisfaction and enjoyment realized when a team pulls together and creative energies take shape in a unique production of engineering marvel.







Lessons from the heart

Heart and lung transplant survivor Liz DeVivo tells her amazing story to students in our health science program as part of her ongoing appeal to enlist organ donors. DeVivo, whose story has attracted national attention, was diagnosed with scleroderma in 2000 and underwent transplant surgery in 2003. Her remarkable story has helped raise awareness of the “miracles” made possible through organ donations.





A shared vision

Real-world work experience is the goal and shared vision in this partnership between BOCES Evertech High School and Visions Federal Credit Union (VFCU). With the establishment of a branch office at our main campus, students learn about a key industry and potential career path through paid internships, while VFCU provides convenient service to the hundreds of employees who work at the Glenwood Road facility.





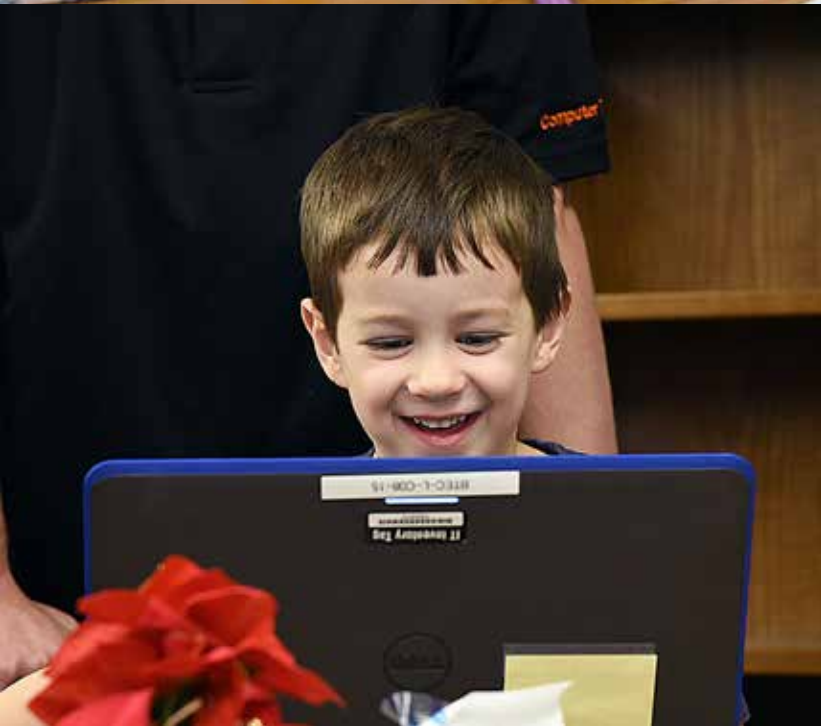
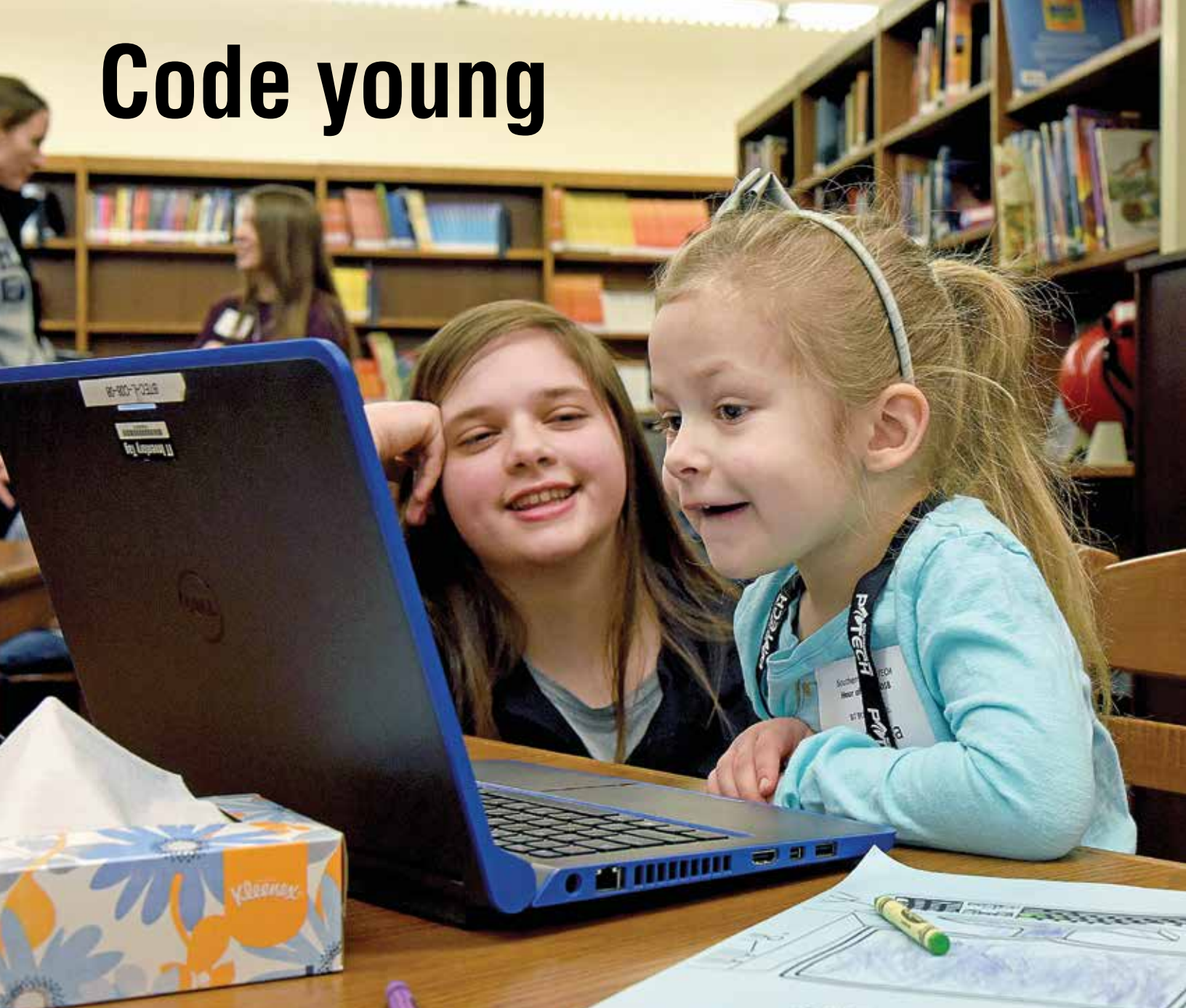
The beat of success

Holiday concerts are an eagerly anticipated tradition at most every school, and the special education program at BOCES is no exception.

Providing students with an exciting (albeit nerve-wracking for some) opportunity to demonstrate their dancing, singing and instrumental skills, these concerts also help build self-confidence and social strengths that will serve them well in future years.



Code young



Frustrating as it may be for parents and teachers, young people often display a natural tendency to gravitate toward those who better fit the big brother or sister category.

That attraction is evident when a group of Chenango Valley preschoolers visits Broome-Tioga BOCES to explore some basic computer coding exercises with students in the P-TECH Computer Science program.

It is a shared learning experience.



Full STEAM ahead



As any grandparent will attest, it is amazing how quickly young people - especially very young people - pick up on the workings of things that tend to boggle the more mature mind. That reality becomes evident to even the casual observer at the annual STEAMfest at the Oakdale Mall, where the latest in robotic technology is soon mastered as if just another fancy toy.



Adventures of the animal kind





When Animal Adventure Park owner Jordan Patch brings his high-energy presentation to BOCES, keeping the attention of all those young people in the audience is never a problem.

Be it a spider, snake, lizard, alligator, sloth or some other exotic creature, each comes with a lesson in animal behaviour and an opportunity for up-close, often hands-on examination.



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Congratulations

Adeline Guzzi was the guest speaker at the recent Mentoring Day program at BOCES, where she shared how she overcame developmental disabilities to find success through our Project SEARCH program, a partnership between BOCES, Lourdes Hospital, Community Options and ACCES/VR. Her superior work ethic, resiliency and determination helped her make the transition from an internship at Lourdes to her current competitive employment position at the hospital.



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