

**BROOME-TIOGA BOCES**

**COVID-19 Edition**

June 2020

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A pictorial perspective on student success

**Hallways fall silent  
Life goes virtual**

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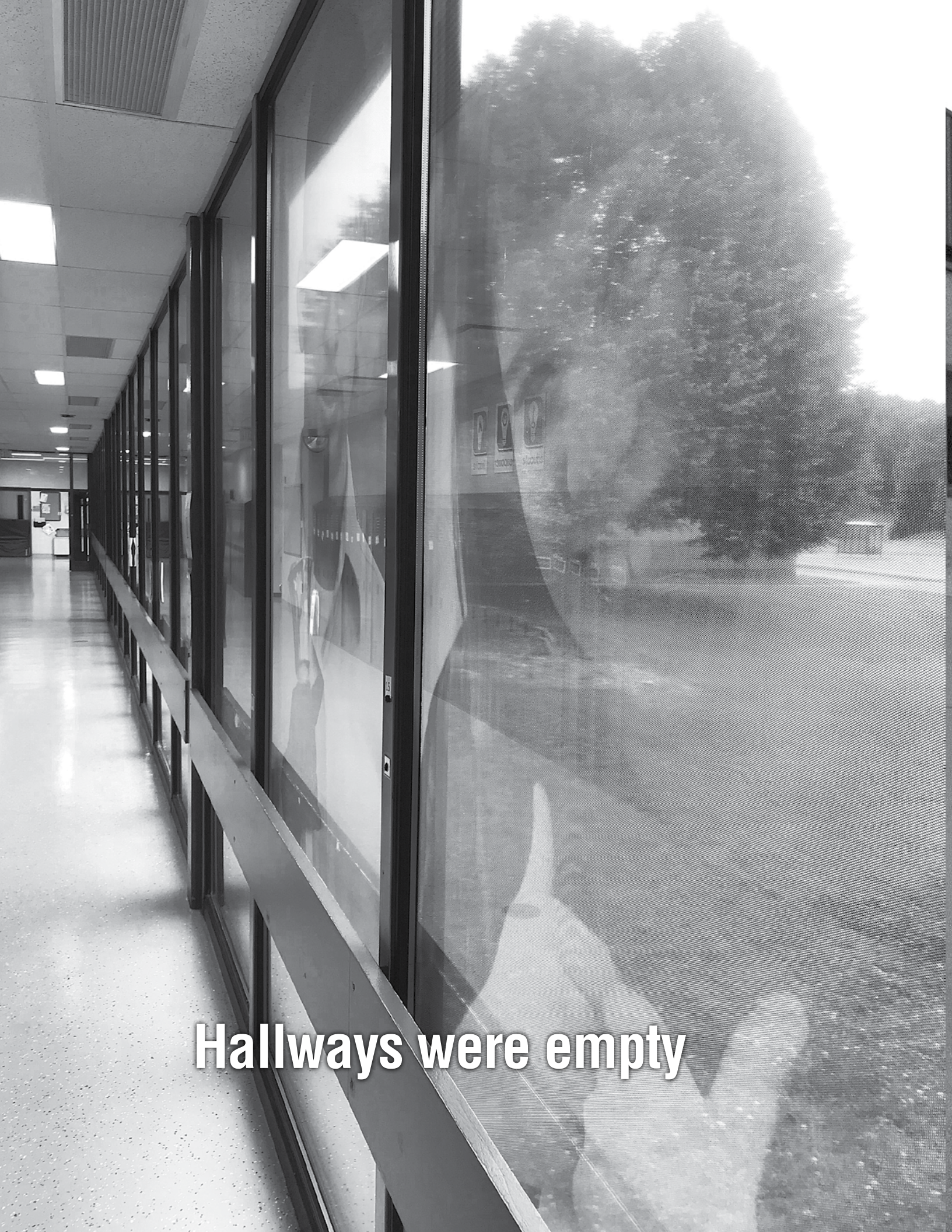




# As if following an eerie movie script, everything ... just ... stopped

In mid-March, the hallways at BOCES were minimally lit. There were no students, no faculty or staff. Everyone had been ordered to stay home to avoid the COVID-19 spread. To keep our distance. To stand by for further orders. From the earliest days, it was clear the rest of this school year would be like no other.





**Hallways were empty**



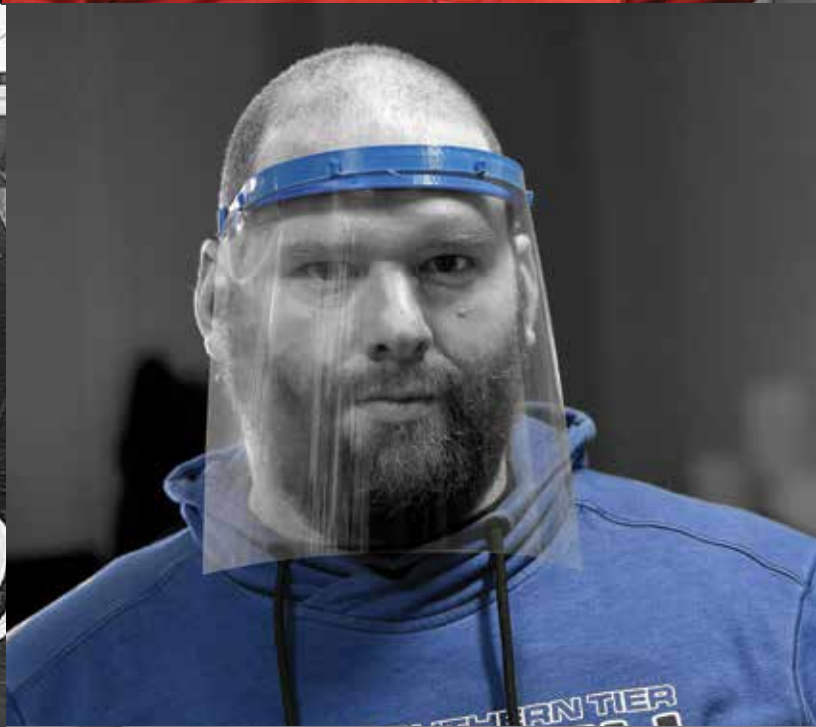
**Playgrounds were still**

*Then ...*

# BOCES stepped up to the challenge



Most remained home in the initial weeks of closure, as infection rates rose across our region of New York state. But a small group of BOCES instructors carefully emerged to help provide the personal protection equipment (PPE) that health care workers desperately needed. Employing a small army of 3D printers, the group printed and packaged hundreds of face shields to be donated for use in the fight against COVID-19.



# We zoomed toward a 'new normal'



As BOCES and individual school districts across the region shuttered their doors, teachers, aides and employees from all areas of education evolved, finding new ways to reach students, support families (and one another), and conduct business. New platforms of communication and technology emerged. We were distant, but we were together.





**BT BOCES Crossroads & KIDS2**  
 @BTBOCES\_CR\_KIDS

District-based Crossroads & KIDS staff came together (virtually) to send our students this message: We miss you! See you soon! Stay strong!  
 @BroomeBOCES @BTBOCES\_IP



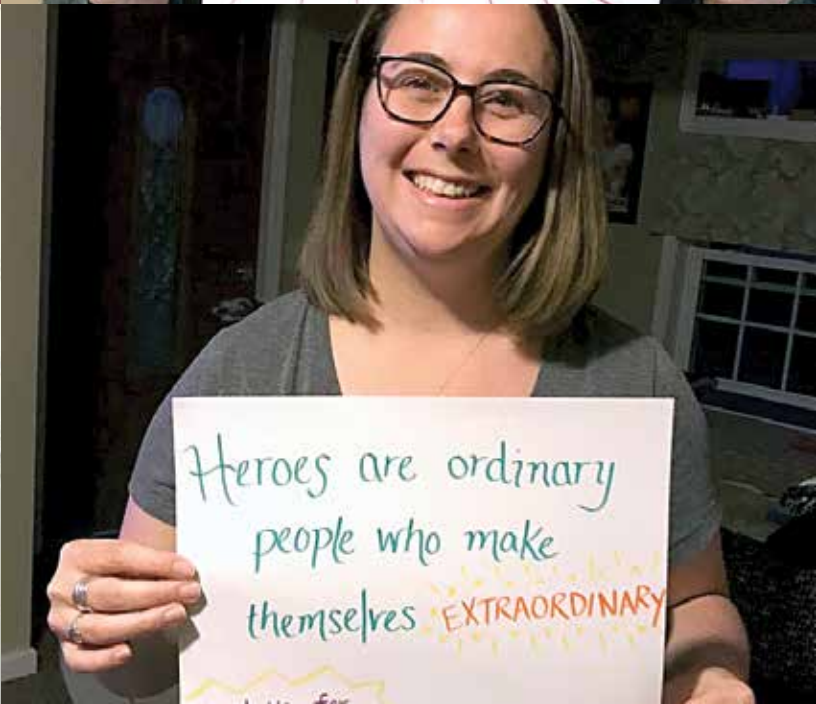
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# Volunteers rose to the occasion to support heroes in health care



A few weeks into the COVID-19 closure, a volunteer group of BOCES employees responded by launching a program to deliver free meals - supplied by local businesses - to those fighting the pandemic on the front lines, or in other words, our community's "hospital heroes." When the program wrapped up at the close of the school year, the BOCES team consisted of 48 volunteers who had gathered donations from 65 businesses. They had delivered 11,300 meals. Heroes, one and all.









# Parking lots became graduation stages



As early summer approached, the idea of conducting graduation events within the confines of a social distancing policy brought an unprecedented challenge for schools across the region. Creativity and perseverance ruled the day, though, as BOCES students and staff celebrated achievement and success like never before with parking lot and drive-through ceremonies.



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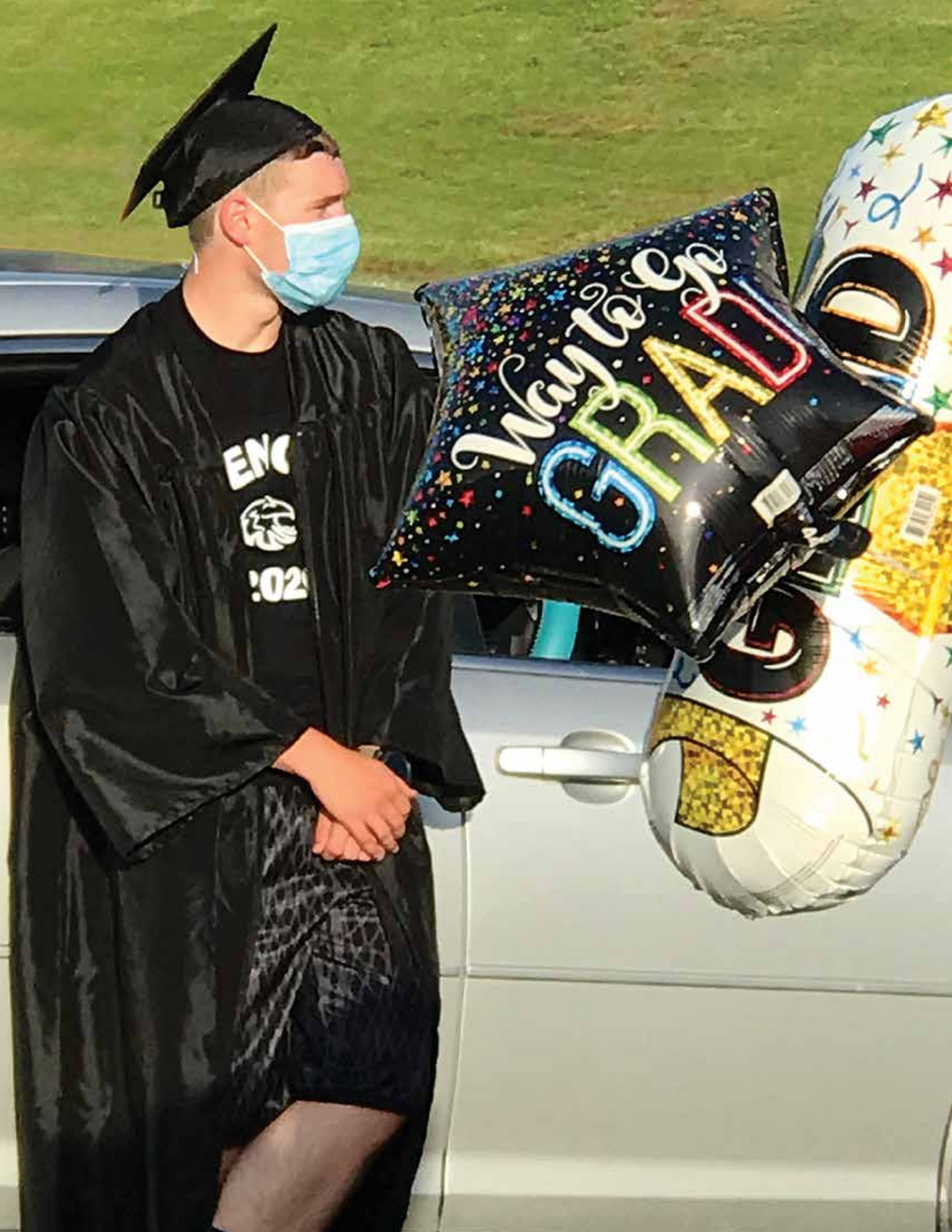


As Art Linkletter once said, “Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out.”

And make the best of it, we did.

With signs galore, miles of car parades rolling past students’ homes, and creative events - in person and across virtual platforms - the BOCES team came together amid the pandemic to provide a fitting send-off for our Class of 2020 students from all program areas.

Congratulations to all!



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When they couldn't come to us,  
we went to them



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# Congratulations



Broome-Tioga BOCES' Vanessa Moschak was recognized – twice – for her leadership role in supporting our area's Hospital Heroes during the COVID-19 shutdown. First, she was honored by State Sen. Fred Akshar, being named a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction for the 52nd Senate District. Soon after, Vanessa was given the distinction of Broome County Community Champion by Jason Garnar, county executive.



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