



Alumni Spotlight

Will Savarese looks back fondly at his days in the TV/Video studio on the SWBOCES Careers campus. It was the training ground where he gained knowledge beyond what he already knew as a budding actor.

"I think it was the first time I was going to school, and I felt like I was learning things I wanted to learn about and that I was passionate about, and there was an excitement in that," the 2017 graduate said.

Acting was already his passion when he came to SWBOCES, and the program presented opportunities to perform in classmates' projects as well as learn about working on the other side of the camera.

"I got to work my acting muscles a lot while learning about the sound and film production side," Mr. Savarese said.

Mr. Savarese got into filmmaking early on and pursued acting from there. By senior year of high school he sought any chance to act. Friends who attended the SWBOCES program during their junior year convinced him to enroll for his senior year.

Amid the classwork, there was time allotted to simply work on scripts or prepare for acting jobs. The program allowed students to pursue their goals, he said.

Mr. Savarese would encourage high school students to consider BOCES, especially if there is a field about which they are passionate. BOCES allows you to grow professionally and to find opportunities, he said. It's also a great way to get ahead of the pack by graduating high school with defined skills.

He would know. By senior year of college, Mr. Savarese's acting pursuits led him to the role of Link Larkin in the national production of Hairspray.

"I think I've just always loved the idea of telling stories in whatever way," he said, "and I think acting is the place I've found that I could do that the best."

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