

Graduation is an exciting time for the Rockland BOCES community and we are always proud to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Our agency hosted more than a dozen commencement and moving-up ceremonies in May and June to recognize our 2024 graduates in all K-12 programs. These annual events provide students and families an opportunity to celebrate growth, success and achievement. The production submitted to NSPRA (Rockland BOCES: A Year of Excellence 2024) is a compilation of highlights from each Rockland BOCES year-end event. This seven-minute best of video was shared to the Rockland BOCES Board of Education, faculty, staff, students and school community in August 2024. The video was highly effective in capturing the excitement and emotion of student achievement and success across our various programs and schools during the 2023-24 academic year. Tight editing and the use of inspirational soundbites from each event, mixed with uplifting music, drove the message of perseverance and strength. Desired outcomes were met: there was a measurable change in attitudes toward and support by our students and families toward Rockland BOCES. Additionally, this production demonstrates how our agency embraces diversity and recognizes our responsibility to foster an open, welcoming environment in which students and employees of all backgrounds can collaboratively learn, work and serve. Rockland BOCES: A Year of Excellence 2024 was shared with returning administrators, faculty, staff, students and families via the official Rockland BOCES YouTube channel and to administrators, faculty, and staff via a QR code sent home to announce the 2024-25 Opening Day celebration in September 2024. The video is also featured on the Rockland BOCES website, rocklandboces.org.