

BOCES graduates work with Jack Black on Tenacious D project



Jack Gatto (Lewiston-Porter graduate) and Geoff Roberts (Niagara Wheatfield graduate).

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Recently, two alumni of Jennifer Manning's Orleans/Niagara BOCES animation, film and visual effects program, Jack Gatto (Lewiston-Porter graduate) and Geoff

Roberts (Niagara Wheatfield graduate), had the amazing opportunity to work on the animated video for the song "Video Games" by actor/musician Jack Black's band, Tenacious D.

Gatto had several roles in the "Video Games" project, including CG supervisor, 3-D character and

prop modeler, texture artist, rigging artist and environment and lighting artist. Roberts was a 3-D character and prop modeler and texture artist on the project.

The video was released on May 11 and, as of this writing, currently has over 24.5 million views on the official Tenacious D YouTube

channel.

Gatto and Roberts first collaborated as classmates in the animation, film and visual effects program at Niagara Career and Technical Education Center (NCTEC). During that time, Gatto was also a two-time SkillsUSA New

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Low-Port Class of 1958 schedules 65th class reunion

On Saturday, July 8, the Lewiston-Porter Class of 1958 will celebrate 65 years since graduating from Lew-Port. The Arrowhead Springs winery was selected because of its location overlooking the escarpment, plus it has a patio, parking and

handicap accessibility.

On Jan. 16, 2018, the class was honored by the school for its numerous achievements over the first 60 years. The school benefited with scholarships, leadership, finances, a memorial tree, a brick project, the Lew-Port Alumni As-

sociation and distinguished graduates. A plaque is mounted in the hallway with the many achievements of class members.

Ed Engel reported the class memorial scholarship has awarded over 50 scholarships with a value of more than \$60,000 donated by the classmates, families, friends and former teachers.

Jack James recounted that the class came together in seventh grade, and it was the first to graduate from the old high school. The 115 classmates have gone on to achieve success in many professions locally and nationwide.

The class is not done yet. More scholarships will be available as the need continues.

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