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Victor Central Schools Graduates of Distinction Announced

The 2006-2007 Graduate of Distinction Committee has selected Ms. Judy Weigert Bossuat and Dr. Susan R. Harris as this year's honorees. The women will join an elite group of past inductees including Rev. John W. Gouldrick C.M., Diane M. Guinan, James Exton, Olin Boughton, and William J. Turner.

Judy Weigert Bossuat graduated from Victor Senior High School in 1971 and currently lives in Oregon. In 1975, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Potsdam State University. She went on to graduate from the Talent Education Institute in Matsumoto, Japan after studying



the Suzuki Method for over a year with Dr. Shinichi Suzuki in 1978. From 1978 to 1994, Ms. Weigert Bossuat created and co-directed the Ecole de Musique Suzuki de Lyon in France. She then worked as a public school music teacher and a professor at the University of the Pacific and California State University (Sacramento)

until 2005. During that time, she received the eminence teaching credential from the Commission on Teaching Credentialing. Ms. Weigert Bossuat is currently an instructor of string pedagogy and director of the community music institute at the University of Oregon.

Over the years, Ms. Weigert Bossuat has received several prestigious awards and recognitions. In 2006, she was named Marquis Who's Who of American Educators,

and Marquis Who's Who of American Women in 2004, 2005, and 2006. She is an honorary life member of the European Suzuki Association as well as the Federation Nationale Methode Suzuki en France. She received the Medal of Honor from the National Assembly of France for Exceptional Contributions to Education. Ms. Weigert Bossuat was also given the Medal of the City for Marseille, France; Duluth, Minnesota; and Lyon, France. In 1999, the Ithaca College Suzuki Institute honored her with a 25-year Exceptional Service Award.

Susan R. Harris, Ph.D. graduated from Victor



Senior High School in 1965 and currently lives in Vancouver, Canada. She received her Bachelors of Science in Physical Therapy from Russell Sage College (Albany Medical College) in 1969 and went on to receive her Masters in Special Education in 1977 from the University of Washington. In 1980, Dr. Harris received her Ph.D. in Special Education

from the University of Washington and in 1999, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Indianapolis.

In 1980, Dr. Harris served as an instructor for the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Washington and in 1981 she became an assistant professor for the department, a position she held until 1983. From 1984 to 1987, she worked as a research

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assistant professor for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Washington. For the next two years, she served as an associate professor of physical therapy and affiliate associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She became a registered physical therapist in Wisconsin, Washington State and British Columbia. Dr. Harris is currently an adjunct associate professor for the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at MCP Hahnemann University in Philadelphia. In 2003, she became the Scientific Editor of Physiotherapy Canada.

In 1996, Dr. Harris developed the Harris Infant Neuromotor Test that detects developmental delays in infants. She has also raised awareness of health care providers and needs of patients and their families through her writing for Physiotherapy Canada.

Over the years, Dr. Harris has received several prestigious awards and recognitions. Among these are the Enid Gramh Memorial Lecture Award in 2006, the Don W. Wortley Lectureship in Physical Therapy Award in 2005, and the Silver Quill Award in 2003.

Dr. Harris received a professional achievement award from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation in 2004. She also received a faculty citation community service award in 2002. Dr. Harris is a two-time breast cancer survivor and developed the first Canadian Dragon Boat Team for breast cancer survivors.

Victor Central Schools Graduate of Distinction Program

The Graduate of Distinction program was initiated in 2002 in order to recognize VCS alumnus who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and made significant contributions to society. Festivities in Dr. Harris and Ms. Weigert Bossuat's honor include a breakfast reception at 10:30 a.m. followed by a presentation during the 2007 graduation ceremony on June 24 at the Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center at Finger Lakes Community College at 2:00 p.m. Reception tickets will be available for purchase at Room 106 in the VCS District Office, 953 High Street, Victor, New York. The commencement ceremony is open to the public. For more information, contact Lisa Phillips at 924-3252 ext. 1407 or phillipsl@victorschools.org.

State of the Art Fine Arts Facility Coming Soon to Victor Schools...

When the new Junior/Senior High School Auditorium opens its doors in the fall of 2007, the Victor school community will enjoy a state of the art facility with the newest lighting and sound system technologies including an acoustical cloud ceiling. The auditorium will include a 45-foot fly area that will allow for fully recessed curtains as well as a catwalk that will provide additional flexibility in lighting. Seating capacity in the new auditorium will increase to 935.

A freight elevator is being installed that will accommodate equipment when moving from the ground floor to the stage level. The "pit" area in front of the stage is being enlarged, providing a more versatile space for our choruses and pit orchestra.

Theatre Arts Coordinator Beth Thomas said, "The state of the art acoustics, new sound and light systems will make our shows more professional and exciting."

In addition to the new auditorium, three large instrumental music rooms and a high tech music lab will be added. These new fine arts facilities will be enjoyed by VCS staff and students for years to come.



Victor Junior/Senior High School Auditorium Ceiling Cloud Construction, May 2007

Spotlight on the Arts

Field Band Places First

The Marching Blue Devils Field Band continues to be a source of pride for our community. On October 29, 2006, the band, now in its twenty-fifth year, was crowned Division I Champion at the New York State Field Band Conference in Syracuse. In addition to posting the highest score in the band's history, they also took home the coveted Governor's Cup, which is on display in the High School. The award was especially meaningful to all involved because this was the band's first championship in Division I.

In the fall, the band also competed in the United States Scholastic Band Association Yamaha Cup at Giant's Stadium in New Jersey. Their production of "Rain" illustrated both the strength of a powerful rainstorm and the gentleness of a spring shower. With this combination of complex music and drills, the band competed against 52 other groups from across the Northeast region and brought the Division 4 crown to Victor. Band Director Eric Everhart attributes the group's success to the high level of dedication of the students. The band was led by drum majors Deirdre Eychner and Alex Natarelli. Along with Mr. Everhart, the staff includes Mark Rider and Lisa Militello, who serve as Assistant Directors.

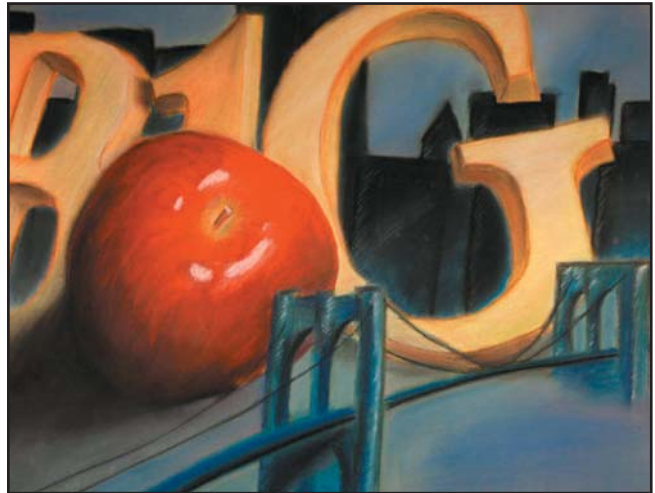
Mr. Everhart stated that members of the band refer to themselves as "the pride of Victor" because they are so proud to represent their school community. He was quick to mention that parent and community support plays a large part in the band's success.



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Students Fill Canvas with Success

"Brutally Honest," "A Twist of Lemon," "The Big Apple," and "Punk Rocker" are just a few of the masterpieces Victor Senior High School art students submitted to the 2007 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition. The Alliance for Young Artists, the not-for-profit organization that administers the awards, recognized 37 Senior High School students' artwork for their artistic excellence and creative promise.



*"The Big Apple"
by Hannah Lockwood*

The awards acknowledge students in grades seven through twelve for outstanding achievements in the visual and literary arts. This designation also provides scholarship opportunities for high school seniors to attend leading art and design colleges in the United States. Art teachers David Denner, Nancee Sanders, Ron Bartlett and Megan Meyer collaborated and selected 40 pieces of artwork for submission to the Alliance's regional art exhibition.

Victor students fared exceptionally well at the exhibit. From over 2,500 artistic entries in the region, 492 awards were given – Victor received 17 awards. Victor students earned seven gold keys, five silver keys, and five honorable mentions. To view the artwork of our 2007 Scholastic Art Show participants, go to <http://dennerd.victorschools.org/index.html>

Eighteen Long-Time Staff to Retire from Victor Schools

At the end of the school year, Victor Schools will say farewell to staff and faculty who have been a pillar of the district for decades. Many have taught multiple generations of Victor families and all have helped educate our children and make Victor a great place to learn. We thank them for their years of dedication and service to Victor Central Schools. They represent a combined 488 years of service to Victor. They will truly be missed.

Daniel Baieve	Senior High School	24 years
Patricia Cobb	Senior High School	20 years
Jim Dailey	Primary School	26 years
Eric Falkman	Senior High School	34 years
Elizabeth Geno	Intermediate School	32 years
Shaun Goodrich	Senior High School	26 years
Judy Kanada	District Office	20 years
Mary Larkin	Intermediate School	19 years
Nancy Maloy	Junior High School	33 years
Joseph Manivong	School Facilities	21 years
Pam McGary	Junior High School	24 years
Rita Messersmith	Primary School	31 years
Megan Meyer	Senior High School	33 years
Linda Pickering	Intermediate School	30 years
Karen Raulli	Senior High School	19 years
S. Keith Shields	Senior High School	34 years
Glenn Simpson	Senior High School	26 years
Janet Wemett	Transportation	36 years

Send Us Your News

If you are an alumnus of Victor Central Schools, we encourage you to e-mail us at alumni@victorschools.org. Feel free to tell us about accomplishments or events in your life such as a wedding, birth of a child or grandchild. We will include your news in the Alumni Class Notes section of our school district website at www.victorschools.org. Whether or not you have visited campus lately, participated in a recent alumni event, or browsed our directory, you are sure to find information instrumental in helping you maintain a connection to your alma matter and other Victor graduates.

Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

Victor Central School District is seeking nominations for the Athletic Hall of Fame Program. Any individual can nominate a potential candidate by completing a Hall of Fame nomination application. Applications are available on the school district website at www.victorschools.org or may be picked up at the office of Victor's Athletic Director Ronald Whitcomb located in the Victor Education Center.

Through nomination and committee selection, the VCS Athletic Hall of Fame will recognize individuals who fall under any of the following categories:

1. **Athletes:** Individuals who were athletes in the Victor Senior High School and have been graduated a minimum of ten years.
2. **Coaches:** Individuals who have made a significant and extraordinary contribution to the Victor Athletic program.
3. **Honorary:** An honorary candidate must have made a significant impact on Victor athletics and/or on sectional, regional, state, national, professional, administration or international levels of athletes. The honorary category may include but not be limited to counselors, faculty managers, scoreboard/book operators, cheerleading coaches, as well as local community supporters.

Inductees will be chosen by the VCS Hall of Fame Committee which is comprised of eight voting members representing coaching staff, administration, Board of Education, students and/or community residents. The Athletic Director will serve as a non-voting permanent member of the Committee.

The Hall of Fame was established in order to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and Blue Devil supporters. Through recognition, those individuals and their families will be reconnected with Victor Central School providing current student athletes with a deeper understanding and appreciation for the history of Blue Devil athletes.

Honorees selected for the annual Athletic Hall of Fame will be announced in the Fall of each school year along with an announcement of the planned celebration event.

For more information on the Athletic Hall of Fame program, please contact Ron Whitcomb, VCS Director of Athletics at (585) 924-3252 ext. 1461 or whitcombr@victorschools.org.

Save the Date

The 112th VCSD Alumni Banquet will be June 10 at DiPacific's Restaurant.

A cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Call Ken Weigert at
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