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# **E-ALUMNI NEWS**

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## **Former VCS Athletes Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame**

In September, Gary Hadden (class of 1971), Craig Rasmuson (class of 1986) and Casey Lamb (class of 1992) were inducted into the Victor Central Schools Athletic Hall of Fame and honored during the District's Homecoming festivities.

During his tenure at Victor, Gary Hadden was a four-year starter on the Varsity Tennis Team and was the number one singles player from 1969 to 1971. Gary was the founder and director of the Victor Community Center from 1996 to 2001; a volunteer for youth baseball, soccer and a basketball coach from 1995 to 2004. He currently serves as a member of the Victor Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and was named the Victor Parks and Recreation Basketball Coordinator in 2001.



*Gary Hadden during his induction.*

At Victor, Craig Rasmuson excelled in basketball and soccer and later went on to become a coach for Division I College Athletics. He was a three-year varsity starter in basketball who was named First Team All-League in 1986. Craig was also a three-year varsity soccer player and was named First Team All-League player in 1984 and 1985. In 1994, Craig became the youngest NCAA Division II Head Basketball coach; in 1999 he was named the Gulf South Conference Basketball Coach of the Year. Craig is the chairperson of the Weld County Colorado Chapter of the Rocky Mountain ALS Association, and active member of the Greely Colorado Centennial Rotary Club; a volunteer for the Greely Recreation Department and Habitat for Humanity.

While a student at Victor, Casey Lamb was a three-sport athlete competing in wrestling, football and track. In wrestling, Casey was a four-year varsity wrestler who was a three-time Section V Champion. His overall record in wrestling was 113-21-1. Casey also excelled in foot-

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Casey Lamb's acceptance speech (left), Ron Whitcomb, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, inducts Craig Rasmuson (right).

ball, playing running back and linebacker for the Victor Blue Devils. He was a two-time All League Running Back in 1990 and 1991 and an All Greater Rochester Fullback his senior year. Casey, a four year member of the Varsity Track Team, was named a Sectional Champion in the shot put in 1992.

Inductees were chosen by the VCS Hall of Fame Committee, which is comprised of eight voting members representing coaching staff, administration, Board of Education, students and community residents.

The Hall of Fame was established to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and Blue Devil supporters. These individuals provide

current student athletes with a deeper understanding and appreciation for the history of Blue Devil athletes. To nominate a former VCS athlete for the 2007 awards, visit [www.victorschools.org](http://www.victorschools.org) under quick links.

## Capital Project allows for growth, cutting edge technology for future

Have you visited our campus lately? If not, you will be surprised at the changes. The final phase of our capital project is progressing and will be finished by Fall 2007. The capital project, which includes additional classrooms, art and music spaces, technological advancements, and additions to the auditorium, will make our campus world-class. It has allowed us to plan for additional growth in the future, as well as provide cutting edge technology.

At Victor Primary, two classrooms were converted into a large multi-purpose room, and the auditorium received new carpeting and a new ceiling-mounted projector. A new entrance way was constructed and the health office suite expanded.

Four additional classrooms were added to the Intermediate School. The Junior High School will have seven new classrooms. The JH cafeteria was expanded by 30 percent to accommodate more students during lunch periods. At the Senior High School, a seven-classroom addition was finished over the summer. Another seven-classroom addition, which is located at the northeast side of the existing Senior High School totals 10,000 square feet (a new atrium and entrance to the north parking lot was also part of this work).



Four classroom addition to the Intermediate School (above). Seven classroom addition to the Senior High School (below).



Newly expanded Junior High School cafeteria.

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On the technological front, ceiling-mounted projectors were installed in all 7th through 12th grade classrooms. More than 150 new computers have also been distributed throughout the campus.

Construction will continue throughout the school year. The Early Childhood Education Center (the former Junior High School) is being renovated to provide five additional classrooms. The renovated annex space will house the district's technology and central copying services. Currently, a seven-classroom addition is being built at the Junior High School. The Junior/Senior High School auditorium will reopen next fall, with an increased seating capacity of 935. The facility will also have a new fly, stage rigging, and audio-visual system. At the Senior High School the cafeteria will be expanded and a 5,000 square foot auxiliary physical education space is being added.

Early in 2007, we will have a campus-wide wireless network. The wireless network will allow staff to move among buildings and around campus while remaining connected to the district's network. Next time you are on campus, take a walk around our newly expanded facilities. You will truly be impressed!



*New entrance to the Senior High School (above).  
One of the four new classrooms at the Intermediate School (below).*



## Victor Schools Seek Names of Distinguished Graduates

Do you know a Victor Central School alumnus who has made a significant contribution to society? We have established a Graduates of Distinction program to honor such individuals. The program selection committee is now soliciting nominations for 2007. Alumni selected for this honor will be recognized in the spring.

Posthumous nominations will be accepted. Upon request, information on individuals making nominations will be kept confidential. Honorees must meet the following criteria to be considered: (1) a Victor central school graduate of at least 15 years; (2) Post-graduation achievement that includes job-related achievements; professional honors and awards, professional affiliations, publications; (3) Civic or community involvement; (4) Educational achievements; (5) Other appropriate qualifications that merit consideration. **Nominations must be submitted by February 1, 2007.**

*2007 nomination forms can be downloaded at  
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The District has received much attention for its athletic and academic achievements. Here is an update on some of the good things that have been occurring at your alma mater.



## Blue Devil News

+For the 2005-06 athletic year, Victor Schools won the League Excellence Award, which is based on league competition, academics and sportsmanship.

+VCS won the Section V Sportsmanship Award. Victor was selected from among the 17 teams in Section V to be honored.

+Participation in athletics is at an all time high. At the Junior/Senior High Schools we have 379 one-sport athletes, 608 two-sport athletes and 453 three-sport athletes.

+In the last five years we have won 44 league championship titles, 28 Section V titles, and have had two state champions (in Baseball and Girls Volleyball).

+All 28 of our varsity teams achieved New York State Scholar Athlete status in 2005-06.

+Multiple athletes represented Victor at New York State Tournaments and several athletes received All-State honors.

## Academic Distinctions:

- A 2006 New York State High Performing School District (one of 33).
- A 2006 New York State High Performing Middle School (one of 32).
- Victor Senior High School ranked in the top 2 percent of all high schools in the U.S. by Newsweek Magazine.
- Victor Junior High School named one of five schools in New York State as a "Schools to Watch" by the New York State Education Department.
- Victor Central Schools ranked 24 out of 441 school districts in a study of upstate school districts by Business First, a Buffalo-based business journal.
- One of two local International Baccalaureate Programs to have 100 percent of students completing the program earn the diploma.
- 96 percent of the Class of 2006 earned a New York State Regents diploma with a passing score of 65 percent.
- 46 percent of the Class of 2006 took at least one Advanced Placement course and exam.
- 28 percent of Victor students taking Advanced Placement exams in 2006 earned an AP Scholar Award from the College Board.
- Victor Central Schools awarded a Gold Medal (ranked in the top 16 percent of school districts nationally) by Expansion Management Magazine, a national business journal.

