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Victor Central Schools to Honor 2010 Graduates of Distinction

A Missionary Physician and a Scientist

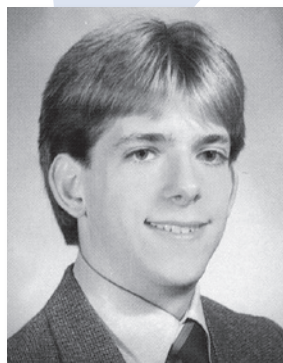
On Sunday, June 27, 2010, Renée Valach (Class of 1984) and Gregory D. Goodno (Class of 1988) will be recognized as Victor Central Schools' 2010 Graduates of Distinction. The Graduate of Distinction program was initiated in 2002 as a way to recognize VCS alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and magnificent contributions to society.



Following graduation from VCS in 1984, at which she was the class salutatorian, Renee Valach earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University in 1988 and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Penn State University College of Medicine in 1992. Dr. Valach completed

her Residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Penn State University Children's Hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania from 1992-1996. From 1996-1997, she was the Pediatric Chief Resident and Instructor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Valach's post graduate achievements are long and varied. Before becoming a Missionary Physician in Gabon, Africa, she was a physician at Westmoreland Primary Health Center and on the staff



Following graduation from VCS in 1988, Gregory D. Goodno earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics from Dartmouth College in 1992 and a Masters degree in Physics from the University of Rochester in 1994. In 1999, Mr. Goodno was awarded his Doctorate in Physics from the University of

Rochester.

Dr. Goodno's post graduate achievements in high power laser technology are internationally recognized. From 1992-1999, he was a Research Assistant for the University of Rochester where his accomplishments ranged inventing a process for holographic encoding, to designing solid-state lasers. In 1999, he joined Northrop Grumman (formerly TRW) in Redondo Beach, California where he worked as a Senior Member

of Westmoreland Regional Hospital in Greensburg, Pennsylvania from 1997-2000. In 2001, Dr. Valach opened her own practice, *Carolina Adult and Pediatric Medicine* in Goldsboro, North Carolina, offering primary care for the entire family as both a Board Certified Internist and Pediatrician. During this period, she was on the medical staff at Wayne Memorial Hospital where she served on and was chairperson of various hospital committees including the Institutional Review Board and Ethics Committee. In 2005, she served as President of the Wayne County Medical Society.



In preparation for her to care for the people in Africa, Dr. Valach attended the Centre d'Enseignement de Francais in Albertville, France, from September, 2006 to June, 2007 to learn French, which is spoken in Gabon. Ability to communicate in French was also important prior to her study at The Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium from September, 2007 to February 2008. This is one of the oldest tropical medicine training institutions.

Starting in July 2007, Renée Valach has been a missionary physician at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon. In addition to practicing internal and pediatrics, she is also the Administrative Director of the HIV/AIDS treatment center. At Bongolo Hospital, Dr. Valach's practice of medicine is challenging, often working with limited resources including medications, labs and medical tests. The majority of patients have diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria which are often associated with poverty.

of the Technical Staff, Scientist, Staff Engineer and Senior Staff Engineer before becoming an Optical Engineer in 2010.

As a Senior Scientist for Northrop Grumman, Dr. Goodno is a Principal Investigator for research and development on high power fiber lasers. In this capacity, Goodno develops novel technologies for beam combining and fiber laser power scaling, acts as the technical lead for proposals, white papers, journal articles and presentations, acts as a technical mentor for colleagues and staff and participates in numerous volunteer activities in the laser technical community.



Dr. Goodno's professional activities are a clear reflection of his success in the laser technology field. From 1995 to present, he has provided more than 40 contributions to technical literature. He has also acted as a peer reviewer for technical journals, chaired numerous sessions at technical conferences, taught classes and served on various technical committees. From 2008 to present, he has been co-editor of the High Power Laser Handbook and in 2010 he became Program Chair at the Advanced Solid State Photonics Conference.

From 2000 to present, Dr. Goodno has been the recipient of numerous program, patent and technical awards at Northrop Grumman. In 2005, he received the Northrop Grumman Chairman's Award for Excellence, the company's highest honor, and in 2006 he was the recipient of the Northrop Grumman Space Technology Award for Innovation.

Drs. Renée Valach and Gregory D. Goodno will be formally recognized at a special Graduates of Distinction reception on Sunday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center at Finger Lakes Community College. Following the recognition reception, Drs. Valach and Goodno will take part in the VCS Class of 2010 graduation ceremony at noon, located at the same venue.

Class of '56 Alum is Seeing Stars! Robert Thompson, Shares His Experience in the Film-Television Industry with Aspiring VCS Students

As a young boy growing up in rural Farmington, New York, Robert Thompson was constantly being told that it was silly to think he could have a career in film and television. “With faith in myself, I never listened,” he said.

After graduating from VCS in 1956, Thompson persevered, going on to Ithaca College where he received a BS in Radio-TV and then to UCLA where he received his MFA in Theater Directing. From there, he began his career working in the mailroom at Universal Studios where he worked his way up to Talent Executive.

After five years at Universal, he was asked to become Head of Talent for CBS Cinema Center Films, the feature division of CBS which produced films for the theater, not TV. Over the next three years, he scouted talent around the country and supervised the casting of all of the unit’s feature films. Partnering with co-worker, Rodrick Paul in 1970, Thompson co-produced his first independent film venture *Coming of Age*. The half hour film won the Gold Medal for Best Short Subject at the New York International Film Festival.

Two years later, Thompson and Paul produced their first feature length motion picture, *The Paper Chase*, for 20th Century Fox. The critically acclaimed film was nominated for three Academy Awards and won for Best Supporting Actor. Under the banner, Thompson-Paul Productions, Inc., the partners produced a number of films for television and an Emmy nominated series for CBS based on *The Paper Chase*.

In the late 1970’s, Thompson donned the “director’s cap” and has, over the years, added a long list of motion pictures for television and episodic credits to his Director’s Guild Association resume. In 1976, capitalizing on his years of experience in the talent area, Thompson, again partnering with Rodrick Paul, formed Group III Management, Inc. For 30 years, Thompson and Paul have played an important role in establishing and furthering the careers of many high profile actors and actresses – from Sam Eliot and Ben Murphy to Michael Douglas, Peter Strauss, Timothy Bottoms, Sissy Spacek and Jennifer O’Neil, to name just a few.

Last October, Mr. Thompson spoke to a group of VCS students interested in the film and television industry to not only share his personal story, but to give them some information on how to break into this very difficult, but rewarding career. While Thompson admits the industry can be a bumpy road, he told students that if you believe in yourself and your dreams, anything is possible. After all, he is living proof. ■



Thompson with client, SEBASTIAN GREGORY, from Australia. “We were in NYC for the premiere of his latest film with Gena Davis,” Thompson said.

More about Robert Thompson:

In addition to running his company, Group III Management, Inc., Mr. Thompson teaches classes in acting and directing at UCLA and at Peperdine University.

Most recently, Thompson and Paul lent their talents as Executive Producers on the television pilot, *Beauregrad* with their client, Lucas Gabeel (High School Musical) directing.

Thompson defines “film buff.” He tries to see every movie released. He is also quite a gourmet chef and enjoys cooking for his children and grandchildren.

VCS Bids a Fine Farewell to 2010 Retirees

*With 361 years of combined experience behind them,
this year's twelve retirees will be missed in more ways than one!
Congratulations to the "Class of 2010" retirees and best wishes as you
enter the next chapter of your life!*

Robert Brunson

November 1, 1985 — July 1, 2010
Senior High School English Teacher



Robert Brunson has been a mainstay at Victor Senior High School as an English teacher. As such, for the past twenty-five years he has made a big difference in the lives of thousands of students, staff and parents, both literally and figuratively! When Brunson retires this June, he will leave with a quarter century of

memories, including his most memorable moment, having his beard shaved off to raise money for the first Victor Care's Carnival in 1987! While Brunson says he will miss the daily interactions with his colleagues and students, he is looking forward to turning off his alarm clock, traveling overseas, doing some yard work and enjoying more time with his wife, sons and grandchildren. As for any advice he would give to new VCS employees: "Enjoy the bright days and keep a sense of humor for the darker days!"

Deborah Kritz

September 1, 1975 — July 1, 2010
Senior High School English Teacher



When asked what she would miss the most about her time at VCS, Senior High English teacher, Deborah Kritz said it would be the piles of essays she got to grade each week! She was joking, of course. As much as she will miss grading papers (a little), what Kritz says she will miss the most in retirement is her classes and

"our incredible staff." Kritz says two memories are sure to stay with her when she leaves VCS on July 1, the day

she was hired -- "My roommates were so excited and so loud that I had to take the long corded phone into the bathroom so I could hear the personnel director offer me the position -- and the day she walks out of her classroom for the very last time. In retirement, Kritz plans on doing everything she never had enough time to do while she was working full time, things such as skiing, boating, traveling, working out and reading. Her note to future VCS employees, "Be organized!"

Debra Nothnagle

January 3, 1979 — July 1, 2010
Senior High School Business Education Teacher



When Business teacher Debra Nothnagle retires at the end of the school year, she says she will miss the kids the most. "I love my students and it will be very different without their enthusiasm and energy greeting me every day." Nothnagle says she will also miss her colleagues. "I have made lifelong friendships here

at Victor and hopefully many of these relationships will continue long into retirement." In addition to students and staff, Nothnagle says she will miss the constant intellectual stimulation from teaching business courses. "Business is such a dynamic and ever-changing field and the preparation I've gone through to teach my courses has made me a much smarter person, especially the challenge of teaching higher level IB Business Management classes." Debra will have plenty to keep her on her toes in retirement, namely one granddaughter and one grandson on the way. "I am going to enjoy them! It's going to be nice to be able to go the park or the museum at 10 a.m. on a Tuesday."

Susan Prezyna

May 14, 1985 — July 1, 2010

Senior High School Teaching Assistant



As a teaching assistant for the past twenty five years, one of the things Sue Prezyna enjoyed the most about her job was being able to support both students and colleagues with their computer questions. “I enjoyed knowing the little known facts about the different computer programs we have here at school and being

able to help staff and students solve problems that were frustrating them.” Prezyna said she also really enjoyed the staff development classes she taught over the years. Whether she was supporting students with the yearbook as the advisor for eight years or trouble shooting computer questions, Prezyna’s schedule was nothing less than full. In retirement, Prezyna’s days will be filled with family and traveling anytime she wants with her husband, who is also retiring. “We have a cruise through the Panama Canal already booked for the fall. I also want to enjoy my grandchildren while they are small. I am lucky to have all of them right in the area and I will have five grandchildren by the time I retire.” Prezyna’s advice to new VCS employees is heartfelt. “Have pride in your school. You are lucky to be associated with such a fine district.”

Jim Strauss

September 1, 1985 — July 1, 2010

Senior High School English Teacher



Once a teacher, always a teacher. This will certainly be true for VSH English teacher, Jim Strauss when he retires in June. After all, he plans to spend some of his retirement time volunteering in the Rochester City School District. When Strauss is not supporting city students, he says he hopes to read a lot of good

writing -- without a red pen in his hand! Whether he was correcting papers, or working with students on the school newspaper, The Victor Voice, Strauss says he will leave VCS with many great memories, twenty-five years

worth. “I will miss the kids and my colleagues. This is a great place to work,” Strauss said. Speaking of working at VCS, Strauss has some good advice for new VCS staff members, advice that certainly worked for him through the years. “Work hard, have fun and document everything!”

Robert Potter

September 1, 1975 — July 1, 2010

Senior High School Mathematics Teacher



Thousands of students, thousands of problems (the math kind) and thousands of accomplishments. Thirty-five years has really added up for VSH Math teacher, Robert Potter, but the one thing that counted the most for Potter during his tenure here was the opportunity to “meet and get to know 110 new faces every

September.” Math students are not the only ones Potter left an impression on at VCS. As a soccer, diving and tennis coach, he also impacted thousands of athletes through the years. One of his most memorable coaching experiences was leading the Girls’ Varsity Soccer Team to the Sectional title in 2006 and advancing to the New York State semi-finals. While scoring Math tests may not be on Potter’s retirement horizon, helping kids score in the swimming pool as a diving coach and on the tennis court, as a tennis coach, is almost certain. “When I retire, I plan on spending a greater amount of time doing whatever interests me,” Potter said. For the past thirty-five years, VCS was undoubtedly one of Potter’s primary interests. With more time on his hands, the sky’s the limit. As for his advice for new VCS employees, Potter had this to say. “If teaching is something you want to do for a career, you couldn’t find a better place to do it than here at Victor.”

Frank Gacioch

September 1, 1975 — July 1, 2010

Junior High School Mathematics Teacher, K-6

Mathematics Coach, Mentor



“I will miss the intense enjoyment of teaching and learning that each day presents. I will miss our common work, our common goals, and our commitment to each other as human beings. I will miss being a small part of the all-inclusive VCS team.”

These are just a few things Math teacher and K-6 Math coach

and mentor, Frank Gacioch says he will miss when he retires at the end of this school year. Gacioch finds it difficult to describe one most memorable experience after thirty-five year of teaching. “Academically, I was inspired to have been the teacher of several students who overcame great adversity.” Gacioch said while those stories are confidential, he still experiences the intensity of students’ courage and perseverance. “I was honored to have been asked to be a confirmation sponsor to a young man in my early years of teaching. I was always proud of coaching Varsity Bowling, Freshmen Basketball and Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball at VCS for thirteen years.” One memory Gacioch says he will never forget is the year Scott Zahn, now a Victor Intermediate teacher, hit a grand slam to help the team win the first Varsity Baseball game he ever coached. “There isn’t a team I ever coached or class I ever taught that I didn’t enjoy,” Gacioch said. In retirement, Gacioch plans to enjoy a less demanding schedule, one that gives him the opportunity to spend more time with his family and friends, golfing, gardening, working out, and being of service to others by continuing his professional work on a limited basis. As Gacioch leaves VCS at the end of the year, his advice to new employees is sure to resonate for many years to come. “Every student, every colleague has their own story and time spent seeking to understand that story is time well spent. Always keep your eye on the ball and know your point of contact. Never neglect your family. Enjoy what you do, and do what you enjoy,” Gacioch said.

Sharon Zumbo

April 12, 1993 — April 29, 2010

Senior High School Secretary



As a secretary for Victor Central Schools for the past 17 years, Sharon Zumbo has seen the life and times of VCS like no other. From thousands of papers and procedures to thousands of students and staff, Mrs. Zumbo’s perspective on VCS spans more than two decades. Zumbo, who was also employed by VCS from

1979-1986 has worn many hats throughout the years. From being a secretary at the Intermediate School, to becoming the first secretary for Civil Service Employees (CSE), secretary to the Assistant Superintendent, to her last stop as high school secretary, Mrs. Zumbo says she has enjoyed all of her time at VCS and will walk away with many great memories. Zumbo says she is especially proud of being part of the implementation of the PTSA craft show and volunteer program. Most of all, she has enjoyed the friendships she has made with co-workers. In retirement, Mrs. Zumbo will spend some of her time babysitting her three grandsons and attending their school and sporting events. Zumbo says she also looks forward to playing euchre in an afternoon card group, reading, going out to lunch and sleeping in. Zumbo’s advice to new VCS employees is essential. “Show up every day!”

Brian Ferguson

September 1, 1977 — July 1, 2010

Senior High School English Teacher, Mentor



English teacher and mentor Brian Ferguson says that of all of the things he will miss in retirement from VCS is it will be the interaction between himself and his students. “Those conversations and experiences have taught me a great deal about myself and allowed me the luxury of examining the way I see

things through a different perspective.” Ferguson says he has had the privilege of meeting some outstanding people in his thirty-three years at Victor. One of his

most memorable times at VCS took place after the Columbine incident. It was at this time that a group of twelve very dedicated educators, led by Ferguson, established Victor's Senior Connection program, a program designed to get students who might never know one another, connected on a different level through a day of team building activities. The very first Senior Connection was put into motion in 1999. "It involved the entire campus and was extremely meaningful for the students and staff." Ferguson said that the group of teachers who worked on this event was truly amazing. As a result of their combined abilities, Ferguson said VSH established a lasting tradition that has positively affected the learning atmosphere at VCS. When Ferguson retires, he will continue to have a positive impact, this time in the horse industry, which he has been a part of for many years. Ferguson says his new schedule will allow for increased travel to both foreign and domestic horse shows. He says he also hopes to attend more of his daughter, Taylor's activities at Elon University in North Carolina. Ferguson leaves VCS with the same positive attitude he arrived with and hopes future employees take advantage of the same experiences he had. "Victor is an outstanding place to work with not only the finest students around but a very supportive staff and administration. Enjoy the fact that you have the opportunity to learn from them all," he said.

David Hennessey

September 1, 1983 — July 1, 2010
Senior High School Social Studies Teacher



David Hennessey says that being at Victor for 27 years has provided him with countless memories. "I guess the most memorable experience was the success of the first Victor Cares Carnival and then, that evening, Band Night. The Class of 1989, to show support for one of their classmates, Brian Wood, who

had gone to the Mayo Clinic to fight leukemia, which would take his life that summer, planned and rallied the school community to the Victor Cares Carnival. Despite rain, it was an overwhelming success and has remained an important part of the school and community." Hennessey said he will miss being a part

of the VCS community. He says he will especially miss the daily interactions he has with students, fellow faculty and staff. While Hennessey may be leaving VCS, he doesn't plan on completely leaving the school community in retirement. "I will continue coaching at Penfield High School, in the sports of cross country, track and indoor track, which I have been doing since 1975," he said. Hennessey said he will also continue being a state and sectional coordinator for the sport of winter track and will continue running the Rochester Winter Track League. "I will have more time to play golf, do some reading, and other things I have been putting off for many years," he said. As for Hennessey's advice to a new VCS employee, Hennessey says, get involved. "There is so much more to teaching than what goes on in the classroom. Chaperone a dance, attend a play, go to a sporting event, help a class advisor, get out and be seen by the kids. It will make your job easier because the kids will know you care for them and they will, in turn, show you more respect."

Catherine C. Moore

September 1, 1970 — July 1, 2010
Primary School Elementary Teacher



When Catherine Moore began teaching at the Victor Primary School in 1970, she was not the only new teacher on campus. That year, VCS hired 29 new teachers. While many of her original peers have since retired or moved on, Mrs. Moore has enjoyed the camaraderie of all of her co-workers through the years,

and will miss them all in retirement. Colleagues are not the only people Moore will miss. She says she will really miss the children. "They bring a lot of excitement to the day and every day is different because of it. "Moore says while curriculums have been changed and enhanced through the years, she has enjoyed the wisdom that comes with new ideas. Of her most memorable moments, Mrs. Moore says they were those times when children who were struggling suddenly understood. "A light goes on and you can almost see it happening. It is so wonderful to see the joy on their faces when this happens," she said. Moore says that despite four decades of teaching experience she still marvels at the mystery of watching a child learn how to read. There

is no mystery about what Catherine Moore plans to do in retirement. “For the first few months, I plan on relaxing. I have a few ideas swirling around in my head, but no real plans. I know that I won’t do anything I don’t want to do,” she said with a smile. Moore says she will definitely have more time to visit her son, Grady, who recently moved to New York City. She will also travel more. How can future VCS employees have the same success Moore had? That’s easy, according to Moore. “Enjoy the children and your colleagues, every day. Bounce ideas off one another. Your peers are those who can help you along the way to feel comfortable and secure in any situation.”

Timothy L. Smith

September 1, 1977 — July 1, 2010
Senior High School English Teacher



He coached basketball and soccer, served as a timekeeper for basketball games, was a student council advisor, acted as the AV coordinator for the building and published an article on how to use animation and

cartoons to teach concepts in English. In 1992 he was invited as a guest lecturer to Zagreb, Croatia

in 1992 at the World Festival of Animated Films and in 1993, he also lectured at the Harley School. After 33 years of teaching, mostly at the 9th grade level, it is clear that Timothy Smith was much more than an English teacher, he was a leader and innovator, too.

In retirement, Mr. Smith will continue to lead and innovate. In addition to continuing in his role as

Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Mendon, Smith will also operate his entertainment memorabilia business and enjoy added time with his two children, ages 9 and 10.

Vicki Hoyt

September 1, 1985 — July 1, 2010
Senior High School Special Education Teacher



She will miss the daily interaction with the students and colleagues. She will also miss watching students gain the skills and confidence to be independent learners and successful adults. After twenty-five years of teaching, Victor Senior High School Special Education

Teacher Vicki Hoyt says she will miss many things. “There are too many memorable experiences to name just one as the most memorable,” she said.

Hoyt plans on making many new memories in retirement. In addition to helping watch her four grandchildren (ages 5 and under), she will travel around the world with her oldest daughter. In November, she plans to go to Australia where we will snorkel the Great Barrier Reef! Hoyt says she also looks forward to spending more time reading, gardening, and enjoying time with close friends.

What advice would this 25 year teaching expert give a new VCS employee? “Always keep focused on the needs of the students, stay organized, and find something to laugh about every day.”

Upcoming Class Reunions

Reunions are listed below along with contact information. For more information on these reunions go to http://www.victorschools.org/alumni_reunions.cfm?theyear=0.

Class of 1960, August 6 – August 8, 2010

Contact information:
Dbrown1@rochester.rr.com
or: Don Brown: 585-414-4128

Class of 1961, August 6 – August 8, 2010

Contact information:
Drobinson009@rochester.rr.com
or: Diane Jensen Robinson: 585-924-0255

Class of 1965, September 25, 2010

Contact information:
rogerbarry@earthlink.net
or: Roger Barry: 440-413-3331

Class of 1970, July 24, 2010

Contact information:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Victor-Class-of-1970-Reunion>
or: donna@blazey.com

Class of 1974, July 24, 2010

Contact information:
normaweis@roadrunner.com
or: Norma Weissend: 585-746-2904; (cell)
or 585-394-7852 (home)

Class of 1975, July 30 – July 31, 2010

Contact information:
jolyncornish@yahoo.com
or: jexton@rochester.rr.com

Class of 1980, August 6-August 8, 2010

Contact information:
Sue LeBoo, 2 Salem Circle, Victor, N.Y. 14564

Class of 1985, July 17, 2010

Contact information:
victorclassof85@yahoo.com
or: Pam Allen: 585-281-6993



photo from inside cover of 1964 yearbook

Then and Now



photo taken June 24, 2010

Victor Central High School Is pleased to announce the Class of 2010 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Jessica Fessler has a Grade Point Average of 98.525 earning her the Valedictorian honor. Ms. Fessler will attend MIT in the fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Fessler of Shortsville, NY.

Ricca Prasad has a Grade Point Average of 98.000 earning her the Salutatorian honor. This fall, Ms. Prasad plans to attend George Washington University. Ms. Prasad is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lakshman Prasad of Victor, NY.



Jessica Fessler - 98.525



Ricca Prasad - 98.000

Victor Central Honors Athletes

On Sunday afternoon, June 13, VCS held its 33rd Annual Sports Banquet at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Hundreds of student athletes were recognized for a variety of reasons, from number of seasonal sports played to league, sectional and state championships won.

Senior athletes received special recognition with Blue and Gold awards. These awards are given to those seniors who played four consecutive years (including Senior year) in one sport. They were also honored with Blue Devil Awards for participating in eight playing seasons or more (including Senior year).

This year's Ed Ahonen Award for Sportsmanship was awarded to two graduating Seniors, Brigid Moore and Collin O'Shea. The Barney Lynaugh Award for Athlete of the Year was given to Seniors Jamie Redding and Adam Willman.



Coach Mike Ferreri, Collin O'Shea, and Coach Nick Ballou



*Adam Willman, and
Coach Craig Kaper*

*Brigid Moore, and
Coach Shelly Collins*



Coach Kelly Abern, Jamie Redding, and Coach Jamie Zeller

Alumni Celebrate Their Alma Mater

More than sixty guests gathered at Micelli's restaurant on Sunday, June 13 for the 115th Alumni banquet.

Victor Junior High School Principal, Carl Christensen spoke to attendees on that building's "School to Watch" designation. VCS Superintendent, Dawn Santiago-Marullo also treated guests to a special pre-recorded performance of the alma mater by the Junior High School chorus. Special thanks to Class of 2010 graduates, Alina Urbanic and Danielle Tuttle for representing this year's graduates at the banquet.



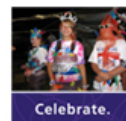
Alma Mater Is On-Line!

The Victor Junior High School sang the alma mater at its Spring concert. The singing of this song was so well received that VCS recorded this rendition and put it on the Alumni web site for your listening pleasure. Enjoy! <http://www.victorschools.org/people.cfm?subpage=4822>

Relay for Life of Victor



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Victor Central Schools Seeks Archives

“Students can benefit in several ways from researching their school’s history... This is history that is near at hand and that has a direct connection to their lives.”

~ Larry J. Hackman, Director, Truman Presidential Museum and Library; former New York State Archivist



Do you have photographs of the victory garden that students in our school planted and tended during World War II?

Does an old box or filing cabinet hold copies of letters that students wrote concerning our country’s involvement in Vietnam?

Did the science curriculum at Victor Central School change during the formative years of the personal computer revolution?

Schools produce rich historical records. Yearbooks, school lunch menus, flyers promoting dances, student elections, musicals, plays, photographs, letters, issues of the school newspaper, and other items document not only the history of the school, but often reflect the history of our community, state, and nation.

We have developed a school archives in our records center, housed on the second floor of the Victor Education Center. Hopefully, this archive, or historical collection can serve two primary purposes:

1. Be a repository for the collection and preservation of historically valuable documents relating to the history of our school, which would otherwise be lost.
2. Constitute an important element of programs for teaching research-related skills to students.

As a key element in establishing this archive, we are urging the public to help support our endeavors by donating artifacts to the archives that they may have in and around their homes, which may otherwise be lost to future generations. We are particularly interested in:

Student handbooks

Student newspapers

Yearbooks (especially from 1998)

Photographs

School lunch menus

Course catalogs

Student term papers about the school or Community

Artifacts (trophies, flags, uniforms, memorabilia)

Older Newspaper articles from the local newspapers

Special awards received

Records of special school programs

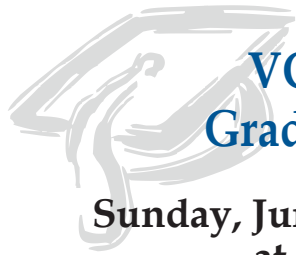
Audiotaped or videotaped oral histories

Scrapbooks

Videotapes of school performances and athletic events.

Perhaps you don’t wish to part with your piece of history. You can still help our efforts by loaning us the article to copy, scan, or photograph. We look forward to your response. We also plan on having the artifacts exhibited from time to time. By the way, does anyone have a school bell from one of Victor’s many one-room school houses? We’d love to hear from you.....

*Contact Chuck Callari at callaric@victorschools.org or 585-924-3252, ext. 1116



VCS Class of 2010 Graduation Ceremony

Sunday, June 27, 12:00 p.m.
at CMAC

Constellation Brands
Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center

VCS Seeks Names of Distinguished Graduates

Do you know a Victor Central School alumnus who has made a significant contribution to society? The Graduates of Distinction program honors such individuals.

Applications are currently available in the Office of School and Community Relations. Alumni selected for this honor will be recognized at graduation in June 2011.

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 January 1, 2011.**



The Graduates of Distinction Committee

is looking for VCS alumni to participate with us.

- Committee meets 3-4 times a year.
- Meeting times are flexible.
- Meetings are held at the Victor Education Center

It's a great way to give back
to the school and the community!

Interested?

Please send a letter of interest by September 1, 2010 to:

Maureen Goodberlet, *District Clerk*
Victor Central School District
953 High Street, Victor, New York 14564
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District Council Seeks Community Member

The District Council is currently seeking a community member to serve on the 2010-2011 committee. The chosen member would serve a two year term. Some of the roles and responsibilities of the District Council include monitoring the development, implementation and evaluation of Building Council goals, providing support for all Pre-K – 12 instructional program initiatives and district-wide goals and serving as a forum for all issues raised which may have district-wide impact on student achievement. If you are interested in serving on District Council, please sent a letter of interest to:

**VCS District Clerk, Maureen Goodberlet at
953 High Street, Victor, N, Y., 14564
or email her at goodberletm@vicstorschools.org
by June 30, 2010.**

Academic, Athletic and Artistic Distinctions

- In November 2009, 76 Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- In June 2009, 97% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma. 61% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and 30% received a Regents Diploma with Honors. To receive a Regents Diploma with Honors a student must have an average of 90% or higher on their Regents examinations.
- The Rochester Broadway Theatre League Stars of Tomorrow Awards Program recognized the 2010 Senior High Musical, Seusical, for Outstanding Musical Production, Singing Ensemble, Student Orchestra, and Production Crew.
- Fifteen new members were inducted into the VCS Tri-M Chapter this past September. Tri-M is an honor society for music students that not only recognizes a superior level of achievement in musical performance, but also academic achievement, character, responsibility, dedication to the art, and service to the department.
- More than 50% of our high school students participate on at least one of our 82 athletic teams and many are two and three sport athletes.
- All ten fall varsity teams qualified as scholar athlete teams. While eight out of ten of our winter varsity teams and six out of eight of our spring varsity teams qualified for scholar athlete teams.

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. 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.

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