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1982 NEW YORK STATE FIELD BAND CONFERENCE "CHAMPIONSHIPS"
Carrier Dome Stadium * November 7, 1982 * Syracuse, N.Y.

A Historic Retrospective

By: Marching Blue Devils Director, Eric Everhart

The Victor Marching Blue Devils have been performing and competing in and around New York State since 1982, starting in the smallest school divisions and growing into a National-Class Field Band in 2008.

How it all Began

The Victor Marching Blue Devils Field Band was formed in 1982 by Director Tim Stohs. It started in its first season in the Novice Class, and then began competing in what is now Small School Division 3, or SS3. In 1987, David Bills took over as Director, and in 1989 and 1990, the Marching Blue Devils won back-to-back State Championships in what is now division SS3. In 1996, assistant director Eric Everhart took over as Director, and guided the band to back-to-back State Championships in division SS2 in 2000 and 2001.

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30
YEARS
and counting

*Championships
are won when
the stands
are empty*



Continued Growth

The New York State Field Band Conference promptly moved Victor up to division SS1, a move the Marching Blue Devils welcomed. After only five seasons, the Victor Marching Blue Devils won back-to-back State Championships in SS1 in 2006 and 2007.

By now, Victor's rise to the top ranks of the NYS Field Band Conference was evident. As luck would have it, Victor Central School's enrollment surpassed the Large School threshold, and the Conference moved Victor once again, this time to division LS1 (Large School division 1), more commonly known as the "National" Class. Bands in this top division compete on the national level.

In only three seasons at this top level, the Victor Marching Blue Devils brought home the Governor's Cup and a State Championship in the National Class in 2010. Additionally, the group traveled to Navy Stadium in Annapolis MD,

placing 4th in the country in their division.

A truly storied program, and the pride of the Victor Community, the Marching Blue Devils continue to strive for excellence. They are the embodiment of all that is good about our students, parents, and teachers.

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Current Band Director, Eric Everhart





Victor Central Schools Names World Renowned Dermatologist Dr. David L. Ramsay, class of '61, as 2011 Graduate of Distinction

On Sunday, June 26, 2011, a world renowned dermatologist, Dr. David L. Ramsay (VCS Class of 1961) will be recognized as Victor Central Schools' 2011 Graduate of Distinction. The Graduates of Distinction program was initiated in 2002 as a way to recognize VCS alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and made significant contributions to society.

Following graduation from VCS in 1961, Dr. Ramsay earned an A.B. in English (with honors) from Indiana University in 1965. In 1969, he received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Indiana University Medical School.

Dr. Ramsay's postdoctoral training includes an internship at George Washington University from 1969 to 1970, a residency in Dermatology at New York University from 1970 to 1973 and in 1973 was also awarded an NIH fellowship which resulted in a masters degree in education from the University of Illinois. From 1972 to 1975 he also served as a Commander in the U.S. Navy and in 1975, he was the recipient of the Naval Achievement award.

Before becoming a Clinical Professor of Dermatology at New York University (NYU) in 2003, a post he still holds today, Dr. Ramsay's professional journey in the field of dermatology field has spanned a variety of prestigious academic appointments. He was an Associate Faculty Member in the Department of English at Indiana University from 1965 to 1969, the First Director of Dermatology Residency Training at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland from 1973 to 1975 and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University from 1974 to 1975. At NYU, he served as Assistant Professor of Dermatology from 1975 to 1978, Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology from 1978-1995 and Professor of Dermatology from 1995 to 2003.

In addition to serving on major committees at both Georgetown University, New York University Medical Center and New York University, Dr. Ramsay has been an active member of numerous offices and committee assignments in professional societies ranging from the American Academy of Dermatology to the Association of Professors of Dermatology, the American Dermatologic Association, The Victor C. Hackney and Arthur L. Norins Society and the Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation. He has been on the Editorial Board of the American Family Physician, the official journal of the American Academy of Family Physicians since 1994.

Outside of the medical field, Dr. Ramsay has been actively involved with the Brooklyn Academy of Music since 1983 as a member of its Producer's Council, Collaborate Arts Council and Board of Trustees. From 2002 to 2010 he served as Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Brooklyn Academy of Music. From 2002 to present he has been Co-Chairperson of the Visual Arts Committee of the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Dr. Ramsay's résumé of impressive accomplishments does not end here. In 1994 he received the American Academy of Dermatology's Award for Excellence in Education for Advances in Dermatology. In 2000, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Teaching from Dermatology Residents in the Ronald O. Perleman Department of Dermatology at New York University. From 2005 to 2010, Dr. Ramsay was named Castle and Connolly's New York's Top Doctors, America's Top Doctors, New York Magazine's Top Doctors and America's Top Doctors for Cancer. From 2002 to present he has been recognized in Who's Who in America and from 2006 to present Dr. Ramsay has been recognized in Who's Who in the World.

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Committee Also Awards First Ever Honorable Recognition *Continued from page 3*

In addition to recognizing the esteemed Dr. Ramsay, this year, for the first time ever, the Graduates of Distinction Committee bestowed its first ever Honorable Recognition to artist, LaFayette Washington Seavey. This new designation was created to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of a person who attended Victor Schools before there was a high school.

Seavey attended Victor Schools in the late 1800's. He was born to Colonel and Mrs. William (Mary) Seavey in 1841 and died on June 18, 1901. LaFayette Washington Seavey was named after his father's two favorite Revolutionary War heroes. Records say the boy exhibited artistic talent early and began as a carriage painter in an associated business of his father's. Although his parents at first opposed his choice of a career as an artist, he persuaded them to send him to study under a Mr. Harris in Rochester, New York. His first major work was a panorama of the Civil War in 1862. He then embarked on a career as a painter of theaters and theatrical scenery and traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe. In 1864 he married his childhood sweetheart, Sarah Frances Shaw (1843-1919) of Victor and they had a daughter, Florence Demerest Seavey (1870-1919).

Seavey is cited as creating the first professional scenic studio in the United States. The owner of the LaFayette W. Seavey Scenic Studio, est. 1865 in New York City, Seavey is credited with a lot of important scenery created in New York City. According to records, the first outstanding displays in the country were arranged by LaFayette Seavey, at

Macy's in New York City. He is also credited with painting a magnificent drop curtain for the Victor Town Hall which was later destroyed by a fire. Although LaFayette Seavey died in New York City, he, his wife and his daughter are all buried in Boughton Hill Cemetery in Victor. *

*Ontario County Historical Society



Dr. Ramsay and Mr. Seavey will be formally recognized at a special Graduates of Distinction reception on Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center at Finger Lakes Community College. Following this recognition, Dr. Ramsay will take part in the VCS Class of 2011 graduation ceremony at noon, located at the same venue.

For more information on the Graduates of Distinction reception or to register to attend this free event, contact Liz Welch or Sherri Lasky in the Office of School and Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407.

About The Victor Marching Blue Devils *continued from cover*

The Victor Marching Blue Devils are a forward thinking organization that uses the pageantry arts as a vehicle to provide hundreds of students of the Victor Central School District with an environment that will promote the pursuit of personal excellence in artistic expression, physical achievement, and sportsmanship. Our motto is to “Prepare Students to Perform in Life.”

Field Band is considered to be the “Sport of the Arts”. It is a physically demanding activity that requires conditioning and precision. But unlike many sports, there is no second- or third-string. There are no substitutions. Everyone plays, and every part is important, both musically and visually.

The goal of the program is to help students grow, as performers and in life. The size and scope of the organization allows students to develop into leaders, exhibiting maturity well beyond their years.

Black and white photos of band and color guard were taken from the 1982 and 1983 yearbooks. All other photos are of the 2010-2011 school year.



Founding Marching Blue Devils Director, Timothy Stohs.



REMEMBER WHEN?

Remember when you were part of the Marching Blue Devils, the Winterguard, the Percussion Ensemble or the Little Devils Cadet Guard?

Tell us about it. And, show us with photos, too! We would love to share your memories in the next E-Alumni News slated to go out in the fall. Simply send your memory and photo to:

**laskysh@victorschools.org /or
welche@victorschools.org**



DID YOU KNOW?

Marching Blue Devils Band

The Victor Marching Blue Devils is an extra-curricular marching band program that has been a long and upstanding tradition in the Victor Central School District.

The Marching Blue Devils continue to promote and exemplify the Pride, Tradition, and Excellence that is part of each of its members. These values have never come from placements or scores, but from the commitment and desire that is included in everything they do.

- Celebrating its 30th season in 2011.
- Won 7 state championships in 1989, 1990, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2010.
- Won the USSBA Yamaha Cup in 2006 have also placed in the top 5 Nationally at the USSBA National Championships in 2009 and 2010 in Annapolis, MD.

Varsity Winterguard

The Victor Blue Devils Varsity Winterguard is an extra-curricular performance ensemble that provides a once in a lifetime experience by developing the combined skills of color guard, music, dance, and theater. It uses the competitive indoor color guard arena to provide students of the Victor Central School District with an environment that will promote the pursuit of personal excellence in artistic expression, physical achievement, and sportsmanship.

- Started again in 1999 after many years of being dormant.
- Won 3 Northeast Color Guard Circuit Championships. (2000, 2006, 2007)
- Awarded the Robert Morse "Sportsmanship Award" in 2007.
- Silver Medalists in the NorthEast Colorguard Circuit 2010.
- Bronze Medalists in the MidYork Colorguard Circuit 2010.
- Top 5 Finalist at the Rochester WGI Regional, 2010.
- Top 5 Finalist at the Syracuse WGI Regional 2011.





Indoor Percussion Ensemble

The Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble is an extra-curricular marching ensemble that provides extensive percussion studies while using the competitive indoor percussion arena as a vehicle to offer students of the Victor Central School District with an environment that

Go to the following link to see behind the scenes at Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble (VIPE).

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/section/VideoNetwork?bctid=801405469001&odyssey=mod|video>

promotes the pursuit of personal excellence in artistic expression, physical achievement, and sportsmanship.

- Celebrating their 6th season.
- Won Three New York State Percussion Circuit State Championships in 2007, 2010 and 2011.
- Were the WGI Regional Gold Medalists and placed 8th at the WGI World Championships in 2010.



Lil' Devils Cadet Guard

The Victor Lil' Devils Cadet Guard offers Intermediate School students at the Victor Central School District an opportunity to explore and enjoy the benefits of the indoor color guard activity while providing them with a head start training program for future involvement in the high school Field Band and Winterguard activities.

The Cadet Guard offers students an artistic performance outlet that has not been available to them before, combining color guard, music, dance

and theater into one activity.

Currently, the Cadet Winterguard is in its 7th year of existence- 6th year in the competition arena.

2010 bronze medalists at the Northeast Colorguard Circuit championships.

Honored with the prestigious George Cowburn "Esprit de Corps" award for exemplifying dedication, willingness to assist others, good sportsmanship, integrity, and honor- the only Cadet guard in circuit history to win an award of this caliber. ■



VCS Bids a Fine Farewell to 2011 Retirees

This year, VCS bids farewell to 13 of our finest employees, men and women who have put their hearts and souls into their work at VCS. Whether they were teaching or training, driving or delivering, coordinating or counseling, they not only made VCS what it is today, they prepared it for what it will become. They will be missed.

Early Childhood Education Center:

Karen Fernandez, 2002-2010, ESL Teacher

Victor Primary School:

Pat Cutulle, 1977-2011, School Psychologist

Robin Gruenfelder, 1992-2010, Teacher Aide

Carolyn Harper, 1974-2011, Teacher

Victor Intermediate School:

Dianne Ferguson, 1978-2011, Guidance Counselor

Victor Junior High School:

Diane Berube, 1993-2011, Food Service Cashier

Barb Rubenstein, 1981-2011, Band Teacher

Victor Senior High School:

Liz Ernenwein, 1978-2011, French Teacher

Rhonda Jagnow, 1978-2011, Librarian

Alberta Padden, 1978-2011, Head Cook

Bob Thompson, 1981-2011, Physical Education Teacher

Karen Ward, 1990-2011, Teacher Aide

District Wide:

Dean Rice, 2003-2011, Bus Driver

Michael DeMott, 1999-2011, Director of Human Resources

Retirees as of April 6, 2011

Kenya Calling...

Alexandra Rieck, Class of 2007 Travels to Kenya

Why did you travel to Kenya?

I went to Kenya through St. John Fisher College's (SJFC) Wegman's School of Nursing and Building Futures which is a nonprofit organization that builds schools for children in Kenya. The point of the trip was medical missions; we went to provide health interventions and screenings for children and orphans in Kenya.



When did you go?

May 12-22, 2010

Who did you go with?

I traveled with other nursing students, Pharmacy students and faculty as well as SJFC Nursing faculty and some non-medical individuals who came to help with manual labor and other non medical needs.

What did you do there?

We ran an orphan feeding program, worked in the local hospital, ran a health screening and triage clinic at a school recently built by Building Futures where they just finished building a health clinic. I got to be the "baby-catcher" in a C-section at the local hospital where we also got to help out in a mother-baby clinic. We also got to visit other hospitals in the larger neighboring city of Kisumu, and bring clothes and supplies to the Pheobe house which was a halfway house for women and children.

Where in Kenya were you?

Mostly in Maseno which is a town outside of the larger city of Kisumu, on lake Victoria. We also went to Masi Mara at the end of the trip for safari.

How did the Medical Explorers prepare you for SJFC and the work you did in Kenya?

Medical Explorer's club gave me a lot of insight to different medical fields as well as an appreciation for service work. I think that the different community service projects we did influenced me to want to help others which is one aspect of what led me to Kenya.

When will you graduate from the SJFC nursing program?

I will graduate May 7th, 2011 with my Bachelors in Nursing. ■



Alexandra Rieck is bottom right

I'll Take Success Stories of 1999

Who is Megan Rafferty-Barnes

Class of '99 Alum and Jeopardy! Winner

Last month, VCS Class of 1999 graduate Megan Rafferty-Barnes took the ultimate trivia test when she became a contestant on the popular television game show, Jeopardy!.

Barnes said that as a stay at home mother it was great to “hold her own” against her competitors — many who were doctors, lawyers and engineers — and prove that her brain hadn't turned to mush from caring for a toddler all day!

What did you do after VCS?

I went to Kenyon College, graduating with a B.A in English and a minor in Classical Civilization. Then I spent two years with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, working with AIDS patients in Baltimore, MD one year, and as a reading teacher on the Ft. Belknap Reservation in Hays, MT the next year. In 2007, I got married and moved to Baltimore, where I worked as an after-school coordinator until I left my job when I had my son Brendan in 2009.

What motivated you to try out for Jeopardy!?

I loved playing Masterminds at Victor under our coach Mr. Olson, and that's what really got me started on this path. When Jeopardy! started having their auditions online, I figured I'd give it a try. I tried out in 2007 and 2010 before getting on the show. Also, it's a chance to show your smarts on national TV. How many opportunities do you have for that?



How did you prepare?

I would stand as far away from the TV in my living room as possible, pretending that my chair was the lectern, and using a ballpoint pen as my buzzer. Everyone who gets on Jeopardy! is very knowledgeable, so getting in first on the buzzer is key. Being on Masterminds also helped me here. I tried to study up on the common categories they have on the show—Shakespeare, state and world capitals, English monarchs, Oscar winners, etc.

How much did you win in all?

I won \$103,203 in three games, and I got \$2,000 for the fourth game that I lost. The check won't arrive for 120 days after airing.

What will you do with the winnings?

My family is going to take a nice vacation this summer, and we're going to buy a house. We have our second baby coming in October, so we'd like to be moved in by then.



Megan Rafferty-Barnes, '99

How did VCS prepare you for something like Jeopardy!?

I had great teachers at Victor who really encouraged me to learn. I remember in 9th grade English I complained to Mr. Amstey that I had already read *To Kill a Mockingbird* on my own, so he found me another book on the same themes to read instead. I took every class I could with

Mr. Olson (AP American History, Sociology, and Philosophy). I loved being a part of Masterminds and Academic Decathlon. I found out that I had a talent for trivia. I think it's so important for there to be a variety of extracurricular activities available at school so students have a chance to discover what they excel at.

What was Alex Trebek like?

Alex was really nice. During each commercial break he would go out and take questions from the audience. He said he loved the Saturday Night Live parodies of him. We weren't allowed to talk to him much because he knew the answers and they have to make sure there's no appearance of impropriety. But it's easy to see that he loves his job.

What was it like to be on the show?

It was such an adrenalin rush to be on the show. They tape five shows a day, so as soon as I won one game,

I was hustled back to change clothes, get my makeup retouched, and do it all over again. I'm a huge fan of Jeopardy! so it was so exciting just to get to be one of those people inside my television set. And then to win three times . . . I'm still on cloud nine.

Where was the show recorded?

It was recorded at Sony Studios in Culver City, CA outside of LA. When we went to lunch at the studio cafeteria, I stood right next to Seth Rogan in the salad bar line!

What are you doing now?

I'm a stay at home mother to my son Brendan, 20 months. We're expecting another child in the fall. ■



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Upcoming Class Reunions Information

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 1971 ~ July 30, 2011

The class of 1971 will proudly celebrate its 40th Class Reunion on Saturday, July 30th, 2011 at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport. We also have plans to meet at McGhan's on Friday night and possibly take a trip on the Canandaigua Lady on Sunday. The committee would love to hear from you and keep you updated via email. If you are willing, please email Linda Bowerman Armstrong at lindabany@gmail.com or Deb Keller Kingsley at dkk6969@gmail.com and let us know if you are planning to attend the reunion.

Contact Email: lindabany@gmail.com

Class of 1986 ~ July 29-30, 2011

Contact Information: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/group.php?gid=40316848871>
Laura Howe at laura1205@frontiernet.net

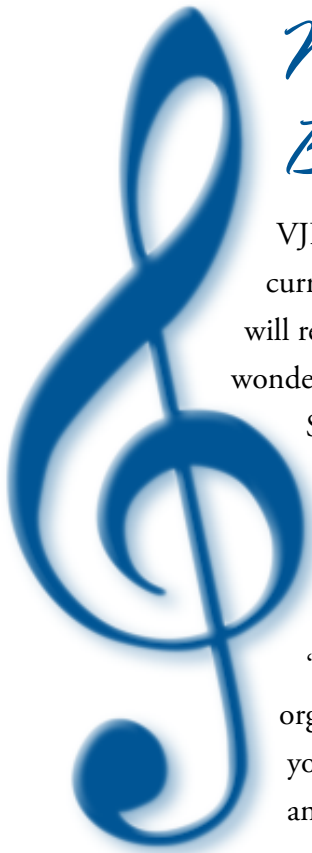


photo from 1983 yearbook **Senior High School**

Then and Now



photo taken March 31, 2011 **Junior High School**



Music Teacher Seeks Alumnae Band Members for Upcoming Concert

VJH music teacher, Barbara Rubenstein is seeking former band members to join the current 8th grade band in playing a song at the June 6th concert. Rubenstein, who will retire in June, says performing with both former and present students would be a wonderful way to bid farewell to her career at VCS. This year's theme for Music In Our School Month was, "Music Lasts A Lifetime!" What a better way to exemplify this! The concert is slated for Monday, June 6th at 7:00PM in the JH/SH Arts Center. The alumnae piece will be "Majestia" by James Swearingen. Rubenstein says she will have plenty of extra parts of the music available the night of the concert, or could mail it to anyone who wants a copy in advance. If you are interested in "re-joining" the band, contact Barbara Rubenstein at RubensteinB@victorschools.org and indicate the instrument and part you would want to play, and an address if you wish to receive the music ahead of time. This should be an amazing performance and a lot of fun for everyone involved.

Family Fun Festival

May 17, 2011, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.

VCS Campus

FEATURING

- Chicken BBQ
- Walk for Diabetes
- Carnival
- Fine Arts Festival
- Musical Performances

and SO MUCH MORE



Tenth Annual Senior Citizens Ball

Free and open to ALL
Victor Central School District
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Office of School &
Community Relations
and the Senior High Key Club

Saturday, May 14, 2011
7 - 9 p.m.

@ Victor Intermediate School
Gymnasium

Entertainment by
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Reservations required, call School & Community Relations
at 924-3252, ext.1407 or e-mail
welche@victorschools.org or laskysh@victorschools.org

Scenes from our 2010 Ball



Academic, Athletic and Artistic Distinctions

- In November 2010, 79 Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- In June 2010, 95% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma. 64% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and 29% 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.
- On September 20, 2010, twenty outstanding Victor Senior High musicians were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter 5863. Membership into this prestigious organization is based upon academic excellence, outstanding musical performance skills, participation and excellence in extracurricular activities, leadership and teacher recommendation.
- One-third of our high school students are involved in an art program, and every year, between 10 – 15 students from VCS go on to major in art in college pursuing careers in the Arts.
- 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 2010 fall varsity teams qualified as scholar athlete teams as well as all ten of our winter teams.
- The Boys Volleyball Team were named the first New York State Champion for their division. Senior Ashley Broderick earned her second consecutive New York State Diving Championship

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, 2011 to:

Maureen Goodberlet, *District Clerk*
Victor Central School District
953 High Street, Victor, New York 14564
goodberletm@victorschools.org

District Council Seeks Community Member

The District Council is currently seeking a community member to serve on the 2011-2012 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 send 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, 2011.***

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SAVE THE DATE

Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Sunday, June 19, 2011

6:30 p.m. Cocktails ~ 7:00 p.m. Dinner

for reservations call
Ken Weigert at 924-2944 or
Kathleen Brady at 924-7982

Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

*is looking for VCS alumni
to participate with us.*



(1) Three Year Term Open

- ~ Committee meets 2-3 times a year.
- ~ Meeting times are flexible.

Interested?

Please send a letter of interest by April 22, 2011 to:

Maureen Goodberlet, *District Clerk*
Victor Central School District
953 High Street, Victor, New York 14564
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Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

**JUNE 7TH DEADLINE
FOR NOMINATIONS**

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 Senior High School.

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

ATHLETES

Individuals who were athletes in the Victor Senior High School and have been graduated a minimum of ten years.

COACHES

Individuals who have made a significant and extraordinary contribution to the Victor Athletic program.

HONORARY

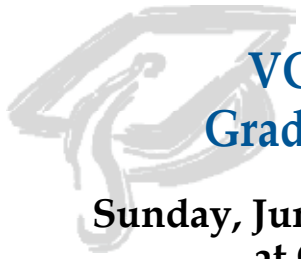
An honorary candidate must have made a significant impact on Victor athletics and/or on sectional, regional, state, national, professional, administration or international levels of athletes. The honorary category may include but not be limited to counselors, faculty managers, scoreboard/book operators, 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. 1460 or whitcombr@victorschools.org.



VCS Class of 2011 Graduation Ceremony

**Sunday, June 26, 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 2012.

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, 2012.**

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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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.....

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