



## Victor Central School Names Graduates of Distinction

*Colonel Sharon Duffy, (Class of 1975)  
and Musician, Alan Hood (Class of 1982)*

*This year, a highly distinguished retired military officer and world renowned trumpet player will be recognized as Victor Central Schools' 2013 Graduates 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. This year's nominees will be honored this fall at the first ever "Graduates of Distinction Day," a day of education, recognition and inspiration, to be held at the Victor Senior High School.*



*Colonel Sharon Duffy,  
Class of 1975*

***Sharon Duffy,  
Colonel, United  
States Army***

Following graduation from VCS in 1975, Sharon Duffy received Bachelor's Degrees in English and Sociology from St. Lawrence University in 1979, where she completed ROTC training. In 1981, she earned a Master's of

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*Alan Hood, Class of 1982*

***Alan Hood,  
World Renowned  
Trumpet Player***

After graduating from Victor Senior High School in 1982, Alan Hood received his Bachelor's degree in Music from the University of Kentucky in 1989. In 1992, he earned his Master's degree in music from Northern Illinois University.

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Education Degree in counseling from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and in 2000 she received a Master's Degree in National Securities Studies from the United States Army War College. During her thirty year career in the US Army, Commander Duffy also graduated from Airborne training, a

title which enabled her to parachute from airplanes.

Colonel Sharon Duffy spent half of her military career overseas. In 2003, she commanded the 43rd Corps Support Group at Fort Carson, Colorado. While there, she deployed her unit to Iraq, one of the first units into Iraq where she established logistics operations in Baghdad. In 2006, Duffy served as Deputy Commander for the 3rd Corps Support Command (second in Command) stationed in Germany. During this time, she helped deploy the command to Iraq, the largest logistics command in the country of Iraq, with 55 bases, 20,000 soldiers and 5,000 civilians. In addition to Iraq, Duffy served in Sarajevo as the Corps Movement Officer. Stateside, Duffy was a Captain at Fort Lewis, Washington where she commanded the 513th Transportation Company in the 80th Ordnance Battalion. Other assignments included instructor and branch representative at West Point, intern at the Pentagon on the Joints Chief of Staff and Battalion Commander (Lieutenant Colonel) for the 142 Corps Support Battalion at Fort Polk, Louisiana, where her unit was instrumental to the success of all units that rotate through the elite training center at Fort Polk. Duffy's military career culminated as the Deputy Commander for the 21st Theater Sustainment Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany where she spent her final four years on active duty.

During her career, Colonel Duffy earned many of the military's highest honors including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal for her service in Iraq, the

Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

According to her nominator, Diane Guinan, a 1974 VCS graduate, Sharon Duffy has that rare ability to command and interact in a way in which people can have fun in her presence and because of her presence, but continue to be earnest about their job and responsibilities.

"Sharon has served our country for 30 years and earned promotion to full Colonel in the Army. Sharon not only served our country, she did it with integrity, selfless leadership, style, perseverance, determination, courage and dedication. She loves to sing patriotic songs and encourages others to sing along with her. Sharon was described the following way in LinkedIn: 'A proven leader and logistics manager with 30 years of command and operations experience in diverse organizations, experienced in multiple aspects of operations, planning and logistics. A consistent track record of success solving complex problems while leading large, diverse, goal-orientated organizations challenged with time-sensitive missions and tasks requiring innovative solutions, often in austere and stressful environments, including war zones.' I had multiple opportunities to visit Sharon over the past 30 years in various parts of the United States and abroad. All indications supported the LinkedIn description. When interacting with those around her,



I always had the sense that Sharon was respected by all."

*Major General Patricia McQuiston, the commanding general of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command (TSC), presents the Legion of Merit Award to Colonel Sharon Duffy, the 21st TSC's Deputy Commanding Officer.*

*photos of Colonel Duffy as seen on the US Army website*

# VCS Graduates of Distinction *continued from cover*



Currently, Hood is working on his Doctoral degree in music at the University of Miami. From 1999 to present, Hood has been an Associate Professor of Trumpet at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music.

As a freelance trumpet player, Alan has played the world over with such notable

musicians as Phil Collins, Ray Charles, Doc Severinsen, Wynton Marsalis and Natalie Cole. He divides his time between performing and teaching full time at the Lamont School of Music, where he directs the school's 'Lamont Jazz Ensemble' and performs with Lamont's artist-in-residence ensembles and various faculty groups.

Hood is featured on over four-dozen recordings as a featured soloist or sideman. He also released two recordings of his own; the 2008 solo CD, *Just a Little Taste* and the 2010 co-led H2 Big Band CD, *You're It!*

Hood's professional accomplishments do not end there. In 2004, he was the host of the International Trumpet Guild Conference in Denver and in 2006, the First Annual Rocky Mountain Trumpet Festival. He has also been the host of the prestigious Rafael Mendez Brass Institute at the University of Denver since 2007.

As a teaching musician, Hood enjoys working and performing with students from such places as the University of Minnesota, Western Michigan University, Indiana University, East Tennessee State University, Wichita State University, University of Northern Colorado and Nagoya University of the Arts in Japan. He has also served as a judge for the National Trumpet Competition, the International Trumpet Guild, the

Carmine Caruso International Jazz Competition and many Colorado and national jazz festivals. As a leading authority on the life and work of jazz legend, Clifford Brown, Alan has presented on the topic at many conferences, has written articles and been consulted by Jazz at the Lincoln Center's Education Department for assistance with their new Brown exhibit that is now a part of the Nesuhi Ertegun Jazz Hall of Fame. From 1996 to 1999 Hood was the Chief Researcher, Interviewer and Consultant for a published biography on jazz trumpet legend, Clifford Brown.

Alan Hood's friend and nominator, Michael Keefe a 1982 VSH graduate said he believes Alan's induction into the Graduates of Distinction program will serve as an inspiration to current and future VCS students interested in pursuing a career in music performance and education. "Al has two great passions; music and teaching. He has found a way to combine the two into a



career that has brought him great personal satisfaction and extensive professional recognition. He is a genuinely good guy who cares deeply about his art and the students whose own talents he helps to nurture and develop."

*For more information on the Graduates of Distinction program and upcoming Graduates of Distinction Day, contact Liz Welch or Sherri Lasky in the Office of School and Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407.*

## VCS Bids a Fine Farewell to 2013 Retirees

*This year, VCS says goodbye to eight fine employees, men and women who have given their all to their work through the years. Whether they were teaching students, supporting staff or maintaining equipment, each contributed to VCS in their own unique and important way. They will be missed!*

### **Victor Primary School:**

*Mary Coleman, 1974 - 2013, Elementary Teacher*

*Mary Dushenko, 1991 - 2013, Elementary Teacher*

*Mary Murphy, 1978 - 2013, Elementary Teacher*

*Linda Perkins, 1971 - 2013, Elementary Teacher*

### **Victor Intermediate School:**

*Linda Armstrong, 1977 - 2013, Elementary Teacher*

### **Victor Junior High School:**

*Teresa Swank, 1982 - 2013, Science Teacher*

### **District Wide:**

*Diane Mehlenbacher, 1987 - 2012, District Payroll Clerk*

*Donald Richards, 2004 - 2012, HVAC Service Engineer*

*Retirees as of March 28, 2013*

## VCS Bids Old Pool Farewell

Students, staff, administrators, members of the Board of Education and community members bid farewell to a piece of VCS history during a special closing ceremony of the VCS swimming pool on Wednesday, February 13th.

The first VCS pool, opened in December of 1973, served the District well, exceeding its projected life span. In addition to an on-going leaking issue, the old pool was no longer designed to meet the needs of our ever-growing physical education program (a curriculum that supports swimming units for all students in grades 1 to 12) and our competitive swimming program.

The new aquatics center, to be opened in the fall of 2013, features state of the art lights, ventilation, a moveable bulkhead that sits on the water, plenty of storage and an upper level for spectators.



### Dive Into History

Construction on the new VCS aquatics center is going swimmingly. The new facility is scheduled to be ready for use this fall.

In anticipation of the new pool, we are seeking your fond memories and/or photos of the "old" VCS pool.

Please email Liz Welch or Sherri Lasky in the Office of School and Community Relations at [welche@victorschools.org](mailto:welche@victorschools.org) or [laskysh@victorschools.org](mailto:laskysh@victorschools.org).

*Top row: Christine (Thompson) Phelps, Jay Pfluke, Molly (Hastings) Ranney, and Rob Potter. Bottom row: Chrissy Judge, Lindsay Karl, Todd Hamann, Keith Shields, Scott Shields, (Zach & Melody), Kristy (Koring) Shields, and Bill Glitch.*

## Professor Todd Pagano, Ph. D.

*VCS Class of 1993, named Professor of the Year*



*Todd Pagano, Class of 1993*

On November 15, 2012, Todd Pagano, '93, was named the 2012 Outstanding Masters Universities and Colleges Professor of the Year at a special ceremony held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Pagano was selected from more than 300 nominations.

The Outstanding Masters Universities and Colleges Professor of the Year award is sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The U.S. Professor of the Year Award is given to recognize extraordinary dedication to teaching, and is widely regarded as the top award for teaching at the undergraduate level.

The body of work that earned Pagano the award was recognized by remarks on the Senate Floor by New York State Senator Charles Schumer and in the House of Representatives by Congresswoman Louise Slaughter. Both remarks were entered into the Congressional Record.

Pagano is a Professor of Chemistry at Rochester Institute

of Technology and Director of the Laboratory Science Technology Program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. He is fluent in sign language and an advocate for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in academia and in the workplace. In addition, he is actively involved in scientific research with grants and publications in several areas of chemistry and has been recognized for his work in fluorescence spectroscopy. He also advises and consults for, the American Chemical Society, National Academy of Science, and National Science Teachers Association.

After graduating from VCS in 1993, Pagano attended SUNY Oswego and received a B.A. degree in Chemistry. From there, he completed his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, both in Chemistry, from Tufts University.

Pagano said VCS prepared him well for college and for his career. "I had many outstanding teachers and I knew that I had received a great education as compared to other students I met throughout my college career. In fact, I was able to complete my bachelor's degree in only 3 years after graduating from VCS largely because I was able to test out of several college courses based on material that I had picked up in high school," Pagano said.

One of the many VCS experiences Pagano credits for his success today is the Elementary Enrichment Program. "This program had a large impact on me. I really enjoyed some of the open-ended topics that we explored. Really, it gave me my

first taste of 'research'; and in fact, one of the subjects we explored was Chemistry- which was my first exposure to the field," he said. Pagano also credits former VCS teacher and coach, Bill Coleman, for giving him his first experience in teaching when he taught tennis with him for many summers.

It is this first teaching experience that helped mold Pagano's teaching philosophy today. "My philosophy on teaching is that effective postsecondary teachers are versed in the scholarship of their field and also have the ability to teach the subject at a suitable level for the identified group of learners. By incorporating real-world issues, historical perspectives and interdisciplinary topics, educators can better express the importance of the course, facilitate student learning and make the subject captivating," Pagano said.

While Pagano's philosophy on teaching challenges him both personally and professionally, he says it is a shared mission by the student and teacher. "My philosophy suggests a change in perspective of the age-old question: 'Which came first, the teacher or the student?' I believe that teaching is reciprocal; thus, a teacher is a student. In the context of the shared mission of student success by the teacher and the student, instructors should be willing to learn, not only by keeping current in their field, but also by learning from their students."

What advice would Pagano give to a current VCS student wishing

to become a college professor? “The road to becoming a college/university professor can be a long and winding one. Obtaining a doctoral degree is a large time and energy commitment. But if one puts in the effort, the career can be very rewarding- as you have the opportunity to impact students’ lives, often as the very final step in their educational process, just before going on to their own careers.”

When Pagano is not teaching in the classroom, he enjoys sports, fantasy football, travelling, and riding his

bicycle and motorcycle. Pagano is married to Dr. Susan Smith Pagano, also a professor at RIT in the School of Life Sciences. His mother, Eleanor Pagano, is a retired VCS Junior High math teacher and his father is a retired Palmyra-Macedon elementary school principal. They are both currently adjunct professors at Nazareth College.



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## WANTED! Your Reunion Information

*Click on the link below to look for fellow alumni or post your reunion.*

### ALUMNI RELATIONS

#### **Attention Class Of 1979!**

**Mark your calendars!** The Class of 1979 is planning a summer picnic for Saturday, July 20th in the “West Shelter” at Powder Mills Park. The picnic starts at noon sharp. For more information you can contact:

Ed O’Brien [emo42@frontiernet.net](mailto:emo42@frontiernet.net)

or Ronalee Roberts [ronnie1014@frontier.com](mailto:ronnie1014@frontier.com)

## Three's a Charm

### VCS Brothers Give Back to VCS

Last year, three VCS alumni made a special donation to the Dollars for Scholars Program to honor not only their great grandparents and Victor Central Schools, but to pay tribute to those who recognized them when they graduated.

In a letter to the Dollars for Scholars program, Daniel L. Drew, Jr. – Class of 2008, Christian A. Drew – Class of 2011 and Jacob M. Drew – Class of 2012 said the program was meaningful on many levels.

#### ***To Whom It May Concern:***

*Please accept the following donation from our family's foundation. This foundation was created in the name of our great-grandparents, Henry and Constance Drew. Constance was a teacher and Henry a carpenter. During our family reunion this past July the following statement was read by Daniel Drew, Jr.:*

*In the past eight years Victor High School has graduated my two brothers and I. All three of us are continuing our education on the collegiate level. Now that I've completed my undergraduate degree I can say that the education Victor gave me put me ahead of most other students in my introductory classes. Which Christian can attest to and Jacob will soon find out.*

*However, our education wasn't the only thing Victor gave our family. Each of us received scholarships through the Victor Dollars for Scholars Program to help pay for our collegiate degrees.*



*from left to right: Jacob, Daniel, and Christian*

Daniel – SUNY Cortland  
*Captain Donald Roberts, USAF Memorial Scholarship*

Christian – Nazareth College  
*VCS Music Department Scholarship*

Jacob – SUNY Alfred  
*The Tim Bauer Award &  
VCS District Administrators Award*

*For Victor's dedication and generosity to our family and our education and since Victor schools is now seeing off their last Drew we would like to give back to the program that has given us so much. Therefore, our family has chosen to donate our share to the Victor Dollars for Scholars program.*

*With that said, please accept the enclosed donation on behalf of our family foundation. Thank you for your support to our family and to the students of Victor Senior High School.*

*Sincerely,*

*Daniel L. Drew, Jr. – Class of 2008*

*Christian A. Drew – Class of 2011*

*Jacob M. Drew – Class of 2012*

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**Dollars for  
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## Alumni Celebrate Town of Victor's Bicentennial

Some VCS alumni took center stage at the Town of Victor's Bicentennial Community Concert on Wednesday, March 20th at the Victor JH-SH Arts Center. Alumni sang the beloved alma mater in harmony with VCS Intermediate students and the Victor Community Choir under the direction of VCS music teacher Nancy Burt-Preece.

*The VCS alma mater was written by Estella Laurretta Guinan.*

[Click here to for words and music to alma mater.](#)



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## Class of 1962 Honors Classmates

This past September, Victor Intermediate School Library Media Specialist Maggie Elliot was notified by Marcia Walter from the VCS Class of 1962 that her classmates collected money at their 50th reunion to purchase books to honor class members who were veterans.

In December, Mrs. Elliot received the books, put book plates in them to acknowledge the gift and processed them for circulation. That's not all she did. She also set up a special display case to acknowledge the gifts and honor the veterans. "This was a really nice way to honor their classmates," Elliot said.



## Class of 2011 Grad Completes Ironman

It is considered to be one of the most grueling sporting events one can participate, but that did not stop Paul Seelman, a VCS 2011 graduate from taking it on. Last July, in Lake Placid, New York, Seelman not only took on the challenge, he completed it with flying colors.

Seelman's foray into the Ironman world is an extension from his days of track and field at VCS where he did shotput, discus and distance running. An Ironman is a triathlon consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run. Seelman's Ironman took him just over 16 hours to complete.

Seelman's inspiration to do an Ironman is not what one might think. "Honestly, I just wanted to get in shape. I was looking up distance running on Wikipedia, which brought me to triathlons, which brought me to the Ironman. I thought it would be cool to say that I had done an Ironman, so I did it."

Seelman was not only a participant in the 2012 Lake Placid Ironman; he was one of the youngest participants.

"The largest age group in the Ironman is 40-50 because these are the people that can afford the bikes and the gear and the time to train. I was lucky because, as a college student, I had a ton of free time to commit to training and I was able to get away with buying an entry

level road bike. I didn't even buy clip-in bike shoes because I couldn't afford them and didn't really think they were necessary. On the course, I realized that EVERY SINGLE PERSON besides me had them and they thought it was hilarious that I was wearing Keen sandals," Seelman said.

Proper footwear was just one of many lessons Seelman learned on his Ironman journey. He also learned an important lesson on life and perseverance.

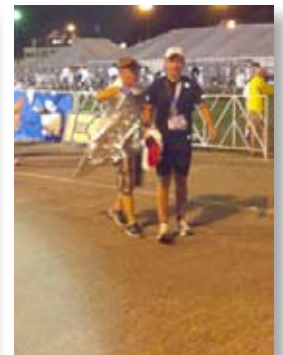
"Don't listen to anybody who says you can't do it. Anybody can do it as long as they are truly committed."

When asked if there are other Ironman events in his future, Seelman had this to say. "Yes but it'll take a while to get there. I took six months off after finishing the Ironman and now that I've started training again I can really feel the difference."

Currently, Paul Seelman is a full time student at SUNY Plattsburg majoring in finance. When he is not doing school work or triathlon training he enjoys spending time with friends and family.



*Paul Seelman, Class of 2011.*



# Family Fun Festival

**May 21, 2013, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

**VCS Campus**

## FEATURING

Chicken BBQ

Walk for Diabetes

Carnival

Fine Arts Festival

Musical Performances

*and SO MUCH MORE*



# Twelfth Annual Senior Citizens Ball

Free and open to ALL  
Victor Central School District  
Senior Citizens!  
(55 and Older)

Presented by  
VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
Office of School &  
Community Relations  
and the Senior High Key Club

*Special Thank You to the Kiwanis Club  
for Their Support*

Saturday, May 11, 2013  
7 - 9 p.m.

@ Victor Intermediate School  
Gymnasium

Entertainment by  
"Western New York Big Band"

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

Scenes from our 2012 Ball

**PLEASE NOTE  
TIME CHANGE**

# VCS Class of 2013 Graduation Ceremony

**Sunday, June 23, 3:00 p.m.  
at CMAC**

*Constellation Brands*

*Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center*

## Academic, Athletic and Artistic Distinctions

- In September 2012, Victor Junior and Senior High Schools were named “Reward Schools” by New York State Education Department Commissioner, John King. VSH was named a “Reward School” in the category of “Highest Progress.” VJH was named a “Highest Performance” school.
- In February, 2013, VJH was re-designated for a second time as a “School to Watch” by NYS Education Department’s Essential Elements “School to Watch” Program. The school was first designated as a “School to Watch” in 2006.
- In June 2012, 96% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma. 66% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and 27% received a Regents Diploma with Honors.
- The Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble (VIPE) won the 2012 New York State Percussion Circuit State Championship for a third year in a row.
- In September 2012, fifteen outstanding Victor Senior High musicians were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter 5863.
- 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 2012 spring and fall varsity teams and 2013 winter varsity teams qualified as scholar athlete teams.
- This winter, Alpine Skier, Maddie Haggerty was a member of the Section V Alpine Ski team that won the New York State Championship.
- This winter, Boys Swimmers, Luke Shanahan, Jared Ritz, Tyler Alden, Aaron Natarelli and Jeff Williamson were members of the winning Section V team that won the New York State Boys Swimming and Diving Championship. Senior, Jeff Williamson also won two individual state championships while setting two new school, Section V, and State records.
- Baily Kem became Victor’s first Section V Champion 1500 meter Racewalker in 2012. She also qualified for the Nationals in 2013.
- This winter, VCS Varsity bowlers and sisters, Brianna and Dominique Newton bowled perfect 300 games.

## 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 2014.

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 6, 2014.**

## *Dear Alumni*

As members of the Business Program Review Committee, we are compiling information regarding Victor Central School’s Business Program for the purpose of improving our current program and curriculum. In order to help compile this data, we are asking that you please take a moment to complete our brief online survey.

<http://www.victorschools.org/forms.cfm?myForm=170>

In this survey, you will be asked for suggestions on possible ways to improve our Business Program as well as ways in which the Business Program could have better prepared you for your post-secondary experiences. We assure you that all answers will remain anonymous. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this short survey.

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SAVE THE DATE

Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Sunday, June 9, 2013

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

for reservations call  
Ken Weigert at 924-2944 or

*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 May 13, 2013 to:*

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

*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](http://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](mailto:whitcombr@victorschools.org).

## Then and Now



*Senior High student  
in typing class from  
the 1987 BAGÉL.*



*One of our younger students working on a laptop.*

## Send Us Your News

If you are an alumnus of Victor Central Schools, we encourage you to e-mail us at **[alumni@victorschools.org](mailto: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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## TEN WAYS TO MAKE IT A

# Blue Devil Day!

**1 Be a Cheerleader!** Attend any one of our hundreds of yearly sporting events.

**2 Support the Arts!** Take the family to a school musical, play or art show.

**3 Get in Tune With One of Our Music Programs.** Go to a band, orchestra or choral presentation.

**4 Play!** Take some time with your children after school or on the weekend and play on one of our great playgrounds.

**5 Get Involved.** Volunteer in your child's classroom or for a special event or organization.

**6 Jump In!** Take a dip in our swimming pool during open or family swim times.

**7 Make a Difference.** Take part in one of the District's food drives or community service efforts.

**8 Take a Walk.** Our new campus fitness trail makes for great exercise.

**9 Show Your School Pride.** If you are a VCS alumni, get involved in the VCS Alumni Association or attend your class reunion.

**10 Stay Connected.** Check out our website on a regular basis for the latest news and information at

**[www.victorschools.org](http://www.victorschools.org)**



# 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](mailto:callaric@victorschools.org) or 585-924-3252, ext. 1116*