



## 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Honored

Four former VCS athletes were inducted into the prestigious Victor Athletic Hall of Fame at a special ceremony on Saturday, October 12th at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Bushnell's Basin.

This year's Athletic Hall of Fame recipients were James Sampson, Class of 1965, Shannon Jordan, Class of 1995, David Ulmer, Class of 2001 and Matt Bowerman, Class of 2002.

### JAMES SAMPSON - CLASS OF 1965



James Sampson was a three sport athlete in baseball, basketball and football. Jim was a pitcher in baseball, a point guard in basketball and a running back in football.

Known as the "Strike Out King" by the Geneva Times during his 1965 baseball season, Sampson struck out 103 batters in 48 innings, averaging 2.1 strike outs per inning. He threw a no hitter in the 1964 regular season and struck out 18, 17 and 16 batters, respectively, in three consecutive games in the 1965 season.

Sampson was also a member of the American Legion Championship baseball teams in 1964 and 1965. In 1965, he struck out 16, 14, 14 batters in three consecutive games for the team. At Monroe Community College, Sampson continued his legacy of baseball

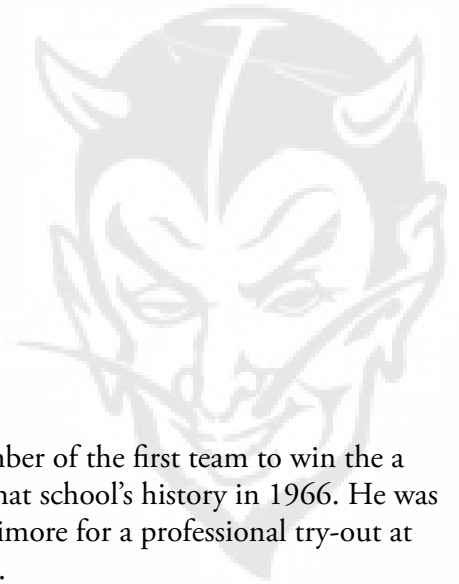
excellence as a member of the first team to win the a Regional game in that school's history in 1966. He was also invited by Baltimore for a professional try-out at Red Wing Stadium.

Sampson's athletic highlights include running for an 80 yard touchdown for VCS' 1964 football team and scoring 24 points in the basketball game dedicating the new school gym in 1965. He also held a 200 average in bowling.

### SHANON JORDAN GRASSO - CLASS OF 1995



In addition to being a member of the Victor Softball team in 1995, Shanon Jordan Grasso was a major force in volleyball at VCS from 1991 through 1994. During her freshman year, she was named the Most Improved Player on the Varsity Volleyball team. In 1992 her team won the Section V Championship and



she was chosen to be on the Section V All Tournament Team and member of the First Team All-League. In 1993 Grasso was not only the team captain, she was a member of the First Team All League and Section V All Tournament. That year, her team not only won the Section V Championship, it was the Far West Regional Winner and a State-Semi Finalist team. In 1994, Grasso was the team leader in assists and aces, the team captain, and team Most Valuable Player. Her team not only won the Section V Championship title for the third consecutive year, it was the Far West Regional Finalist, as well. Grasso was also selected to the First Team All-League and named the Section V All Tournament MVP in 1994.

After VCS, Shanon attended Canisius College on an athletic scholarship. While there, she became the all time career assists leader for a single season and was named MAAC Conference Rookie of the Year in 1995. From her sophomore through her senior years, she was the volleyball team captain. During her senior year at Canisius she was named the team's MVP. In 2007, Grasso was named Wal-Mart's Florida Teacher of the Year.

## DAVID ULMER - CLASS OF 2001

Dave was a three sport athlete in football, basketball and lacrosse. Among Dave's VCS athletic feats, he was a 1,000 yard rusher in football in 1999 and 2000. He set a school record in football rushing for 1,662 yards in a single season. Dave also holds the school record in season rushing touchdowns. Overall, Dave was the team leading tackler and rusher with 369 tackles, 2,897 yards and 31 touchdowns. He was part of the football team that won the first Section V title for Victor. He was also part of the team that beat Canandaigua for the first time in 21 years. Dave was a two time First Team All-State selection, a two time NYS Section V Class A Offensive Player of the Year, and a two time All Greater Rochester 1st team selection. A class act on and off the field, Dave was a member of the National Honor Society and the 2001 recipient of the highly acclaimed Barney Lynaugh Athlete of the Year Award. Post VCS, Dave attended Bucknell University where he played Division 1 Football. While there, he not only played in every game during his four years, he was the starting linebacker both his junior and



senior years. He started every game as linebacker his junior year and finished fourth on the squad with 54 tackles (33 solo). Dave excelled at Bucknell University academically, as well, achieving the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, Dean's List and graduating Cum Laude. Today, Dave is a personal trainer, coach and a Cross Fit competitor. He uses his talents to have a positive impact on others, whether in the gym where he coaches, participating in community health and fitness events or artistic and creative projects.

## MATTHEW BOWERMAN - CLASS OF 2002



Matthew was a powerful force in two VCS sports, football and lacrosse. His excellence in both sports earned him the Barney Lynaugh Athlete of the Year award his senior year.

In football, Matthew was a three year Varsity starter at quarterback. His team played in Section V finals all three years. Matthew led the team to Victor's first Section V Football Championship and was the quarterback on the team that beat Canandaigua for the first time in 20 years. He was the team captain both his junior and senior years and named to the First Team All -League and Second Team All Greater Rochester in 2000 and 2001. Matthew set the school record for touchdown passes and yards passing for a season and career (4,339 career passing yards and 48 touchdown passes). Post VCS, Bowerman played football at Division 1 West Point as a freshman.

Matthew was a formidable force in VCS lacrosse, as well. He was a four year starter as a defenseman and the team captain for three years. He was named to the All Finger Lakes All-League for three years and the Section V All Tournament Team for three years. Bowerman led the Victor lacrosse team to its first Section V Championship. He was named Most Improved Player as a sophomore, Team Most Valuable Player as a junior and Defensive MVP as a senior. Post VCS, Bowerman was a Four Year Letterman and two year starter on defense at Division 1 West Point. While on the lacrosse team there, he made three consecutive NCAA tournaments. He also received the Jack Emmer Award as the most physical player on the team.

*Click [HERE](#) for information on past Hall of Fame inductees.*

# Academic, Athletic and Artistic Distinctions

- In September 2013, Victor Junior and Senior High Schools were named “Reward Schools for Highest Performance” by the New York State Education Department.
- 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 2013, 96% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma. 65% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and 27% received a Regents Diploma with Honors.
- The Victor Marching Blue Devils have secured three 1st place finishes so far in 2013 competitions.
- In September 2013, twenty 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.
- This past 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.
- This past spring, the Girls Lacrosse Team was recognized by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) for having the highest Grade Point Average of any team in the State – 97.094%!
- The 2013 Girls Tennis Team won the Section V, Class AA Championship. The team finished with a 13-3 record. The last time the girls won sectionals was in 1999 under the late, great, Bill Coleman.



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The deadline to register is **December 31, 2013**. Do not risk losing your Basic STAR exemption by failing to register.

**Senior Citizens**  
Seniors receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption **do not** need to register with the Tax Department, but must continue applying annually with their local assessor or sign up for the Tax Department’s Income Verification Program.


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**28th Annual**  
VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Senior Citizen's Day**

**Monday, November 4, 2013**  
Victor Junior High School  
9 a.m. ~ 11 a.m.

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast, along with music and entertainment by VCS students.



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## 1994 Graduate Produces 2013 *First Niagara* Rochester Fringe Festival

If you had the opportunity to attend a show at the 2013 First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival, chances are you did not know that one of Victor's own was instrumental to its huge success. Erica Fee, a 1994 Victor graduate, was the Festival Producer of this year's major arts event. The festival, which ran from September 19th through September 28th, featured approximately 360 shows in 28 venues in downtown Rochester. More than 50,000 people attended the collective shows.

When asked how Victor schools helped prepare her to be the Festival Producer of a major arts event, Fee said she attributes her success to people.

"Victor gave me a wonderful, well-rounded education while allowing me to test my leadership skills as Student Council President and further my love of the performing arts through the fantastic musicals' program. Now that I have lived overseas and can compare Victor to other schools, I can really attest to the fact that we had first-rate teachers and a nurturing community. But Victor also helped forge life-long friendships. Some of the smartest, wittiest, and hardest working people I know are from my school days. And so many Victor grads have helped get this festival off the ground, which is not something that I expected when I returned to the area. It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes a community (with some Victor grads thrown in) to produce a successful fringe festival!"



*Erica Fee,  
Class of 1994*



Rochester Fringe Festival is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation that exists as a means to connect venues, performers, artists, educational institutions and the audience. It was pioneered by several of Rochester's esteemed cultural institutions, including Geva Theatre Center, the George Eastman House and Garth Fagan Dance, as well as up-and-coming groups like PUSH Physical

Theatre and Method Machine. The Board of Directors also includes representatives from the University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, Boylan Code LLC, Center for Youth, the Eastman School of Music and Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP. Fringe festivals started in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1947. There are now 200 such festivals worldwide.

## 2013 Graduate of Distinction Inspires Students at First Ever Graduate of Distinction Day

*World Renown Trumpet Player, Alan Hood, Tells Students to “Work Hard and Persevere”*

On Thursday, September 12th, Alan Hood, a 1982 VCS graduate and 2013 Graduate of Distinction accepted the prestigious Graduate of Distinction award before the regular Board of Education meeting. Both Hood and Colonel Sharon Duffy (Class of 1975) were chosen to receive the award but Duffy was unable to attend this year’s festivities. According to Graduate of Distinction by laws, candidates have three years to accept their award.

On Friday, September 13th, Hood, a world-renowned trumpet player and Associate Professor of Trumpet at the University of Denver’s Lamont School, participated in the first ever Graduates of Distinction Day at the Senior High School. This new event was created to give students the opportunity to interact directly with their esteemed alumni. (Previously, Graduates of Distinction were honored at graduation.) After a tour of the school, Hood spent four different lunch periods meeting with student leaders and musicians and answering their questions on everything from what it was like to tour with Phil Collins, to what it takes to be a professional musician. Through it all, Hood’s resounding message to students was “work hard and persevere.”

On Friday afternoon, Alan Hood spent the fourth block working with select VSH music students before an audience of more than 300 students and staff in the JH/SH Arts Center. In addition to leading an improvisation jam of Gershwin’s Summertime, Hood gave students of taste of his own rare trumpet talent with serenading sounds and blasting notes that shook the house.

The Graduates of Distinction Selection program was formed in 2002 as a way to recognize Victor Central School District alumni who have achieved distinction through outstanding accomplishment or significant contribution within their school, family, career, community or personal life.



## 1996 Graduate Earns Montgomery Alabama's 2013 Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year Award

LéNetta Banks has journeyed far and wide since graduating from Victor Senior High School in 1996. Following high school, Banks attended the United States Air Force Academy where she earned a B.S. in Behavioral Science. From there, she attended Capella University, where she attained an M.S. in Human Services and became a PhD

Candidate. In 2012 Banks was named one of Montgomery's Top 30 Most Influential women and this past April, Alabama State University Small Business Development Center recognized her outstanding efforts and business savvy when they presented her with the 2013 Veteran-Owned Small Business of Year.



LéNetta Banks, Class of 1996

### A Q&A with LéNetta Banks:

#### How did you become a professional/ personal coach with your own television talk show?

After my time as an Air Force Captain I started a Professional Development Company, providing training workshops and executive coaching to various organizations. I also traveled and presented motivational empowerment speeches that lead to my very own television talk show.

#### How did VCS prepare you for your career?

VCS gave me many outlets to develop a well-rounded educational experience. Leadership and teamwork opportunities with the track team, cultural awareness committee, band, radio announcements truly prepared me for a career in leadership, motivational speaking, television and radio.

#### Who inspired you?

My parents always stressed the importance of excellence in education. After my mother passed away my father and I moved to Victor to give me the best education and opportunities to excel in life. I appreciate their sacrifices and I am always motivated and inspired to make them proud.

#### What advice would you give a VCS student interested in following in your footsteps?

Stay in touch with your school counselor and teachers, they have all the latest information on extracurricular and summer programs that will help you develop the skills you need to achieve your goals. I still remember the summer pre-med program that my homeroom teacher encouraged me to join. It changed my life!

LéNetta and her two children currently reside in Montgomery, Alabama. Her father still lives in Victor.





## VCS '88 Alum Publishes Children's Book

Jennifer Chambers, VCS Class of 1988, published a children's book entitled *Watershed Adventures of a Water Bottle* this past April.

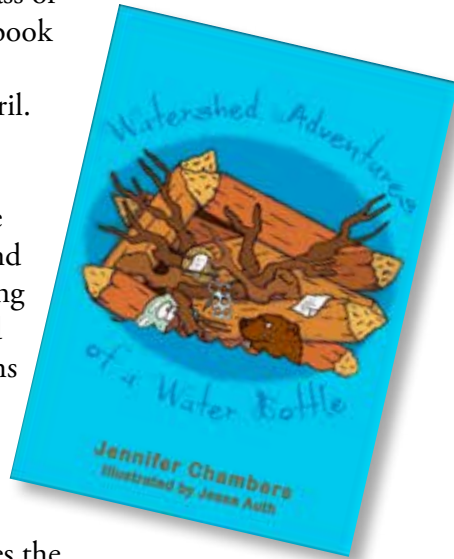
*Watershed Adventures of a Water Bottle* tells the story of a water bottle's journey in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and Atlantic Ocean. Upon reaching a storm drain, the personified water bottle travels the streams and rivers of Washington, D.C., meeting animals along its ride. Each animal—from the water strider to the loggerhead turtle—teaches the water bottle about itself, its origins, its journey, and those of other pollutants in the watershed. Alima is the five-year old water bottle's heroine; making us all believe we can be one too.

One hundred percent of the profit from the book is being donated equally to the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Surfrider Foundation's Rise Above Plastics program.

For more information on *Watershed Adventures of a Water Bottle* go to the Tate Publishing website:

<http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/book.php?w=9781625103918>

To watch a Fox news interview with Jennifer, go to: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/video?clipId=9076609&autostart=true#axzz2YeMC1rUI>



### About the Author:

Jennifer Chambers is an Environmental Educator, middle school science teacher and small business owner. In 2004, she started her own business, Hiking Along, LLC., to engage children in exploration of the natural world and encourage them to appreciate and learn about the environment and how humans impact it while hiking on scenic trails around the Washington DC region.

As a volunteer with Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC), Jennifer helped implement PATC's family hiking program, family weekend at Bear's Den, created the grant-funded Student Trail Steward program at Northwood High School, and organized youth-focused trail building projects in her hometown.

Jennifer was an Environmental Education Specialist with the Audubon Naturalist Societies' GreenKids program whose goal is to make environmental education and meaningful watershed educational experiences an integral part of the instructional strategy at participating schools and to create formative experiences for students that foster lifelong environmental literacy and stewardship.

She is currently a middle school Science teacher at The Siena School; a private school whose mission is to educate college-bound students with mild to moderate learning differences.

Jennifer is a children's book author of *Watershed Adventures of a Water Bottle*, published in April 2013 and soon to be published hiking guide book, *The Best Hikes for Kids: Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia*.

Jennifer serves on the American Hiking Society Board of Directors and is the Maryland State Advocate for Leave No Trace.



## 1987 Graduate Named To Top Women in Law List

Nicole (Sugg) Marro, senior counsel at the law firm Bond, Schoeneck and King (BOND) was named a Top Woman in Law this past spring.

The Top Women in Law awards, sponsored by The Daily Record, recognize the outstanding accomplishments of women attorneys who are making notable contributions to the legal profession, while inspiring a positive change in the community.

Marro is a Trust and Estate attorney at Bond, Schoeneck and King who concentrates her practice in estate and gift tax planning and estate and trust administration. She serves as counsel and advisor to private clients, including business owners, corporate executives and families with developmentally disabled individuals.

After graduating from Victor Senior High School, Marro attended the University of Notre Dame where she received a B.A. in 1991. In 1995, she graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. She currently resides in Victor with her husband and children.



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### FREE Yearbooks

VCS has a variety of old yearbooks from various years available at no cost. For more information contact, Chuck Callari at 924-3252, ext 2130.

### Victor School Renamed

The Victor Early Childhood Education Center will now be named the Victor Early Childhood School. This name change, approved by the New York State Education Department, was the result of not only the new building addition, but a shift in student population.

This year, first grades are being taught in the Early Childhood School along with Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. The Primary School now houses all K-3 multi-age classes as well as 2nd and 3rd grade classes.



## ***Class of 1977 Get Together Planned in Florida***

Rhonda Biegun Hoornstra, VCS Class of 1977, is working with a group of Victor graduates to have an informal get together in Florida. Hoornstra says they are in the beginning stages of a Victor reunion in Florida. "We do not have definite plans right now but soon will. We will be meeting in Central Florida (we are currently looking at Clermont) but definitely Central Florida. We will have it sometime in July or August 2014 on a Saturday evening and possibly a little something Sunday," Hoornstra said. Anyone from Victor is welcome no matter where they live. Prices have not been determined yet. Those interested can contact Rhonda Biegun Hoornstra at [victorclass1977@aol.com](mailto:victorclass1977@aol.com) or call her at 352-504-1953. They can also go to the Class of 1977 Face Book page (victor-florida 2014 reunion) and join the class page to keep up with the progress of the event.

## ***30th Reunion Slated for July***

The Class of 1984 will hold its 30th Reunion on Friday, July 11th, 2014 at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Pittsford, NY. For more information, contact Greg "Doc" Lefty Lefebvre at (585) 755-4734.

On Facebook - Join the GROUP.  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=108712363134&ref=nf>

Doc's Email Address:  
[Victor84@RochesterLeasing.com](mailto:Victor84@RochesterLeasing.com)

## ***Attention Classes 1980 Through 1989!***

### ***Multi-Class Get Together Planned***

An informal multi-class get together is being planned for Wednesday night November 27th from 7:30 – 10:30 pm at the banquet room at Eddie O'Brien's (formerly Sledgehammer's on the site of the old Mike 25's). Maj Johnson, Class of '83 is planning the event. "After the class of '83 had their 30th reunion, we realized that many had friends in other classes and thought alumni might be in the area for Thanksgiving," she said. Johnson said that currently they are trying to get a tentative head count for wait staff and finalization of the space. "Please visit our page on Facebook called "Things I remember about Victor, NY" and scroll down to the message heading, then click or like if you think you might attend. Make a comment if you are bringing more than just yourself. We will have tags for people to write their names and year they graduated. If you have any questions you can call me (Maryanne (Maj) Johnson Klem) at 585-924-3443 or you can post on Facebook under Maj Johnson. This could be the start of something big!" she said.

# **WANTED! Your Reunion Information**

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

**[ALUMNI RELATIONS](#)**

## 75th Anniversary of Ladd Farm Purchase To Be Recognized

On Thursday, November 14th at its regular Board meeting, the Victor Board of Education will recognize the vital decisions made by the 1938 Victor Board of Education to purchase the Ladd Farm Site.

The five person Board of Education approved the purchase of the 176 acre Ladd Farm by Victor Schools for \$5,000. A subsequent proposition designating the construction of a new \$275,000 central school building (currently the Early Childhood School) was also approved by the Board.

The 1938 Victor Board of Education was comprised of the following forward-thinking residents:

*Fred C. Sale, President*  
*William H. McMahon*  
*J. Leo Guinan*  
*Russell O. Adams*  
*Leslie G. Loomis, Jr.*

## VCS Music Department Encourages You to “Spring for Music!”

This year, at every music concert, you will find something new outside of the auditorium doors, an empty music instrument case waiting to be filled with your donations! VSH Orchestra Teacher, Tim Nowak said the case will be put out during each concert for people to donate, if they wish, to the Rochester Education Foundation’s “Spring for Music” program.

The Rochester Education Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated



*Ladd Farm  
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of Babette  
Huber, Victor  
Historian*

to raising resources and offering programs to support the success of Rochester’s city school children. All financial donations are used by the Foundation to refurbish old or damaged instruments to make them

operational. More information on the “Spring for Music” program can be found at their website- [http://www.rochestereducation.org/programs/spring\\_for\\_music.shtml](http://www.rochestereducation.org/programs/spring_for_music.shtml)

### VSH Looking for Music Instruments

In addition to monetary donations, the VSH music department will be collecting used music instruments throughout the year. Anyone with an instrument to donate can bring it to the High School at any time and leave it for VSH music teacher, Tim Nowak.

“Last year we donated 14 instruments to the program which are being made available to Rochester City School District students this year. This year, we’re aiming to beat that goal and contribute financially as well,” Nowak said.



## Victor's New Pool is Open

The new pool opened for Physical Education classes on October 7th, and for early morning swimmers on October 8th. The first swim meet was Thursday, October 10th. A formal dedication will be held on Saturday, January 18th, starting at 8:30 a.m. VCS will dedicate the new aquatic center, after which tours will be given. Later, during the boys home swim meet, the pool will be dedicated to long-time VCS teacher and coach, Keith Shields.



*photos courtesy of Robert Kilmer*





## Victor Senior High Play:

### MACBETH

Friday, November 22 at 7 pm

Saturday, November 23 – at 1pm and 7pm  
JH/SH Arts Center

Ticket: \$7 Adults, \$5 Students/Children  
Seniors Free at the Door\*

*\* Seniors are able to receive free tickets at the door only. Free tickets are not available through the online ticketing system. If seniors would like to reserve a specific seat in advance they will need to purchase an adult ticket online.*

## Upcoming Music Events:

### December 9, 2013

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Chorus Concert,  
7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

### December 10, 2013

VIS Orchestras Concert,  
7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

### December 11, 2013

Victor Community Band and Chorus  
Concert, 7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

### December 11, 2013

3rd Grade Concerts, 6:30 and 7:30 pm,  
VPS Auditorium

### December 16, 2013

Senior High Instrumental Holiday  
Concert, 7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

### December 17, 2013

Junior High Instrumental Holiday  
Concert, 7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

### December 18, 2013

JH/SH Choral Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm,  
JH/SH Arts Center

### December 19, 2013

5th and 6th Grade Band Concert,  
7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

## VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS 119TH ALUMNI BANQUET



## SAVE THE DATE

### Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Sunday, June 8, 2014

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

for reservations call  
Ken Weigert at 924-2944 or

## Thirteenth 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 10, 2014  
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 2013 Ball

# 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 or on-line at [www.victorschools.org](http://www.victorschools.org). Alumni selected for this honor will be recognized at a special Graduate of Distinction Day held next fall.

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 Monday January 6, 2014 to:*

**Graduates of Distinction Committee**  
**c/o The Office of School and Community Relations**  
**Victor Central Schools,**  
**953 High Street, Victor,**  
**New York 14564**

## 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 in room 130 of the Primary School Building. 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*

*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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