



Victor Central School Announces 2014 Graduates of Distinction



*Edward Guinan,
Class of 1947*



*The late
Matthew King,
Class of 1970*



*Brian Reh,
Class of 1991*

Former Ontario County Sheriff and Victor Town Supervisor, Edward Guinan, Class of 1947, Master Sergeant Matthew King, Class of 1970, Gorbel President and CEO, Brian Reh, Class of 1991

Three former VCS graduates were named 2014 Graduates of Distinction in January by the VCS Graduates of Distinction Committee. This year's honorees are a former Ontario County Sheriff and Victor Town Supervisor, a highly decorated, retired air force officer, and a local business leader. 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, as well as one of last year's nominees, Colonel Sharon Duffy (Class of 1975), will be honored this fall.

On Thursday, September 11th, former Ontario County Sheriff and Victor Town Supervisor Edward Guinan (Class of 1947), and the President and CEO of Gorbel Inc.

in Fishers, NY, Brian Reh (Class of 1991), will be honored by the Board of Education at its regular meeting. On Friday, September 12th, they will also participate in a special Graduates of Distinction Day at the high school.

Master Sergeant King (Class of 1970) will be honored posthumously at the November 13th Board of Education meeting and at a special Veteran's Day assembly on Friday, November 14, 2014 in the JH/SH Arts Center. VCS' 2013 Graduate of Distinction, Commander Sharon Duffy (Class of 1975), who was unable to attend last year's festivities, will also be honored at the November festivities. In addition, she will participate in a special Graduates of Distinction Day at the Intermediate School.

VCS Graduates of Distinction

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Edward Guinan, Former Victor Town Supervisor and Ontario County Sheriff, Class of 1947

After graduating from VCS in 1947, Edward Guinan made his mark on the Victor community in countless ways, both personally and professionally.

From 1957 to 1967 and from 1970 to 1971, he served as the Victor Town Supervisor, the youngest person to fill that position at the time.

Under his direction as Town Supervisor, Guinan was instrumental in the construction of Eastview Mall in Victor, a move that led to great economic growth in the area while maintaining the community's small town ambience. As Town Supervisor, Guinan was also a guiding force in the creation of the Victor-Farmington Ambulance Corps and served as the US Postmaster in Victor from 1968 to 1970.

From 1972 to 1977, Guinan was the Ontario County Sheriff. During his tenure, Guinan launched several initiatives to professionalize the Sheriff's Office including hiring deputies with at least two years of college, securing grants to hire more police officers, standardizing department handguns to increase officer safety and establishing inmate behavior modification programs to hold inmates accountable for their actions and add to the safety of correction officers. Other accomplishments

during Guinan's time as Sheriff included the establishment of a Youth Officer position to handle juvenile cases, the creation of an interagency communication system for instant communication with all county and state emergency agencies, the development of a Welfare Fraud Investigator position which saved the county thousands of dollars, and the construction of a new firearms training range with a certified range officer to improve firearms handling and safety.



From 1978 to 1980, Guinan was appointed by the New York State Department of Commerce as an Ombudsman to handle problems reported by small business and industry when dealing with state government issues.

From 1980 to 1992, Guinan served on the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, first as an inspector to ensure legal wagering practices and later as the Regional Manager in charge of seventeen counties.

Guinan's civic and community contributions were many, especially during the 1960's and 1970's. During these years, he was an active member of the Victor Fire Department for 17 years, a member of the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club, a member of the Board of Directors for the

Victor-Farmington Ambulance Corps, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the New York State Sheriff's Association where he also acted as the Chairman of the Navigation Committee. His work did not end here. He was also a member of the National Sheriff's Association, the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Association, the Criminal Justice Advisory Board of Finger Lakes Community College and the Director of the Canandaigua Safety Council. Other civic contributions included driving ambulance to help out at the Farmington Race Track, and chairing large fund drives for both the Ontario County Unit of the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

In retirement, Ed has helped many people, simply as a friend and concerned citizen through small but meaningful acts like helping elders in the community, visiting them in their homes, transporting them to doctor's appointments, making deliveries and taking them out for an occasional meal.

According to his nominator and daughter, Dianne Guinan (VCS Class of 1974 and 2004 Graduate of Distinction), "Ed Guinan is a humble

man who would not see himself as a "distinguished graduate." As I reflect back on his life, I cannot think of anyone more deserving and

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Air Force Master Sergeant Matthew King (Retired), Class of 1970

Following graduation from VCS in 1970, the late Matthew King entered the Air Force in November 1970. His first assignment was to Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, where he attended inventory management specialist school. He was then assigned to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, and subsequently overseas to the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, Ubon, Thailand. After returning from Thailand in 1974, he attended training to become a crewmember and loadmaster at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and was assigned to the 62nd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas on the Hercules C-130 aircraft. While there, he became an instructor loadmaster and began teaching in flight airdrop procedures to Air Force and foreign national students.

In 1978, Matthew transferred as a Hercules HC-130 crewmember and was reassigned to the 71st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. While flying with the Rescue Squadron he performed numerous rescues and saved the lives of numerous downed civilian pilots throughout Alaska. In October 1980 the cruise ship *Prinsendam* caught fire at midnight in the Gulf of Alaska about 120 miles south of Yakutat.



Matthew's squadron was activated to provide aerospace rescue to the passengers of the ship. Matthew was instrumental in the air rescue of 524 people in the treacherous Gulf of Alaska and was awarded the Canadian Air Medal at a ceremony in Ottawa for his heroism. This rescue is considered one of the most successful large-scale peacetime sea rescues in history.

In 1983, Matthew transferred to the 1550th Flying Training Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. While stationed there he was involved with Operation "Urgent Fury" in Grenada. In 1985, he was selected by Military Airlift

Command to act as the active-duty adviser for the 304th Aerospace Recovery and Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport, Oregon, during the unit's transition from helicopters to HC-130s.

In 1987, Matthew was then assigned to the 55th Aerospace Recovery and Rescue Squadron, which later became the 9th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida. While with the 9th Special Operations group, he flew the MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft. In December

1989, Master Sergeant King and his squadron were secretly deployed from Florida to the Panama Canal Zone. Flying at night just feet off the Gulf of Mexico to avoid radar he performed inflight refueling of special-operations helicopters being secretly deployed from Florida to Panama. Matthew participated in several special operations combat missions in "Operation Just Cause" and was instrumental in the ouster of General Manuel Noriega from Panama.

Shortly after "Operation Just Cause" Matthew again found himself being deployed overseas and was in the initial deployment of U.S. Forces to Saudi Arabia in August 1990 for Operation Desert Shield. Later during combat operations in Operation Desert Storm while flying with Air Force Special Operations he was instrumental in the initial air strike on Baghdad and was involved in combat missions throughout this entire campaign. Following Desert Storm he returned to Hurlburt



Field, Florida and was assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command's standardization and evaluation office. Matthew was qualified in the AC-130 Spectre gunship and

became a loadmaster functional manager for the HC-130 and AC-130. He subsequently managed the

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Brian D. Reh, President and CEO, Gorbel Inc., Class of 1991

Following graduation from VCS in 1991, Brian Reh received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Union College in 1995 and an MBA from Harvard University. Before returning home to Victor and Gorbel, Brian worked in a variety of industrial and manufacturing leadership roles at General Electric's Power Systems and Aircraft Engine units. He spent time with GE in New York, California and Florence, Italy.

Brian currently serves as President and CEO of Gorbel Inc. in Fishers, NY. Gorbel was founded in 1977

and is a manufacturing company of overhead material handling equipment. Brian solely represents the second family generation at Gorbel. The company has facilities in New York, Alabama, Michigan and China. Under Brian's leadership, Gorbel ranked number 3 on the Rochester Business Journal's Top 100 list of growing companies in 2012 and number 30 in 2013. Brian was a finalist for the 2013 Rochester Small Business Council's Business Person of the Year award.

In 2012, Reh was the recipient of the prestigious Rochester Business Journal "40 Under 40" award because of his commitment to achieving professional success and making significant civic contributions to our community.

According to his nominator and

employee, Kerren Schwink, Brian is a true innovator, pioneering new frontiers. "Brian's first task at Gorbel was to start a Business Development Team. That team is still led by Brian today. Gorbel's mission statement, *"To solve, to serve, to lead, to innovate and to smile,* is a clear reflection of Reh himself", Schwink said. In addition to new products, employees say Brian is always looking to create a better working environment for



customers and employees alike, Schwink added. In 2013, he rolled out a homegrown online quotation tool configuration called CraneBrain® which allows customers to enter all design parameters of the product they need and get a quote.

While Gorbel primarily serves industrial markets, in 2013, Reh was successful in diversifying the company into the Health Care Industry. In 2009, he investigated the patient handling market. Today, Gorbel is using its proprietary lifting motion control technology to help patients learn to walk again. By August, 2014, the units should be ready to be placed in health care facilities in the area.

Reh's leadership at Gorbel is seemingly unstoppable. Gorbel was recognized in the Top 100 as one of Rochester's fastest growing privately-held businesses in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012.

In 2006, Brian's successful expansion of Gorbel into the China market won the company the Rochester Business Association's

"International Business of the Year" award. In 2009, The New York State Small Business Development Corporation named Gorbel as "Exporter of the Year" and in 2012 The Victor Local Development Corporation honored Gorbel with the "Business Exporter of the Year." Gorbel's products are so highly respected in the material handling industry that they have won the company ten different "Product of the Year" awards from "Plant Engineering" magazine over the past several years.

One of Gorbel's highest honors came in 2006 when the company, under Reh's leadership, was awarded the Galanis award which honors successful family enterprises that care about their employees. Caring is something that comes naturally to Reh. "Brian is one of a kind. He is generous beyond words. He's never too busy to help someone," his nominator, Kerrin Schwink said.

When he is not helping his employees, Reh is busy helping his peers. He has been an active member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) Empire State Chapter since 2003. The YPO is a global network of 20,000 young executives who exemplify the value of peer networking and trusted mentors.

Other community leadership roles Reh is involved with is the Board of the ClaireBear Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to families taking care of sick children far from home. Each year, under Reh's direction, Gorbel hosts a "Carnival of Caring," a weeklong event that

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2013 Graduate of Distinction Recipient, Sharon Duffy (Class of 1975)

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 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 was commissioned to the Transportation Corps. She was also an Airborne graduate, a title which enabled her to parachute from airplanes.

Commander Sharon Duffy spent half of her military career overseas. In 2003, she led the 43rd Corps Support Group as a Colonel 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. She was also a Commander in the 80th Ordinance 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 more than 13 years.

During her career, Commander 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 (VCS Class of 1974 and 2004 Graduate of Distinction), 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, Guinan said. Sharon is 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, Guinan added."

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Edward Guinan continued

He has shaped Victor and the surrounding areas without a fancy degree, publications or inventions. It was devotion, sacrifice and love for Victor and all of its citizens that compelled him, a quiet man, into a life of public service. He has loved and been committed to this town as a public servant, community volunteer, friend, and concerned citizen for more than 80 years. What makes Ed outstanding in all of these roles is the very essence of who he is. He is a man of great integrity, who leads by example and does the right thing for no other reason than it is the right thing to do.”

Matthew King continued

loadmaster force in those weapon systems in three locations.

Master Sergeant Matthew King retired from Air Force active duty in 1994 after 24 years of service. His numerous awards and decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, the Air Medal and the Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak-leaf clusters. During his flying career in the Air Force he accumulated more than 8,500 flying hours.

After retiring from the Air Force, Matthew continued to train special-operations aircrews as a civilian instructor employed by Lockheed Martin at Hurlburt Field, Florida, conducting ground training for AC-130H/U and MC-130E/H/P aircrews.

Matthew passed away on December 2, 2001 at the age of 49. He was so well known and beloved in the Air Force Special Operations community that upon hearing of his passing a flight of HC 130 Combat Talon aircraft flew the missing man formation in his honor over the skies of Iraq. King is survived by his wife, Nancy Baldwin King (VCS Class of 1970); two sons, Technical Sergeant Brendon King and Jason King; his mother, Harriett King, his sister Jenny King (VCS Class of 1964) and his brother, Tom King (VCS Class of 1967).

Brian Reh continued

brings employees together over lunch to compete in fun games while raising money for a great cause.

Other causes that Reh and his company support are the United Way, the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard, the VSH Leadership Classes' Snack-Pack and Global Competence Certificate Programs and the PENCIL Program (Public Education Needs Civil Involvement and Learning), a program that encourages city students to stay in school. Brian's Gorbels is also a proud sponsor of Victor Schools FIRST Robotics Team. Teamwork is something Reh knows a lot about. Together, Brian and his wife, Gayle, are actively involved the pre-cana group for soon to be newlyweds at St. Patrick's Church in Victor and his family also volunteers together to prepare and serve dinners at the Veteran's Administration in Canandaigua and Cameron Street Ministries in downtown Rochester.

From running a successful company and supporting community service to running literal marathons (Reh ran in both the 2012 and 2013 Boston Marathons to support the Greater Boston Food Bank) Reh goes the distance in everything he does.

VCS Bids Farewell to 2014 Retirees

This year, VCS bids a fond farewell to thirteen employees.

From leading and instructing to supporting and inspiring, the following men and women have given their all to VCS through the years. They will be missed by so many!

Victor Early Childhood School:

Mary Tandle, 1973 - 2014, Elementary Teacher

Victor Primary School:

Grant Juelfs, 2003 - 2013, Teacher Aide

Victor Intermediate School:

Steven Brewer, 1983 - 2014, Elementary Teacher

Victor Junior High School:

Patricia DiGristina, 1990 - 2014, English Teacher

Matthew Bauerlein, 1990 - 2014, Technology Teacher

Victor Senior High School:

Beth Thomas, 1983 - 2014, English Teacher

Mary Ann Romagnano, 1995 - 2014, Science Teacher

Claire Silvernail, 1986 - 2014, English Teacher

David Condon, 1982 - 2014, Social Studies Teacher

Gerald Polito, 2002 - 2014, School Cleaner

Peggy Schlueter, 2004 - 2014, Typist

District Wide:

Pamela Sullivan, 1994 - 2014, Assistant Superintendent

Transportation Department:

Pamela Taylor, 1981 - 2014, Bus Driver

Retirees as of April

Aquatic Center and Pool Dedications Attract Hundreds

Hundreds of Victor students, staff, residents and area dignitaries braved a snowy Saturday morning on January 18th to celebrate two very important events at VCS – the Aquatic Center and Pool dedication ceremonies.

Celebrations began at 8:30 am in the main lobby of the new aquatic center with the first dedication of the building to the community. Special guest speakers included Congressman Chris Collins and State Senator Ted O'Brien. The building dedication was followed by tours of the facility given by VCS swimmers. Later in the morning, during the Victor Boys vs. Canandaigua swim meet, the new pool was dedicated to legendary Victor swim coach, Keith Shields.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support these major milestones!



Students, staff and special guests pose for a photo after the dedication.



Members of the boys swim team gather with Congressman Collins and Superintendent Santiago-Marullo.



New swim program time line unveiled. (Located in spectator level of pool.)

To see the entire timeline online click the photo above and use the related links.

Aquatic Center and Pool Dedications Attract Hundreds *continued*



*Former coach, Keith Shields,
Current coach, Christine Phelps*



Members of the first swim team that came to surprise Keith Shields. from left to right, back row; Will Towner '79, Glenn Piper '77, Reid Holter '76, Coach Keith Shields, Dennis Stryker '76, Bob Docteur '74, Jeff Bernatovich '77, Peter Krueger '77; front row; Bill Glitch '79, Kevin Beatson '79, Ed Chapman '77, Shawn McCarthy '77, John Foster '77, and Coach Rob Potter.



*Director of Physical Education,
Health and Athletics Ron Whitcomb,
Coach Keith Shields, and former
teacher Bob Thompson.*

Alumnae Serve in Peace Corps

Three recent VCS graduates have answered a call to serve in the Peace Corps. Melissa Mizerak (Class of 2006) recently completed her assignment in Ghana in West Africa.

Alina Urbanic (Class of 2010) is currently in training to serve a two year stint in Morocco in North Africa and Betsy Holtz (Class of 2007) is getting ready to serve in Malawi in Southeast Africa.

Melissa Mizerak

Class of 2006

After graduating from VCS in 2006, Melissa attended the State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz where she studied Art Education.

After college, she joined the Peace Corps and went to Ghana in West Africa from June 6, 2011 until August 27, 2013. There, she taught art to the deaf at Wa School for the Deaf. She also worked on creating a sustainable computer lab at the school.

“My motivation for joining the Peace Corps was a desire to experience something out of the ordinary. My education at Victor helped prepare me for Peace Corps through cultivating a well-rounded education that I could share and teach to Host Country Nationals (HCN).”



Alumnae Serve in Peace Corps continued

Betsy Holtz
Class of 2007

After graduating from VCS in 2007, Betsy attended SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. While there, she studied abroad for a semester through The School for Field Studies in Tanzania and Kenya. Currently, Betsy is preparing to work for the Peace Corps in Malawi, Southeast Africa where she will support community-based natural resource management efforts.



“The Peace Corps is a way to serve a greater purpose while experiencing life through the eyes of people of a completely different upbringing and culture. It will challenge me to be completely selfless and good, while working on an environmental project I can be truly passionate about. VCS provided me with a foundation upon which I continue to build. My experiences gained through being involved in S.E.A.S. Club, AP Environmental Science and Envirothon with Mr.

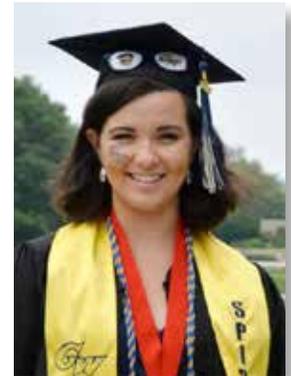
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Cronmiller, who helped me realize my true aspirations and guided me towards continued education at SUNY, were extremely important.

Another vital experience I gained at VCS was through an art exchange with an orphanage in India, in Mr. Denner’s Drawing and Painting class. This class showed me how connected we can still be, in such a vast world. It also made me think about the ‘bigger picture’ in a teenage world that can sometimes seem like such a skewed sense of reality.”

Alina Urbanic
Class of 2010

After graduating from VCS in 2010, Alina attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C. where she earned a Bachelor’s in International Affairs in May 2013. She also concentrated in International Development and completed minors in French Language and Literature and in Anthropology. Currently, Alina is a Peace Corps trainee in Morocco. After completing her training she will be sworn in as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Youth Development Sector. There, she will work with children and young people for the next two years, teaching English and focusing on employability, volunteerism, life skills, and healthy lifestyles.



“I wanted to join the Peace Corps because it is an ideal combination of what’s important to me personally and professionally. The three goals of the Peace Corps pertain to international development: Helping interested countries meet their needs for trained men and women; helping improve Host Country Nationals’ understanding of Americans and American culture; and helping improve Americans understanding of the Host Country’s people and culture. The combination of the Development work which I’ve studied with the cultural exchange is a perfect fit for me.

My education at VCS played a major role in preparing me for Peace Corps service. Learning about other countries through language and social studies courses, plus interacting with the exchange students that attended VCS were great primers for Peace Corps Service. The volunteer work and community service that were so emphasized while I was at VCS were also huge in preparing me and made me a perfect fit for Peace Corps in Morocco.”



FLCC Lakers Read to Elementary Students

Former Victor Volleyball Players Among the Team

The Finger Lakes Community College Volleyball team came to the Victor Primary School this past fall to read to students. Among the team members in attendance at the special exchange were two 2013 VCS graduates, Ali Drier and Bridget Whitehair. FLCC Volleyball Coach Matt Marr said this exchange was a win-win for students and athletes.

“Our athletes are students first and this was a great opportunity for our athletes to show the students in the Elementary School how important education is. As athletes we are role models within the college community and the community surrounding the institution. This event allowed our athletes to show the students at Victor the value of reading and their education.”



Bridget Whitehair with students from Mrs. Ross's class



Ali Drier with student from Mrs. Burley's 2nd grade class



VCS Graduate Competes at NCAA Fencing Championships

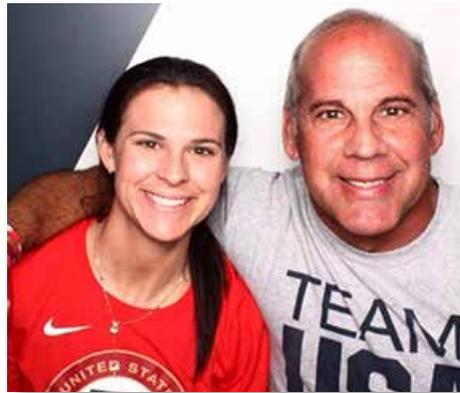
Congratulations to VCS Class of 2012 graduate, Ryan Redhead. This winter he competed at the NCAA fencing championships at Ohio State University. Although he was injured, Ryan finished 22nd at the event and missed All American by only 3 bouts!

Redhead, who fences for the United States Airforce Academy, placed first at the NCAA Western Regional Championship in California earlier this year.



Victor Graduate Cheers on Daughter at Sochi Olympics

Michael Bowe, a 1979 VCS graduate and 2009 VCS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, had a lot to cheer about at the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia this past February – namely his daughter, three-time World Cup 1000M speed skater, Brittany Bowe. While Bowe did not medal at the Games, her results were impressive. In addition to placing 6th in women's team pursuit, Bowe placed 8th in women's 1000m, 13th in women's 500m and 14th in women's 1500m.



Brittany Bowe's Career Highlights:

- Three-time World Cup 1000m medalist (one gold, two bronze)
- 2013: World Single Distance Championships 1000m bronze medalist
- 2013: World Cup overall 1000m second place
- 2013: World Cup in Erfurt, Germany, 500m sixth place
- 2013: World Sprint Championships eighth place
- 2012: World Single Distance Championships 1000m eighth place
- 2012: U.S. Single Distance Long Track Championships 1000m silver medalist
- 2012: U.S. Single Distance Long Track Championships 1500m silver medalist



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 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

50th Reunion for the Class of 1964 Slated for September

2014 is the magic year for the class of 1964 as they celebrate its 50th reunion! The Class of 1964 was the last class to start kindergarten and graduate from the same building, or as they call it, "The Old School."

A core group of alumni has already begun making plans.

A reunion dinner will be held on September 6th, 2014 at Mickey Finns in Victor. Other plans for the weekend will be announced as they are organized.

Organizer, Mary Jo Morrissey-Webster says the biggest project now is contacting all the class members. "Many of us have lost touch. Joan Tourje Ripley, Juanita Reese Laube, Jerry Colyer and I are working on trying to gather updated contact information. If you were in our class or have any information on class members please call or email Joan or me. We are also looking for anyone in the class who would like to help us make this a successful weekend," Morrissey-Webster said.

For more information, go to vcsclass1964@yahoo.com
 Or contact:
Mary Jo Morrissey Webster
 585-869-6275
dweb500@aol.com
 Or:
Joan Tourje Ripley
 585-905-0412
jripley33@gmail.com

20th Reunion in August

The Class of 1994 will hold its twentieth reunion August 1 – 3, 2014. Events will take place all weekend. Organizers encourage interested attendees to refer to the "Victor Senior High Class of 1994" Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

WANTED! Your Reunion Information

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

ALUMNI RELATIONS



Be a Football Alumni Sponsor for the upcoming 2014 season!!

Send us your name, year of graduation, and position played along with a check for \$25 to:

**Victor Football Booster Club, Inc.
PO Box 232 Victor, NY 14564**

Your information will be included on a special alumni page in the 2014 fall program.

(All submissions must be received by 6/1/14. Any questions, please email Gvarone22@gmail.com)

All proceeds generated will be used to support the Victor High School Football Program

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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.

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Family Fun Festival

May 20, 2014, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.

VCS Campus

FEATURING

Chicken BBQ

Walk for Diabetes

Victor Cares Carnival

Fine Arts Festival

Musical Performances

and SO MUCH MORE



District Council Seeks Community Member

The District Council is currently seeking a community member to serve on the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 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, 2014.

**NEW DATE
NEW TIME
NEW LOCATION**

VCS Class of 2014 Graduation Ceremony

Friday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.

Blue Cross Arena, Rochester

Academic, Athletic and Artistic Distinctions

- In September 2013, Victor Junior and Senior High Schools were named Reward Schools for High Performance by the New York State Education Department.
- In February 2013, VJH celebrated its re-designation as a “School to Watch” by the NYS Education Department’s Essential Elements “School to Watch” Program. The school was first designated as a “School to Watch” in 2006.
- In 2013 178 students earned AP Scholar Awards and 6 students were named Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- In November 2013, 102 juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- In June 2013, 96% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma. 65% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and 35% received a Regents Diploma with Honors.
- In February 2013, Victor’s FIRST Robotics Team 1559 won the Finger Lakes Regional Competition at RIT with alliance members Canandaigua, Team 3003 and Charles Finney, Team 1405. They competed against teams from five states and Canada.
- In 2013, the Marching Blue Devils had four - 1st place finishes, and two - 2nd place finishes during the regular season.
- This past September twenty Victor Senior High musicians were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter 5863.
- One out of every four students participate in a music program.
- One –third of our high school students are involved in an art program, and every year, between 10 and 15 students from VCS go on to major in art in college.
- The Senior High School presented the musical *Man of La Mancha* in 2014.
- 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 2013 fall varsity teams and eleven of the 2013-2014 winter varsity teams qualified as scholar athlete teams.
- This past fall, the Girls Tennis team won the Section 5 Championship. The last time the team won a sectional championship was in 1999.
- The 2013-2014 Girls and Boys Alpine Ski Teams won Monroe County League Titles this past winter.
- The Girls Alpine Ski Team won their first Section 5 Championship in 2014 thanks to skiers thanks to skiers Alli DiGiacomo, Abbey DeBruyn, Lucy Haggerty, Maddy Haggerty and Mia Haller.
- The Varsity Indoor Track Team boasted several Sectional winners in 2014. Steevie Hill was the Girls Shot Put champion, Matt Barton was the 55 Hurdles champion and George Mertens, Jason T. Hall, Matt Barton, Jared Hemmingway won the 4x400m relay championship.
- Four Varsity Wrestlers were named Section V Class A Champions in 2014: Jamie Dattilo, Mike Venosa, Kevin Marcano and Tristan Ierlan. Junior, Kevin Marcano was a Section V Super Sectional Champion and a State Qualifier.
- This winter, Boys Swimmers, Luke Shanahan, Jared Ritz, Tyler Alden and Paul LaRue were part of the Section V team that won the New York State Championship. They also broke the school record in the 200 freestyle relay at Sectionals with a time of 1:29.52. The previous record was set in 1992.

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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

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. 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

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.

Then and Now



Layout and Typing committee for 1961 Bagel: Back Row: Jane Scala, Nancy Fisher, Nancy Reinhard, Ellen Leary; Middle Row: Sharon Hartz, June Nichols, Betsy Robbins, Judy Imm, Nancy Hershey; Bottom Row: Judy Sherman, Marsha Oderkirk, and Sharon Smith.



2014 Bagel Staff: Mr. Dave Denner, Claire Monnier, Cameron McAlees, Xay Somoulay, Savannah Elliott, Kristin Adams, Alyssa Nelson, Greer Henry, Elyssa Vattimo, Kathryn Rohring, Maddie Dempsey, Hannah Stewart, Jenny Rowan, Melissa Page, Caroline Rochford, Mary Kate Ramker, Catie Tobin, Mrs. Heather Zollo, Gina Osso-Carbonaro, and Ty Dattilo

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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ARE YOU A VCS PARENT?

Parent Volunteers Needed for VCS Shared Decision-Making Councils and Program Reviews for the 2014-2015 School Year

PARENT INVOLVEMENT- WE VALUE IT!

Victor Central Schools recognize and value the many ways that parents volunteer their time to support Victor students. Please consider serving as a parent representative on a Shared Decision-Making Council or committee.

As a member of a Shared Decision-Making Council, you make a difference! The District truly benefits from your feedback and help with decision making and problem solving issues in our schools while bringing different points of view from parents to the meetings.

What is a Council?

Each District building has a council called a Building Council that plans, implements, monitors and evaluates decisions directly related to improving student achievement, as well as students' physical, social and emotional well-being. In addition to the Building Councils, parents can serve on District and Curriculum Council as well as other committees.

What is a Program Review?

The Program Review Committees (formerly known as Steering Committees) collect and analyze data on our current K-12 program in a particular subject area and specific grade levels; draft and analyze parent, student, and staff surveys; review best practices at other school districts; review research; conduct site visits, if necessary; and then make recommendations for changes/improvements to be implemented in Phases 2-4.

Program Review Committees are focused on how we should improve our current program in a given subject area including curriculum, instruction, course offerings, and materials. It's a broad, wide-ranging opportunity to look at what we are doing well and also to make necessary improvements. More information on the Program Review Committee responsibilities can be found in the Shared Decision-Making Plan at page 20/21, Appendix A, Phase 1.

Which Program Reviews are targeted for the 2014 - 2015 school year?

Music • Technology • Science

What am I expected to do?

- Attend Council and Program Review meetings
- Focus on Decision-Making for all children
- Share out information from Council meetings with PTSA, PIE and VOICE
- Seek ideas from other parents
- Bring the issues and concerns of all parents to Council meetings
- Be prepared to make the necessary time commitment

- Be flexible and work well with people
- Participate in 2 hour district-provided training in early September
- Be aware that confidential issues should be handled appropriately

Who sits on a Council or Program Review?

All parents/guardians of student(s) attending Victor Schools are eligible. To serve as a member of an individual school's Building Council, a parent must have a student in attendance at that school. To serve as a member of a Program Review, a parent must have a student in attendance in a certain age range targeted for the program. The Councils and Program Reviews include parents, teachers, support staff and administrators.

How often do the Councils and Program Reviews meet?

Councils and Program Reviews generally meet once a month. Meeting times and dates are determined collaboratively by the members of each council to ensure opportunity for participation by all.

How are parents selected for Council and Program Reviews?

Victor Central School District Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA), Partners In Education (PIE) and Victor's Outreach In Children's Education (VOICE) work together to select parent representatives for our district's Shared Decision-Making groups.

If you are interested in serving, please complete the application/agreement and submit it by May 1 to: Any VCS Building Main Office - ATTN: Parent Representative Nominating Committee (PRNC) (or) electronically via email to: dhodowne@rochester.rr.com. Late applications will be accepted, but priority will be given to applications in the order they are received.

Who do I contact if I want to find out more?

If you have any questions, please contact:

PIE Representative: Sharon Hodownes

PTSA Representative: Kary Myers

VOICE Representative: Michelle Faulkner

Thank you for your consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you.

You can access a copy of the parent application for electronic submission by clicking **HERE**.

More information VCS Shared Decision-Making Program Information can be located on the VCS Shared Decision-Making web page **HERE**.

VCS Shared Decision-Making Plan

VCS Shared Decision-Making Parent Application 2014-15

VCS Shared Decision-Making Overview

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

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



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.....

**Contact Chuck Callari at callaric@victorschools.org or 585-924-3252, ext. 2130*