



## RIT Professor Named 2015 Graduate of Distinction



*Dr. Todd Pagano  
Class of 1993*

Dr. Todd Pagano, a 1993 graduate was named Victor Central Schools' 2015 Graduate of Distinction. Following Victor Central Schools Pagano earned a B.A. from SUNY Oswego and a Ph.D. from Tufts University, both degrees in Chemistry. Dr. Pagano is currently an Associate Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and Director of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf's (NTID) Laboratory Science Technology (LST) program; a one-of-a-kind postsecondary chemical technology program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. During his young career at RIT/NTID he led the design and implementation of the LST program, set-up a state-of-the-art instrumentation laboratory, architected the new degree program and helped to place numerous deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals into careers in the chemical sciences.

Dr. Pagano is highly acclaimed for his work at home and abroad. In 2015, the Institute of International

Education/Council for International Exchange of Scholars named him to the Fulbright Specialist roster. In 2014, he delivered the Silveira Distinguished Lecture in Chemistry at SUNY Oswego. In 2013, he received RIT's Provost's Excellence in Mentoring Award and the Distinguished Career Achievement Award from Tufts University's graduate school. In 2012, he was named to the Rochester Business Journal's "Forty Under 40" list and was named a United States Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for which New York's Senators and Representatives commented on Dr. Pagano's accomplishments on the floors of both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. In 2011, Dr. Pagano was named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and received the Dreyfus Foundation/ACS National Award: Encouraging

# VCS Graduates of Distinction

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Disadvantaged Students into the Chemical Sciences. Other honors bestowed on Dr. Pagano include RIT's Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Environmental Protection Agency's STAR Fellowship, the Institute on College Teaching Fellowship, the Dawan L. Albritton Faculty Humanitarian Award, the Delta Sigma Phi Faculty Humanitarian Award, NTID's Faculty Research Scholar Award, and several other ACS recognitions, including the ChemLuminary Award, Salutes to Excellence Award and Stanley C. Israel Medal.

A balanced teacher-scholar, Dr. Pagano has worked on several chemical and pedagogical research projects and has co-authored more than 150 papers at regional, national and international symposia. In addition to publishing numerous book chapters, books and peer-reviewed articles, Dr. Pagano is working on novel research funded by the National Institute of Health related to the health impact of electronic cigarettes. Other accomplishments include cutting-edge research in fluorescence spectroscopy, intermolecular energy transfer, environmental climate change, access to safe drinking water, fruit biochemistry, and pedagogical approaches to teaching sciences. In addition, Dr. Pagano has served on several institutional, private, regional and federal grants.



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Dr. Pagano is a highly sought after speaker on such topics as advanced applications of multidimensional fluorescence spectroscopy and teaching science. For his chemical education efforts, award citations have stated that he is "almost single-handedly blazing a path for underrepresented individuals

in the field throughout the United States and beyond" and is commended for his "tireless dedication, immeasurable impact, and valued leadership in breaking down barriers and encouraging disadvantaged students into careers in the chemical sciences."

Dr. Pagano has consulted for the National Academy of Science, serves on the ACS Joint-Board Committee on Chemists with Disabilities and serves on the Executive Board for the Rochester Section of the ACS; where he was also recently elected Councilor of the section. Furthermore, Dr. Pagano is a reviewer for several journals in the field of chemistry and is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Science Education for Students with Disabilities.

Dr. Pagano's nominator, VCS teacher, Amy Smith-Faczan, said Todd embraces the skills

and qualities we want our VCS graduates to aspire to as they go on to college, qualities such as persevering through rigorous work, demonstrating leadership in his field and creating innovative solutions to real-world problems. "Todd takes being a 'life-long learner' to extreme levels. He is a truly dedicated and passionate person and continually strives for excellence," she said.

Dr. Pagano will accept his Graduate of Distinction award at a recognition ceremony in November.



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*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.*

*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.*

## Graduates of Distinction Honored

On Thursday, November 13th, 2014 Graduate of Distinction, Colonel Sharon Duffy (Class of 1975) accepted the prestigious Victor Central Schools' Graduates of Distinction award at the Board of Education meeting. USAF MSgt Brendon King, son of 2014 Graduate of Distinction, Matthew David King, MSgt, USAF (Class of 1970), accepted his father's award posthumously. The Board recognition followed a special congratulatory reception that was held in the Early Childhood School cafeteria earlier in the evening.

The following day, both Duffy and family members of Matthew King attended the annual Intermediate School's Veteran's Day assembly where both veterans were honored. Duffy also took part in a luncheon with VIS students for a special question and answer session on what it was like to serve in the military.



# Victor Central Schools Bids Farewell to 2015 Retirees

*This year, Victor Central Schools said goodbye to ten employees who were instrumental in everything from transporting and preparing our students to teaching and supporting them. Whether they worked inside of our buildings or outside, they will be greatly missed.*

## **Victor Primary School**

*Kathy Whitney, 1993-2014, Teacher Aide/Copy Center*  
*Maryann Alaimo-Allen, 1973-2015, Elementary Teacher*

## **Victor Intermediate School**

*Debra Savage, 1983-2015, Physical Education Teacher*  
*Scott Zahn, 1985-2015, Elementary Teacher*  
*Deborah Ford, 1992-2014, Teacher Aide*

## **Victor Senior High School**

*Nicholas Sculli, 1980-2015, Guidance Counselor*

## **Transportation Department**

*Richard W. Lord, 2003-2014, Bus Driver*  
*Sandra M. Lord, 2009-2014, Bus Driver*  
*Gerald Fitzgerald, 2000-2015, Bus Driver*

## **Facilities**

*Daniel Clement, 1997-2014*

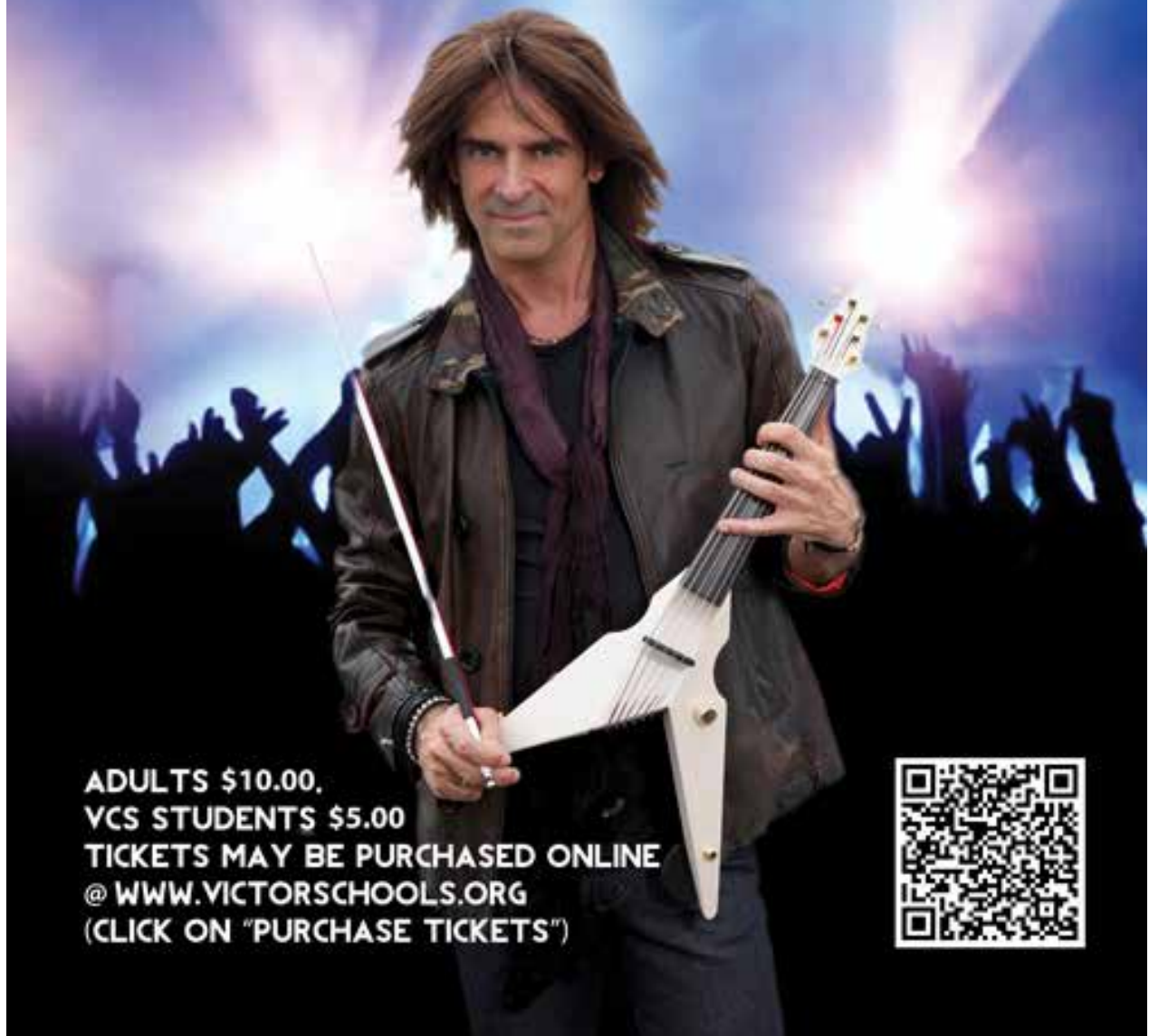
*Retirees as of April*

FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA

# MARK WOOD

WITH THE VICTOR JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH ORCHESTRAS

**SATURDAY APRIL 18 7:00 PM**  
VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL ARTS CENTER



ADULTS \$10.00.  
VCS STUDENTS \$5.00  
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE  
@ [WWW.VICTORSCHOOLS.ORG](http://WWW.VICTORSCHOOLS.ORG)  
(CLICK ON "PURCHASE TICKETS")



## 2005 Grad Tackles Immigration Reform



Betsy Plum may not live in Victor anymore, but this Director of Special Projects for the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) says VCS helped her get to where she is today in two letters – “I-B.”

“The International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma allowed me the latitude to think outside the box in every classroom. Its emphasis on community service instilled my passion for social justice. And, not inconsequentially, its rigor and tests allowed me to transition to college coursework swiftly and ultimately graduate a year early. Victor is well-served by its teachers that encourage a more global, less insular perspective among students,” Plum said.

Plum’s post-Victor journey was equally challenging. She received her Bachelor’s in Political Studies from Bard College as well as a Certificate in the Advanced Study of International Affairs from the Bard Globalization and International Affairs program. Later, she attended the London School of Economics and Political Science for graduate school where she received a Master’s in Comparative Politics and Conflict Studies.

It was Plum’s work experience after graduating from Bard College that put her on the immigration reform track. “After graduating from Bard College, I spent five years working with political refugees from Central and South America at a small legal aid office in Brooklyn, New York called Central American Legal Assistance. It was an eye-opening experience that wed me to the fight for comprehensive immigration reform and solutions to a broken immigration system that more often than not unduly hurts hardworking families. After graduate school, I joined the New York Immigration Coalition, a statewide policy and advocacy organization that promotes immigrants’ full civic participation, fosters their leadership, and provides a unified voice and vehicle for collective action,” Plum said.

Plum said she came to her field of work from two directions, from an academic interest and a local reality. “Immigration and migration politics, in general, are the point where domestic and foreign policy intersect. For the students of so many disciplines, migration is a consequence and variable. The human impact of climate change, conflict, famine, free trade agreements and much more is that people are forced to move and migrate. I was drawn to international politics and then conflict studies through the lens of Central America’s civil wars -- there is no way to separate this study from immigration.”

Despite larger global immigration issues, Plum says her field and career is as close to home in Victor as it

is close to Cold War policies in El Salvador and Guatemala in the 1980’s. “It all runs alongside the often unseen truth of Western New York: our farms and industries are fueled by immigrant hands and hard work, particularly those of Mexican and Central American immigrants. Yet our immigrant neighbors may fall victim to unjust labor practices, xenophobia and racism, and the realities of a post-9/11 world that allows Western New York with its proximity to the Northern Border to be what advocates call a ‘constitution-free zone’”.

Plum says she believes fighting for immigrants’ rights is one of this era’s great civil rights battles - and



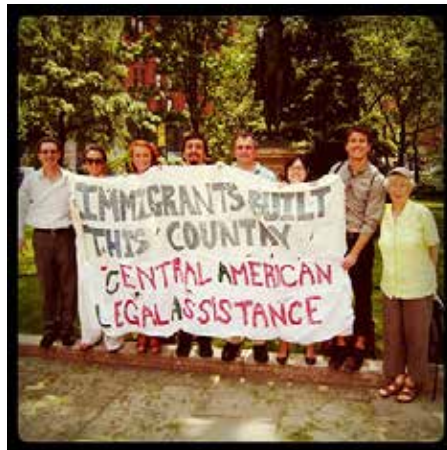
one squarely related to our nation’s foreign and economic policies that force so many to leave home and start anew, many in places like Western New York.

“As the NYIC’s Director of a Special Projects, much of my work is implementing the policies the NYIC has successfully advocated for and then offering data and evidence to further develop and design new

## Betsy Plum . . . *continued from page 6*

policies to better engage immigrant communities and families.”

Plum says her role gives her the opportunity to have a foot in both the advocacy and policy world as well as in the community. “It allows me to remember why I love this work while also allowing me the voice to bring the needs of immigrant communities directly to the local, state, or federal players who can affect the change necessary.”



### *Plum's Perspective:*

#### **Plum's most inspiring Victor Central Schools Teachers:**

“My most inspiring teachers were Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Santiago-Marullo, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Ojeda, and Mr. Olson. These are teachers who went the extra mile, knew you as a student, and pushed you to be your best. They also offered the ‘life is bigger than Victor’ mentality that is critical in this world today - and has allowed so many Victor alums to become truly global citizens.”

#### **Plum's advice to current VCS students who want to pursue a career helping others:**

“Do your best to see the big picture and find a way to allow what interests you to be the entry point to doing good. Be open and understanding - see where each individual is coming from. Listen. Be political, but don't be blind. So much of our work is slanted with a political agenda – slow down, reflect, do what common sense says is right. Be engaged civically and in your community. The best change starts close to home - it doesn't matter if it stays there or if you bring that change to the other side of the world.”

*As an expert in Immigration Reform, Plum has been featured in the NY Times, on CNN, NPR, and Telemundo. Most recently, she was written about in the Washington Post.*

## Four Is a Charm for 2007 Graduate Turned Jeopardy! Contestant

Andy Axel (Class of 2007) has loved game shows since he was little boy. “It has always been a sort of minor dream to be on one. I think Jeopardy! is the least ridiculous of game shows, and it’s very easy to try out for it (at least initially), so I thought I’d give it a shot,” he said.

Axel said he took the online Jeopardy! test, which is offered once a year to anyone, for the last four years. “From there they select people to audition in person at the nearest major city where you take another test and then play a round of mock Jeopardy and tell anecdotes. They don’t tell you how you did, and just say they might call you anytime in the next 18 months. I got a call in early November to go out to Los Angeles to tape on December 9th,” said Axel.

Axel fared well on Jeopardy! despite winning the first episode after everyone got Final Jeopardy wrong. “I eked out a win with only \$1,599 which, Alex Trebek pointed out, is less than the \$2,000 consolation prize for 2nd place!” On the second day, which is actually just 10 minutes later - just enough time to change clothes to make it look like another day – Axel came in 2nd place, for a two-day total of \$3,599.

Axel says his Jeopardy! experience was nerve wracking but fun. “All the people who work at Jeopardy! seem to really have fun at their jobs, so there was lots of joking to put us at ease. There were also a lot of



rules to go over and paperwork to fill out. By the time we got to actual filming I was ready to play, which worked out, because my name was drawn to play the first game of the day. Alex Trebek didn’t appear until right when they started filming. The actual game play went by very quickly. It takes just as much time to film it as it does to watch it, and they shoot 5 games a day, hence having to bring three changes of clothes in case you keep winning!”

Did Victor Central Schools have anything to do with Axel’s Jeopardy! appearance? Yes, according to Axel. “VCS prepared me by throwing a lot of information at me, much of which stuck, it turns out.” Axel said it also helped to be inspired by so many teachers...”Dr. Baieve for adventurousness, Mr. Olson for introducing me to competitive trivia, Mr. Lowe for being a writer and a teacher, Mr. Hawkinson for being cool and living in Iowa, and Mr. Ferguson for having a mustache,” he said.

As for advice he would give to current Victor Central Schools’

students, Axel says stay curious. “Question everything, don’t be shy, and be kind. And keep taking notes!”

### *More about Axel:*

After graduating from Victor Central Schools in 2007, Axel attended Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY and graduated in 2011 with a B.A. in Cognitive Science. After Vassar, he did two years of AmeriCorps, working at the Providence Children’s Museum in Providence, RI from 2011-2012, and the Maryland Out of School Time Network in Baltimore, MD from 2012-2013. After his service, Axel moved to Iowa City, IA to attend the Iowa Writers’ Workshop for graduate school, where he is working towards his Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing (poetry).



# SAVE THE DATE!

## *Class Reunions Slated for Summer!*

### ***Classes of 1980 and 1985 to Hold Joint Reunion***

The Class of 1980 35th year reunion and Class of 1985 30th year reunion will be held jointly on July 11, 2015 at the Mendon Country Club located on Mendon Ionia Road in Honeoye Falls, NY. For more information contact: victorclassof85@yahoo.com

### ***Class of 1995 Sets a Date***

The Class of 1995 20 year reunion will be held on July 31, 2015. Details to come!

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### ***Class of 1984 Reunites***

The Class of 1984 held its 30th reunion this past July. Memories were made and shared!



## **WANTED! Your Reunion Information**

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

**[ALUMNI RELATIONS](#)**

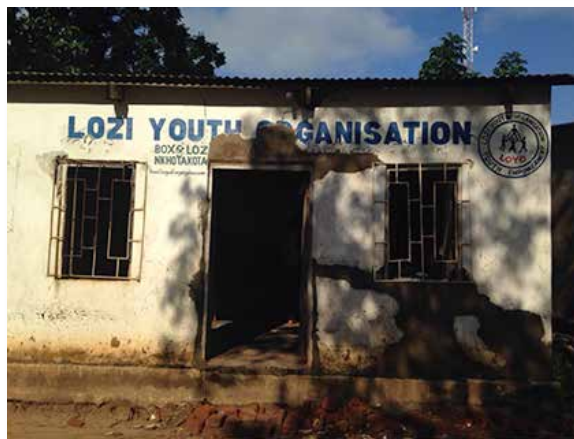
## Art Club Supports Alumni and Her Students in Africa

The Senior High Art Club recently donated watercolors and brushes to support an art program at a school in Malawai, Southeast Africa where 2007 alumni Betsy Holtz is a Peace Corps volunteer. Thanks to the supplies, young Malawian women, ages 14 to 19, will have the opportunity to participate in a five day visual arts camp that will encourage them to express their hopes and goals through art.

Betsy Holtz is a Peace Corps volunteer at the World Wise School in Malawi. World Wide Schools, established in 1989, are dedicated to promoting 21st century global learning through stories, activities and classroom resources.



*Betsy Holtz '07*



*Pictured at right is Betsy's house and garden, the Youth Centre in Lozi, and some of her students*

## 2012 Alumni Nominated for Youth of Promise Award

Class of 2012 alumni, Sarah Lasky was nominated for the Victor Chamber of Commerce Youth of Promise Award. The Youth of Promise Award celebrates young women, ages 12 through 25 who attend school or live in Victor, are dedicated to education and reflect characteristics of Jikohnsaseh while significantly contributing to the betterment of Victor and surrounding communities. This student serves as a role model for other young women and will be able to demonstrate achievement in the areas of leadership, mentoring, volunteerism and/or participation in community initiatives.

Lasky has long exemplified many of the attributes fitting for a Youth of Promise. Beginning in high school, this competitive varsity swimmer was actively involved with working on the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser and similar initiatives, as well as advocating for programs before the Board of Education and serving as a leader in various clubs.

As a student at Finger Lakes Community College, Sarah has faithfully served her fellow students in several capacities over the past several years. As an Orientation Leader, she organized and executed the schools' orientation program for two consecutive years. She also served as the school's senate chairperson, overseeing senatorial duties and advocating on behalf of students. In addition, she acted as



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a voting member of the Student Corporation and presented various issues on behalf of students at board of trustee meetings. Other accomplishments include Lasky's tireless efforts to organize a 5K fundraising race for Habitat for Humanity and inter-state ambassadorial trips.

Lasky is both a Woman's Leadership graduate and a recipient of the Donald and Jean Burgman community service award. She has served as a voting delegate and an elected community college representative in the SUNY Student Assembly, where she now acts as organizational secretary. The Student Assembly is the largest student representative body in the nation, representing nearly half a million students across the state. Sarah has consistently advocated for students through the Student

Assembly and will continue to do so via advocacy trips to Albany and Washington D.C. during the remainder of her time at FLCC. This fall, she plans to resume her advocacy efforts as a student at the University at Albany.

## Victor Central Schools Announces Educational Foundation



*Keith Partington '79, Cameron Maves '04, Kate Weigert '86, Emily Payne '06, and Jim Exton '75  
Mike Marro '86, Cynthia Rochford '78, Dawn Santiago-Marullo, and Jenner Davis '89*



In the 1990s, former Intermediate School principal, Cheryl Dudley\*, convened a group of teachers and community members to discuss an education foundation for Victor Central Schools. Fast forward to the mid-2000's when Dawn Santiago-Marullo, a teacher in the District who was part of that original group, was promoted to Director of Special Projects and Programs. She recognized a gap in the District with respect to alumni and launched several initiatives to create stronger relationships with alumni. When she became superintendent of Victor Central Schools in 2009, Santiago-Marullo knew the time had come to move the vision of an education foundation forward.

"At VCS, we have a long-standing and proud tradition of community support for our students. A foundation will allow us to expand that support so we can provide new opportunities for our students, opportunities that just are not possible through the regular district budget anymore. I'm excited about the possibilities," said Santiago-Marullo.

Santiago-Marullo enlisted the support of Brian Ferguson, an alumni and retired teacher of the District to start the exploration of a foundation in 2011. Through discussions with the New York State School Board Association and districts with established foundations, Brian and his team saw the vision take shape. After several years of planning by a group of VCS Alumni with the guidance of Santiago-Marullo, the Victor Central Schools Educational Foundation (VCSEF) was officially approved by the Board of Education in June 2014.

Cyndy Rochford, part of Ferguson's original team, is now the President of the Victor Central Schools Educational Foundation. According to Rochford, "The vision of the foundation is to provide an enhanced experience through increased opportunities that promote education excellence for the Victor Central Schools community. The Foundation is committed to achieving its vision through the core values of: teamwork, inclusiveness, educational excellence, loyalty, and integrity."

In the short term, the Board of Trustees will focus on funding field trips, technology, and teacher grants. Rochford said, "We aren't limiting ourselves in the types of programs we will support, but these areas have emerged in our early work," Rochford said.

To ensure efficient operation of the Foundation, the Board of Trustees has chosen to partner with the Finger Lakes Area Community Endowment (FLACE), a trust established in 1994 with the Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company. By partnering with FLACE, VCSEF acquires tax exempt status and separate fund management within FLACE. "FLACE has experience with similar organizations and is part of CNB's commitment to the community. The endowment will take on the management functions of the Foundation so the trustees can focus on generating funds and disbursing them to projects within the district," said Rochford.

With an ever-growing alumni network and a community committed to the District, the Trustees look forward to capturing support for projects to

## Educational Foundation . . . *continued from page 12*

improve the educational experience for the students of Victor Central Schools. The first donation to the Foundation was given many years ago by Cheryl Dudley. The District is pleased to be able to finally allocate these funds to the new foundation. In honor of Dudley's original donation, VCSEF has established the Founder's Circle. Donors who contribute \$500 or more to VCSEF in its first year

(through December 31, 2015) will automatically become charter members of this symbolic circle.

For more information or to donate to the Victor Central Schools Education Foundation, please contact us at (585) 742-7003 or [VCSEF@victorschools.org](mailto:VCSEF@victorschools.org)

Follow us on: Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/VCSEFoundation/> and Twitter - @VCSEF

*\*Cheryl Dudley is the current Superintendent at Greenville Central School District.*



### **Become an Alumni Football Sponsor for the Upcoming 2015 Season!**

As a Proud Supporter of our Student Athletes and Victor Football you will be recognized on our Sponsorship Pages in the 2015 Victor Blue Devils Football Fall Program!

Send us your name, year of graduation, and position played along with a check for \$25 to:  
Victor Football Booster Club  
PO Box 232, Victor, NY 14564

**All proceeds generated support the Victor High School Football Program.**

Submissions must be received by 8/1/15  
Any questions, please email [Gvarone22@gmail.com](mailto:Gvarone22@gmail.com)

## 1988 Alumni Inducted into Section V Hall of Fame

Jeff Woodring, class of 1988 graduate was inducted into the Section V Football Hall of Fame on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Jeff capped his career at Victor by earning first team All-League honors and being selected the school's 1988 Male Athlete of the year and playing in the Eddie Meath All-Star Game. He continued to excel as a defensive end at Cornell University, where he was second team All-Ivy League as a junior and a first team pick in 1992 after making 50 tackles, five sacks and 10 tackles for a loss. That



*Jeff Woodring with his mother and father, Nan Woodring and Woody Woodring*

earned Jeff team captain and the school's Sid Roth Award as its top down lineman and a spot in the 1993 Tokyo Bowl All-Star game.

His parents Nan and Woody Woodring along with many high school coaches and Victor's Athletic Director Ron Whitcomb joined Jeff at the awards ceremony.

# VCS Class of 2015 Graduation Ceremony

Friday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.

Blue Cross Arena, Rochester

## A Letter from Alexandra Farnsworth '06



**Candidate:** Alexandra Farnsworth

**Campaign Team:** Laura Simon, Veronica Arrieta, Michelle Ernst

I am both inspired and honored that **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)** has nominated me for **Woman of the Year**. Roughly 16 nominees, including myself, will participate in a 10-week fundraising campaign, beginning on Tuesday, March 24. During this time, we will challenge each other to make an impact in the most powerful way. The man and woman who raise the most funds for LLS will be named The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of South Palm Beach County's "Man and Woman of the Year" at the Grand Finale event on June 5, 2015 at The Seagate Country Club in Delray Beach, FL. Nationally, in 2014, the Man & Woman of the Year candidates and their campaign teams collectively raised over \$28 million for blood cancer research and patient services.

### Why am I so passionate about this cause?

This year, it is a privilege to honor the **LLS boy & girl of the year**, Logan (15 years old) and Karina (7 years old), both of whom are currently in remission from blood cancer. These two individuals are remarkable in every way. I recently had the pleasure of meeting Logan and I could not have been more impressed by his courage, selflessness, maturity, and optimism. His willingness to give back and provide hope by sharing his story is humbling. With your generous contribution, we can help more individuals like Logan and Karina.



I am also privileged to represent and honor the lives of two family members that my family and I have lost to cancer over the past 2 ½ years (my Aunt Kathy and my nana, Dorothy, depicted above), all while helping **LLS find a cure for blood cancers**. Research funded by LLS has led or contributed to therapies and treatments that have helped treat other cancers and diseases. Such advances include chemotherapy, bone marrow & stem cell transplantation and new, targeted oral therapies.

I am asking you for your support of LLS's mission to find a cure for blood cancers and to assist patients and families as they battle this disease. An estimated 1,129,813 Americans are living with, or are in remission from leukemia, lymphoma and myelodysplastic syndromes alone. **No donation is too small. Every donation offers hope and chance of continued life for those suffering with disease.** With your help and heart, **I hope to achieve my fundraising goal of \$25,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. There are two ways you can help by making a tax deductible donation:**

1. **Donate online** by visiting: <http://www.mwoy.org/pages/pb/spb15/afarnsworth>
2. **Donate by mailing your check** to Attn: Trina Holmsted LLS Palm Beach Area, 3230 Commerce Place, Suite B, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 (Please write my name, Alexandra Farnsworth, in the memo line). Checks may be made payable to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

With hope and gratitude,

Alexandra Farnsworth

# Academic, Athletic and Artistic Distinctions

- In June 2014, 97% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma, 71% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.
- In September 2014, Victor Senior High School was named a Reward School for High Performance by the New York State Education Department.
- In October 2014, 97 juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- More than 50% of our high school students participate on at least one of our 80 athletic teams and many are two and three sport athletes.
- All ten of the 2014 fall varsity teams qualified as scholar athlete teams and eleven 2014-2015 winter teams qualified.
- This past fall, the Varsity Football team was not only the Monroe County Division II Co-Champion but the Section V, Class AA Champion, as well.
- This past fall, the Boys Varsity Volleyball team was the Monroe County Division I Champion, the Section V, Class BB Champion the Western Regional Champion and the New York State Division II Champion. The team won state championships in 2010, 2011 and 2013, as well.
- This past fall, swimmer Natalie Zaravella was the Section V, Class A Sectional Champion in the 100 Breaststroke competition. Diver Erin Norton was the Section V, Class A Sectional Champion in the 1 Meter Diving competition. This winter, swimmer, Jared Ritz won the Section V Class A 200 Freestyle competition. He also placed 2nd at States in the 200 Freestyle.
- This past winter, two members of the Victor Alpine Ski teams – Maddie Haggerty and Joe Carrier, were on the Section V team that won the 2014-2015 New York State Championship Team
- Four Varsity Wrestlers were named Section V Class A Champions in 2015: Mike Venosa, Kevin Marcano, Stevie Hetelekides and Tristan Ierlan. Ierlan also placed 5th at the State competition.
- The Victor Hockey Team brought home the Section V Class BB Championship this winter.
- Last spring, the VSH Varsity Choir, Senior High Orchestra and Wind Ensemble won their divisions at the 2014 Darien Lake Music Festival. All three were also named Grand Champions.
- This winter, four senior high art students' work (Claire Monnier, Skylar DiMora, Sara Eckerman and Emma Seager) was recognized at the annual Rochester-Finger Lakes Middle and High School Art Exhibition that took place at Rochester Institute of Technology. Senior Emma Seager, received the prestigious Deans Award for Excellence and Creativity.
- This past September, twenty one Victor Senior High musicians were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter 5863.
- This past fall, the Senior High School presented the play, *The Death of a Salesman* and the Junior High performed the musical, *Shrek*.
- This spring, the Victor Senior High presented the musical, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*.
- The Victor Varsity Winter Guard was named 2015 State Champions.
- The Victor Cadet Winter Guard was named 2015 State Champions.
- The Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble took home the 2015 State Championship in their division this spring.



## ARE YOU A VCS PARENT?

# PARENTS: WE NEED YOUR VOICE FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR!



**SHARED DECISION – MAKING** between parents, teachers, and administrators is crucial to our district's health.

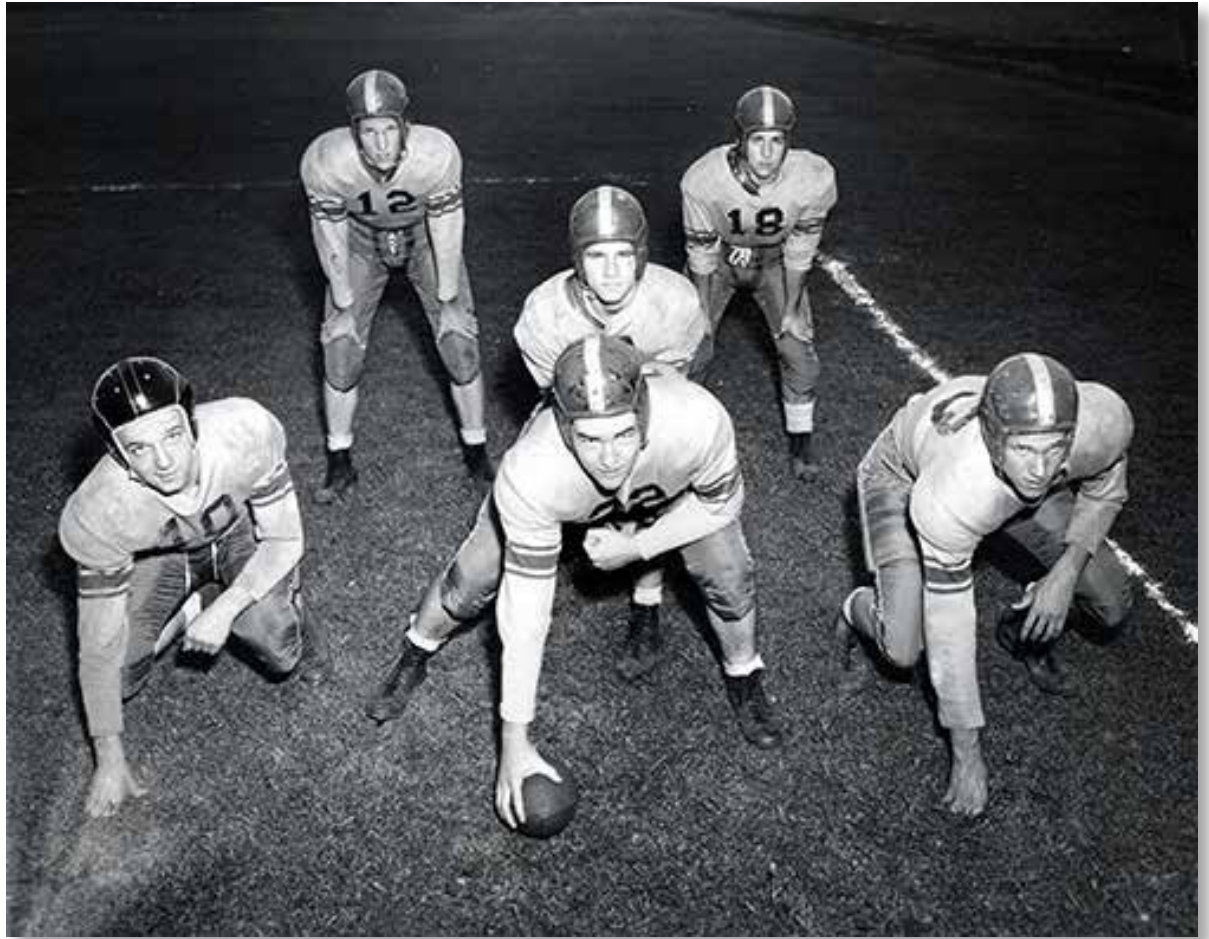
Please consider volunteering your time: ~1 meeting/month to take part in one of the following:

- Building Councils: Early Childhood, Primary, Intermediate, Junior High, or Senior High
- Program Review ~ 2015 - 2016 Curriculum Reviews are: Science, Health, Home & Careers
- District Council: get feedback from building councils, discuss district-wide issues, provide input and support for Program Reviews

Go to [the Shared Decision-Making website](#) to learn more and fill out the application. Applications are due May 10th.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hodownes at [dhodowne@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dhodowne@rochester.rr.com)

# Mystery Photo Answer



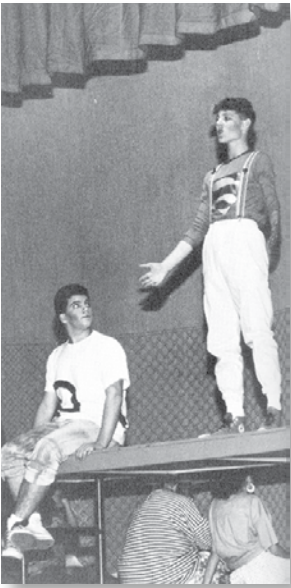
Darvin Pegelow, and Gene Antonio  
Jim Cotter  
Vernon Underhill, Roger Brady, and Donald Pegelow

The following information was given to us by Ken Weigert '50

- ~ Football started at Victor in 1950
- ~ This photo was from 52-53
- ~ At that time there was a varsity club and they raised money for their uniforms
- ~ It was a six man team

*Darvin and Donald are identical twins so they might be mixed up.*

# Then and Now



1989 Musical  
"Godspell"



2015 Musical  
"Dirty Rotten  
Scoundrels"



VICTOR  
CENTRAL  
SCHOOLS  
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SAVE THE DATE

Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Sunday, June 14, 2015

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](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 11, 2016 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 12TH 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).

# The Graduates of Distinction Committee

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

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

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

## Interested?

Please send a letter of interest by September 1, 2015 to:

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

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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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# Fourteenth Annual Senior Citizens Ball

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

*Dinner & Dancing*

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

*Special Thank You to the Kiwanis Club*

**Saturday, May 9, 2015**  
**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 2014 Ball*

# Family Fun Festival

**May 19, 2015, 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](mailto:goodberletm@vicstorschools.org)  
by June 30, 2015.

## 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.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Liz Welch & Sherri Lasky  
*Office of School and Community Relations*

[alumni@victorschools.org](mailto:alumni@victorschools.org)

## 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.....

*\*Contact Chuck Callari at [callarich@victorschools.org](mailto:callarich@victorschools.org) or 585-924-3252, ext. 2130*