



Athletic Hall of Fame Holds 2019 Induction Ceremony

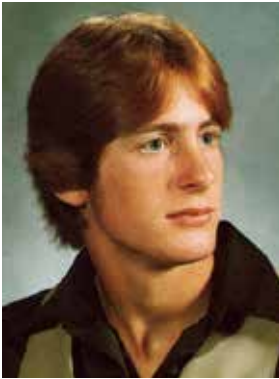
The Victor Athletic Hall of Fame held its annual induction ceremony at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Bushnell's Basin on Saturday, September 28th.

The Athletic Hall of Fame was created to honor athletes, coaches and other special candidates who have made a significant impact on the VCS athletic program.

This year's inductees featured three former athletes: Bob Dreste (Class of 1980), Paul Nardozzi (Class of 2003), and Jessica Cotton-Settimi (Class of 2004).



Jessica Cotton Settimi, Paul Nardozzi, and Bob Dreste



BOB DRESTE **CLASS OF 1980**

Bob Dreeste played three sports at VCS - football, basketball and baseball. As a football player from 1976 to 1979, Dreeste played quarterback and safety. During his senior year in 1979 he was team captain and threw for ten touchdowns in eight games. In basketball, Dreeste was a member of the 1978 Sectional Championship Team. Other basketball milestones included scoring 20 points in one half and being the team captain in 1979-1980. As a Blue Devils baseball player, Dreeste batted .328 his senior year. He was also the team captain and was named All-League Player and First Finger Lakes East All Star Team player for all three sports.

Dreeste graduated from Westminster College in 1984 with a degree in Computer Science. He became a consultant for General Electric and worked with Kodak where he was awarded a software patent. Dreeste founded his own company, Bytronics, Inc. in 1990. His software dispatching application is utilized by more than 250 utility companies, pipelines and municipalities throughout the United States and Canada.

Dreeste coached the Victor Saints Football team after college until 1987. He also coached the Penfield Youth Football team and was very involved in coaching girls youth lacrosse at the Penfield School District.



PAUL NARDOZZI **CLASS OF 2003**

Paul Nardozzi was a four-year football player (1999 to 2002) and one-year golf player (2002) at VCS, but it was baseball where he really made his athletic mark. He was named to All-State First Team during his junior and senior years.

In 2003, he was named New York State Player of the Year. Other baseball accolades include being named a four time Finger Lakes East All Star and two time Finger Lakes Player of the Year. Nardozzi established the Section V career strikeout record of 406 and tossed a Section V record of three no-hitters. During his senior year, he went 7-1 with an ERA of 0.26 and a 103 strikeouts. He only allowed 19 hits in 53 innings

of work as a senior. Nardozzi was named Victor's Male Athlete of the year in 2003.

After graduating from VCS, Nardozzi played baseball at the University of Pittsburg. In 2007, he had 90 strikeouts, the fourth highest in the Big East. He holds the school record for most games started (52) and second most strikeouts (268). In 2007, he was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 31st round. Nardozzi played baseball for the New England Collegiate Baseball League's Newport Gulls, where he notched 11 wins and 121 strikeouts in 121.2 innings with a 2.00 ERA. He holds the Gulls' record for the most strikeouts in a single season (66). Nardozzi was inducted into the Newport Gulls' Hall of Fame in 2019.



JESSICA (COTTON) **SETTIMI** **CLASS OF 2004**

Jessica (Cotton) Settimi was a three sport athlete at VCS. In 1998, she ran cross country. She played lacrosse from 1999 to 2004 and was a member of the swim team from 1999 to 2003.

Settimi's lacrosse career began in the 7th grade. She was on the varsity team from 8th to 12th grade, and served as team captain from 2002 to 2004. In 2003, she led the Victor girls' team to their first ever sectional win. Other high school lacrosse accolades included being named Honorable Mention All-League in the 10th grade and First Team All-League in 11th and 12th grades. Settimi was also named Finger Lakes Offensive Player of the Year, the team's 2003 and 2004 Most Valuable Player and a 2004 Lacrosse Excellence Award Winner.

Settimi's five year swimming career at VCS (1999-2003) was marked by numerous achievements. She was team captain in 2013, First Team All-League her junior and senior years and a member of five sectional and Finger Lakes League Championship teams, including a sectional championship relay team. In 2000, Settimi was named to the Swimming Honor Roll in the Swimming World Magazine. In 2003, she was the recipient of the Swimming Excellence Award. She was a member of the Victor Swim Club and also coached and taught swimming through Victor Parks and Recreation and the Victor Swim Club.

After graduating from VCS, Settimi played lacrosse at Binghamtom University for one year. She was the only freshman to play in all of the games at the Division 1

school. She was also on the President's List there.

She transferred to RIT and played lacrosse for three years where she was team captain her junior and senior years. Settimi set three statistical records at RIT. In 2007, she was named to the Empire 8 President's List for a 4.0 GPA and in 2008 she was named Comeback Athlete of the Year.

Settimi's lacrosse career continued after RIT. She started a lacrosse program at the Royal Alexandra & Albert School in England. She also played for the Walcountian Blues Lacrosse team and the championship British lacrosse team at the 2010 World Lacrosse Festival. Settimi continued coaching lacrosse at St. Mary's School and the North Carolina Lacrosse Academy in Raleigh, North Carolina from 2009 to 2012.

The Victor Hall of Fame was founded in 1999 as a way to:

- Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches and Blue Devil supporters.
- Reconnect those individuals and their families with Victor Central School.
- Deepen the current student-athlete understanding and appreciation for the history of the Blue Devil athletes by seeking their participation.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Nominations Sought

JUNE 5TH 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 can be completed online via www.victorschools.org/athletics/ahof. Paper copies can also be picked up at Victor's Athletic Director, Duane Weimer's office 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 prior to August 1st along with an announcement of the planned celebration event.

For more information on the Athletic Hall of Fame program, please contact Duane Weimer, VCS Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics at (585) 924-3252 ext. 1460 or weimerd@victorschools.org.

Alumni Banquet Brings Together Past and Present

More than one hundred alumni, students, family, and friends gathered at Ravenwood Golf Club for the 124th Alumni Banquet on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Organizers, Kay Cotton and Sue Whitney Masseth, said that although the turnout was excellent, they are looking forward to increasing attendance for the 125th celebration next year. The alumni banquet is traditionally held on the Sunday before Father's Day.

Save the Date for the 2020 Alumni Banquet, Sunday, June 14, at Ravenwood Golf Club.



Morocco Calling

2015 Alumnae Joins Peace Corps



On Thursday, September 5, 2019, Sarah Ballard, a 2015 VCS graduate, came to the Senior High School library to speak to members of the Global Competence Committee (GCC) about her new job as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Ballard, a 2019 graduate of Kent State University, will spend the next two years in Morocco, the only Arabic speaking nation in North Africa. She will serve as a Youth Development Specialist, working with residents, ages 12 to 21 years old, until November 29, 2021.

Senior High School English Language Learner (ELL) teacher and GCC program advisor, Laurie Estochen, said Ballard's visit was inspiring. "The opportunity to see a student who has gone through the GCC program, finished college and is so passionate about impacting the world for good is incredibly powerful. Sarah's love for changing her world for the better began here in Victor, and has evolved into her mission on the Peace Corps field. GCC cannot wait to see what new adventures await Sarah," she said.

To follow Sarah's Peace Corps journey, go to her blog: piecebypeacewithsarah.blogspot.com



'74 Alumnae Was Area's First Medical Esthetician



Janice Dillman was never one for taking traditional paths. In 1974, she graduated from Victor Senior

High School as a junior. Always the planner, Dillman opted out of the Regents diploma route knowing full well college wasn't in her future. "I was eager to be on my own and figure it out," Dillman said.

After graduation, Dillman worked in retail for one year before getting a job at Genesee Hospital in the Health Service division. She was there for about 11 years doing everything from medical records and billing to accounting. Dillman said you were trained on the job in those days because there was not any proper schooling or classes for medical records or billing.

At age 22, while working full time at the hospital, Dillman enrolled at the Continental School of Beauty where she took classes 20 hours a week in the evenings and on Saturdays to get her cosmetology license. That license took her to where she is today. "I would not have gone to cosmetology school if it was not for my sister, Lisa, who said it would be the perfect skill to have to make money while raising my family someday. I practiced cosmetology, esthetics (skin) and nails on a part time basis while working in doctors' offices," she said.

After working at Genesee Hospital, Dillman took a job in

Medical Office Management at Rochester General Hospital in a private general surgeon's office. She was married with two children (Brandon, now 29 years old, and Veronica, now 27 years old). "When the kids were young, I worked part-time in a plastic surgeon's office doing office management. It was at that point I started doing medical esthetics, things like chemical peels and skin care, which was very big on the west coast, and very new on the east coast!"

Dillman said becoming the area's first medical esthetician just kind of happened and the aesthetics trade literally snow-balled overnight. During her early years, she worked at the Continental School of Beauty as an aesthetics instructor, overseeing the program for their three schools throughout New York State. That position led her to becoming the lead medical esthetician at a local medical spa which eventually closed its doors, only to reopen them under new ownership, none other than Janice Dillman.

It has been twelve years since Dillman opened seriouSkin, in Pittsford, New York – twelve years built on many more years of hard work, exploration, and extraordinary ingenuity. Dillman was never one for the traditional path, anyway.

Of all of her VCS teachers, Dillman credits her home economics teacher, Mrs. Greely, for being her biggest inspiration. "The life skills she taught gave me a solid foundation to head out into the world. My life journey was not planned, everything just happened.

It was not anticipated, and yet, here I am today feeling grateful for everyone that has helped me," Dillman said.

Dillman's advice to today's Victor students is exactly what you would expect from someone who has always marched to the beat of her own drum. "If college is for you, go for what you love, not for the newest degree that pays the best. Education is never wasted, you will use it in some way or another down the road. I strongly feel that this country lacks skilled Trades people with good work ethics. We need electricians, carpenters, masons, the list goes on," she said.

It turns out estheticians are in high demand today, too.

According to Reuters.com, the global cosmetic products market (which includes estheticians) was valued at USD 532.43 billion in 2017, and is expected to reach a market value of USD 805.61 billion by 2023.

Dillman currently lives in Webster, New York. She is always up for a new adventure! When she is not working, she enjoys riding her Harley with her boyfriend, snowmobiling, ATV riding, boating and RVing. She also enjoys gardening, sewing and cooking.



Dr. Laura A. Lane, Class of 1895

(1880-1960)

Pioneer Cancer Researcher and Organic Farmer

By Babette Huber, Victor Town and Village Historian

Dr. Laura A. Lane (affectionately called “Doc Lane”) was born in November, 1880, to Ambert T. and Amelia A. Parks Lane. Ambert Lane was a produce farmer who at times raised large quantities of seed potatoes—varieties of potatoes with “eyes” from which farmers can plant and grow potatoes. Amelia Lane, a teacher and graduate of Oswego Normal School, was one of the Parks family who owned much land in the northwestern area of Victor (her family home being Parks Place on Rowley Road). The Lane family – Ambert, Amelia, Laura and sister, Florence, lived in a house (now demolished) across from Route 251 on Route 96. The existing Lane Road is named after the Lane family. It was officially named a town road after Dr. Lane died. Ambert and “Minnie” owned all the land from Lane Road on Route 96 to Rowley Road.

After graduating from Victor High School in 1895, Laura Lane went to live with an aunt in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She went to the University of Michigan and graduated from the Michigan Medical School. She soon became one of the first women to do cancer research there. In 1924 she was awarded the Knapp Memorial prize for her research work in the use of radium for the treatment of the eye.

In 1936 Dr. Lane reported at the clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons that “. . . an analysis of about 100,000 cases of cancer showed a markedly higher occurrence among individuals subject to continuous bright sunlight . . . and in patients following recovery from influenza.”

Sometime in her career (date unknown) Dr. Lane had to retire because of radium damage to her hands. She eventually came back to her childhood home in Victor. That did not, however, prevent her from continuing her lectures. Jim Swartzenberg, whose family lived across from the Lane property on Rt. 96 (in what is now the India House and had originally been a one room schoolhouse) notes, “Now and then she would dress up in a black suit with a veiled hat of the sort nature women wore in those days, stand out by the road, and flag down the Greyhound bus when it came by. Most of the time she was going to the University of Rochester where she lectured on the hidden dangers in processed



foods and the benefits of healthy and organic living.”

Dr. Laura Lane was the forerunner of “Garbage in, garbage out” as she spoke out in favor of organic farming. She promoted a healthy living style which included exercise and nonchemical vegetables. Dr. Lane believed very strongly that much of the processed and chemically induced foods that we eat was what was causing cancers.

As a medical doctor, Laura Lane became a natural healer to many. One such person was Bernard Cleary whose mother had died when he was almost 3 and he was very sickly. Dr. Lane nourished Bernard with a natural diet and today he is in his 80s having lived a very successful and healthy life.

After her parents died (her mother in 1919 and her father in 1939) Laura Lane lived alone in the family home until March 20, 1960. A neighbor had gone to check on her and found her in her house with no heat. After being transported to Thompson Hospital she was pronounced dead. From Jim Swartzenberg—“It was in the deep of winter and Ernie (Montgomery) found her inside the house with no heat and apparently frozen to death.” Dr. Lane requested that no services be held and she is buried in Boughton Hill Cemetery with a very modest gravestone. The property on which the Lane home and barn stood became a gravel pit and today is the site of a projected retail development called Fishers Ridge. I wonder what Dr. Laura Lane would think of the 21st century’s focus on organic farming, eliminating chemicals and plastics and exercising – exactly what she had professed all those decades ago.

Information for this article came from:

“The Old School House” by Jim Swartzenberg, Town of Victor Archives

'99 Grad Uses Music to Move and Motivate Others



Nathan Merrill has always been passionate about music. In high school, he immersed himself in choral

ensembles. Later, he traveled all over the country performing in a rock band. At one point, he wrote and sold songs just to support himself. These days, as a Music Specialist for Ontario ARC, Merrill is using music to move and motivate developmentally disabled people, helping them find their own glorious groove.

A Q&A with Nathan Merrill

What did you do after you graduated from VCS?

I attended Plattsburgh State University for one year before joining a rock band and travelling the United States. Using my skills as a pianist and vocalist, I wrote and performed songs using the money I made to support myself. It was a very formative time for me and I learned how to live independently and support myself through hard work. It was, at times, a challenging situation but I learned some valuable lessons regarding self-reliance. Looking back, it was the experience of travelling, working and self-dedication that really prepared me to go back to college and succeed. I received my Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Brockport University and began working as a music teacher

at Cobblestone Arts Center in Farmington NY. I worked there for 7 years developing the music program aimed at helping people with developmental disabilities explore the arts and music. After that, I began working at Ontario ARC. I have been the Music Specialist at Ontario ARC since 2017 as part of their Creative Expressions program. The Creative Expressions program includes horticulture and visual arts programming for the people who attend day services.

Tell me about your work at Ontario ARC.

As Music Specialist I conduct lessons with people who attend our day services at Ontario ARC. In addition, I take musical groups to perform at various venues in the community. While teaching, I often draw from my experience as a performer. I like my lessons to be interactive and fun while allowing participants to express themselves anyway they see fit. We have a wonderful music room at Ontario ARC where participants can choose from a variety of instruments including drums, keyboards, bells etc. I often setup the classroom like a stage allowing participants to perform for an audience. The people we serve at Ontario ARC have intellectual and developmental disabilities that might make it difficult to engage in typical musical activities. As a result, we employ a variety of adaptive instruments that make it easier for people to participate in class. We have instruments that

require only the breath to activate a drum or keyboard. We will often use "switches" that require the participant to apply a minimal amount of pressure to trigger a drum. These types of adaptive instruments make it easier for participants to engage in musical activities.

What VCS teacher(s) inspired you the most?

There were two teachers who inspired me greatly.

Mr. Thomas, the choir and theatre instructor, was a huge inspiration for me. I was in chorus throughout my four years of high school and his passion rubbed off on me. He had this charisma that inspired his students to be great. He taught me musical skills that I still use and I know he helped inspire many of us who were blessed to be in his choir.

Mr. Ferguson, my English teacher in middle school, was the first teacher who treated me like an adult. I used to write a lot of poetry back then and he took the time to edit and guide me through the artistic process. I still enjoy writing poetry and I owe a lot of that to him. He was one of those teachers who could really make you feel special. He had a great sense of humor and I remember him always joking about losing his hair. Everyone loved being in his class and he drew out the best in all his students.

How did your VCS education prepare you for what you're doing today?

I moved to Victor when I was 13 years old and my life changed for the better. The previous school I attended had very little opportunities in the arts and music. The support I received in Victor was truly life changing. I was able to take many artistic courses at VCS, including chorus, and the skills I learned paved the way to where I am today. My career as music specialist requires me to draw from those foundational skills. But even more, it was the support for the arts that really inspired me. Victor did, and still does, support the Arts in our community and that's essential to a thriving community.

What advice would you give to a VCS graduate?

Please give yourself a moment of quiet each day to reflect, listen, and take the foot off the gas. In order to get anywhere good, you have to know where you're starting from. It's vital to have this moment of pause in your day.



Class of 1969 Celebrates 50th Reunion

The Class of 1969 celebrated their reunion 50th during the weekend of June 21, 2019.

Alumni gathered at Raymor Estate Cellars Winery in East Bloomfield on Friday, June 21.

On Saturday, June 22, classmates began the day with a morning tour of the VCS campus followed by an evening dinner at Finn's Tap Room in Victor. Organizers said reunion attendees had a great time reconnecting and reminiscing!



WANTED! Your Reunion Information

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

[Victor Central Schools Alumni](#)

Class of 1979 Celebrates 40th Reunion

The Class of 1979 came out in full force on Saturday, September 21, to celebrate their 40th reunion. Class reunion organizer, Eddie O'Brien, said that classmates traveled from 13 different states, and of the 100 people who attended the event, 74 were alumni.

Class members revisited and reconnected at a variety of activities including a bonfire and barbeque at Kevin Hunt's property, and a wine tour and home football game.

One special highlight of the reunion celebration occurred when classmate, Cathy Wilson, was presented with her class ring which had been lost more than 20 years ago. A Good Samaritan had been trying to find Cathy on social media for many years, saw a reunion Facebook page put up by Brett Tyler, and connected with the group. O'Brien said it was an amazing moment when Cathy and her brother Isaac came down the hill just in time to join them for the group photo.

"It was a great day with beautiful summer-like weather. Everyone was amazed at the number of class members that came to the celebration. It will be a very difficult task to top this reunion party but we'll probably try anyways. We are a lucky bunch to have so much love and friendship, still, after all these years," O'Brien said.



Class of 1999 Reunion Happy Hour

Finn's Tap Room
(formerly Mickey Finns)

14 Railroad Street, Victor

Saturday November 30, 2019

5:00 - 8:00 pm
Cash Bar

\$10 per person to cover the cost of food.

Family & Friends welcome!

RSVP:

Steph Bailey - StephBailey81@gmail.com

or

[https://www.facebook.com/
events/3057326177674942/?active_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/3057326177674942/?active_tab=about)

SAVE THE DATE

**Victor Class of 1999
Formal Reunion & Family BBQ**

Sunday July 5, 2020

Powder Mills Park

More details to follow.

Victor Named 2018-2019 Scholar- Athlete School of Distinction Winner

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) announced its 2018-19 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction and School of Excellence Award winners. Victor Senior High School was one of 35 schools to earn the School of Distinction status. This honor is reserved for schools at which 100% of their varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar Athlete team award during their respective sport seasons. The purpose of the School of Distinction and School of Excellence Awards are to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve this statewide honor. This year's figures represent the highest number of NYSPHSAA member schools being recognized for their academic achievements.

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director said, seeing the numbers of schools honored increase again is a true testament to the kind of student-athletes we have here in New York State. "We continue to be proud of this program that highlights and celebrates schools that value the importance of academics, as well as athletics," he said.





Our Past, Our Present, Their Future

New LinkedIn Group Created for Victor Central School Alumni, Students, Staff, and Retirees

Submitted by Keith Partington, VCS Education Foundation Alumni Connections Committee

Our Victor Central School Education Foundation Alumni Connections Committee is excited to announce a new LinkedIn Group for alumni, students, staff, and retirees. This group is sponsored by the VCS Education Foundation Alumni Connections Committee and intended to promote professional networking among Victor Central School alumni, students, staff, and retirees. Our VCS Education Foundation was created in 2015 to provide educational opportunities for students and staff that are not possible through the regular school budget.

LinkedIn is the world's largest professional network with more than 645 million users in 200 countries and territories worldwide. While there are over 20 million job postings, it's also become a great digital tool where members can use posts to share and start conversations about what they're reading, ask for advice or ideas, and to respond to industry news, trending topics and other major events. The LinkedIn experience was designed so you can easily surface ideas, drive conversations, and discover topics you care about. Your homepage is the landing page you reach when you first sign in to your LinkedIn account. It includes your feed, access to your connections, profile, messages, and notifications. Your LinkedIn Feed contains posts from your network, companies you follow, and more.

Many school alumni associations and organizations such as the Victor Central School PTSA have created LinkedIn Groups. LinkedIn Groups provide a place for users with similar interests to share their insights and experiences, ask for guidance, and build valuable connections. Only members of the group can view, post, or comment on conversations within that group. This activity isn't made public or shown to your connections that aren't members of that group. Group members may see each other's posts, likes, and comments within the group, or in their LinkedIn feed. Group membership will be limited to alumni, students, staff, and staff retirees from the Victor Central School District in Victor, NY. Group members will be approved and added based on these criteria.

If you have a LinkedIn account, enter Victor Central School Alumni and Staff in the search box on the upper right menu and click the blue request to join button. If you don't have a LinkedIn account, check out the LinkedIn help page to get started at <https://www.linkedin.com/help/linkedin>.

Special thanks to Eileen Ryan-Maruke ('82), Alex Rozaklis ('13), and Dawn Santiago-Marullo (honorary class of '19 and recently retired Superintendent) who have volunteered on our Alumni Connections Committee to create and manage our group for the first year. This sub-committee will review usage and feedback during

the first year to help ensure that usage remains relevant to our group's interests and intent. We look forward to your articles, posts, and feedback so we can grow this group to support our VCS Past, Present, and Future.

Then and Now



Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Gadsden, Mrs. Blood, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Deebe.

photo from 1949 Bagel.



Primary School Cafeteria Staff



Early Childhood School Cafeteria Staff



Junior High School Cafeteria Staff



Intermediate School Cafeteria Staff

Sample Menu:
 Baked Breaded Chicken
 w/ Apple Cinnamon Muffin
 Roasted Redskin Potatoes
 Ham w/Swiss on WG Kaiser
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 Diced Peaches
 Diced Pears



Senior High School Cafeteria Staff

2019 Food Services Department

Today's Food Service Department is vastly different from 1949. Sixty years ago, seven women worked in one cafeteria located in the only school building on campus (the current Early Childhood School). Today, thirty five employees staff five cafeterias in five different schools and serve nearly 2,220 meals per day! The student population in 1949 was 822. Today, VCS has nearly 4,300 students.

Early Childhood School

Employees: 3

Staff: Anne Whalen, Lori Alfred, Kathy Jason and Traci Tonias who is currently subbing for Lori Alfred

Average Meals Served Per Day: 290

Primary School

Employees: 5

Staff: Darlin Bowe, Heather Cohen, Judy Kingsley-Woodland, Cindy Emery and Lynne Pietzold

Average Meals Served Per Day: 390

Intermediate School

Employees: 6

Staff: Sheila Bowerman, Mary Merlo, Anne Rauscher, Sarwat Saleem, Eugenia Karras and Chiara Watts

Average Meals Served Per Day: 550

Junior High School

Employees: 5

Staff: Pattie Reigle, Traci Tonais, Carol Schuth, Christine Guinta and Anne Kingsley Herne who is subbing for Traci Tonias

Average Meals Served Per Day: 300

Senior High School

Employees: 17

Staff: Robin Pauly, Jeffrey Clark, Sharon Beaver, Lori Alfred, Pamela Havill, Allie Hartley, Allie Dillman, Patricia Anderson, Judy Weld, Katherine Marquez, Lilliam Marquez, Dorothy Vaughn, Val Kokkinnis, Priscilla Vargas, Patrick Fairchild, Anne Kingsley Herne, and Traci Tonias who is subbing for Lori Alfred

Average Meals Served Per Day: 650

for more information on our Food Service Department
<http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1502897812283>

Academic, Athletic and Artistic Distinctions

- In June, 2019, 98% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma, 66% percent earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.
- In July, 2019, the New York State Education Department named Victor Senior High School a Recognition School. Recognition Schools are among the top schools under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for performance, student growth and/or graduation rate.
- In October, 2019, the Victor Central School District was ranked 17 out of 431 Upstate New York school districts by Buffalo Business First Magazine. VCS was also one of only 27 school districts to receive five stars in all four core subjects (English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies).
- In July, 2019, New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) named Victor Senior High School a 2018-19 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction winner. VSH was one of only 35 schools to earn the School of Distinction status. This honor is reserved for schools at which 100% of their varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar Athlete team award during their respective sport seasons.
- Last spring, Niche.com named Victor Senior High School the number one school for athletes in

New York State. The Best School Districts for Athletes ranking is based on data from the U.S. Department of Education along with millions of reviews from students and parents.

- This fall, 70 juniors and seniors were inducted into the prestigious National Honor Society.
- The Junior High School has maintained its extraordinary status as a New York State high performing middle school and “School to Watch” for the past 13 years, since first being designated in 2006.
- Forty-six DECA students advanced to the State competition in March, 2019. Eleven students qualified for the International Career Conference in April, 2019 and three students were selected to attend DECA’s THRIVE Academy.
- All 32 Victor Varsity Sports teams achieved scholar-athlete status for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Victor Central Schools boasted many Sectional and State athletic winners during the school year and continues to impress this fall!

Fall 2019 Sectional Champions:

Girls Cheerleading
Girls Swimming: Madi Sargent, Erin Ritz, Emma Hawkins and Alexis Worrall, 200 Free Relay

Spring 2019 Sectional Champions:

Girls Softball
Boys Lacrosse
Track and Field: Connor Preston, 800 M; Greg Cole-Allen, Shot Put and Discus; Michael Bayley, 400M and 110M

Winter 2018 -19 Sectional Champions:

Wrestling: Alex Samson (132 lb. weight class) and Joe Theede (170 pound weight class);
Track: Mike Bailey, 55 Hurdles Champion;
 Greg Cole-Allen, Shot Put;
Alpine Ski: Lucy Haggerty, Slalom
Boys Swimming: Brayden Murphy, 200IM

Winter 2018 -19 New York State Champions:

Wrestling: Alex Samson, (132 lb. weight class) - Victor’s first ever NYS wrestling champion!
Indoor Track: Mike Bailey, 55 Hurdles

- On Thursday, November 7, 2019, 34 students were inducted into the prestigious Tri-M Music Society.
- This fall our Senior High Drama Club produced the play *Broken Hourglass: Thirty Plays In About An Hour*.
- This fall, our Junior High students put on their fall musical *Annie*.

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. (updated 9/30/2019)

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Your New Alumni - VCS Class of 2019



senior class 2019, taken at pep rally, September 2018

Moemin Abdallah	Kellen Bavis	Linn Brorsson	Sage Clancy	Grace Dertinger
Joseph Abreu	Michael Bayley	Jeremiah Brownell	Gregory Cole-Allen	Kaitlyn Derwoyed
Noel Acor	Alexis Behnke	Matthew Buchovecky	Jacob Cole-Allen	Juan Diaz Rivera
Aubrey Ahern	Kylie Beikirch	Tyler Buddendeck	Danielle Colucci	Jacob Dibble
Alek Ahrens	Rachel Bellinger	Jonathan Bui	Kathryne Colwell	Evan Didas
Joshua Albert	Aidan Berdy	Maya Burger	Emily Colyer	Samuel DiGiacomo
Jaylyn Alger-Smith	Eric Bernhardt	Carolyn Camp	Taylor Constantino	Owen Dillman
Logan Allaire	Tyler Bernhardt	Elizabeth Canipe	Tallynn Corwin	Matthew DiSabato
Brian Allen	Aditya Bhargava	Anthony Cardilli	Jack Cowles	Anna Ditko
Kayla Allen	Caitlin Bickert	Kelly Cardillo	Patience Cragg-Hoer	Alejandra Dominguez Perez
Hudson Alread	Makenzie Bills	Sydney Carey	Alex Crane	Rebecca Dorman
Aaron Appell	Jason Bivona	Schuyler Carr	Adam Cresswell	Parker Doty
Ethan Ashe	Nathan Black	Patrick Carrozzi	Noah Critchlow	Michael Dukes
Adrian Badlu	Mikael Blancovich-Rivera	Natalie Castaldo	Kylie Cromheecke	Rhys Evans
Mia Baggett	Brianna Bogner	Victoria Castiglia	Jonathan Crowley	Erica Fetcie
Justin Bai-Rossi	Edward Boland	Samantha Caverly	Richard Currier	Kelsey Figler
Kalin Bailey	Sarah Bollman	Sara Centola	Roman Czornobil	Patrick Fiorica
Kamryn Bailey	Michael Bonhag	Autumn Chapman	Jimmy Dang	Codie Fiske
Christopher Baker	Lia Bonzo	Sydney Charleton	Chloe Davignon	Antonio Flora
Rachel Baker	Charles Bowe	Christopher Chilson-Cline	Ethan Davis	Mikenna Folkens
Rasheda Baker	Mahogany Boyd	Katherine Chittenden	Terrence Davis	Kalen Fontenelle
Eric Barron	Steven Brady	Malia Choate	Ethan Debasitis	Mason Fooks
Allison Barry	Weston Brainerd	Emily Chu	Megan DeClercq	Cara Frey
Kayla Bartron	Conrad Bremer	Kiara Cieslinski	Drew Delaney	Riley Gardner
Christopher Bates	Ryan Briggs	Dalaynia Cisse	Nicole DelBono	Evan Gartley

Your New Alumni - VCS Class of 2019

Johanna Gefell	Wil'shawn Johnson	Jacob May	Kira Potter	Micheal Smouse
Connor Gelabert	Alexis Jones	Emma Mazzola	Matthew Potter	Jessica Sodoma
Kylie Gilbert	Raashaun Jones	Allyson McFadden	Connor Preston	Liam Solomon
Nolan Gillens	Rosalie Jones	Katie McIntee	Jacob Prior	Brock Spath
Fredrick Ginder	Naomi Kagel	Ryan McNamara	Colin Providenza	Jack Spiegelhoff
Emilie Gleason	Murrone Keating-Porcella	Parker Mehigan	Emerald Rafferty	Adriana Sprague
Natalie Grabowski	Sadie Keddy	Grace Meise	Benjamin Raimondi	Alyssa Stanley
Kayla Grasso	Isiah Kelly	Gabriella Melendez	Hector Ramos	Rita Stathopoulos
Jordan Gravino	Brendan Kieser	Benyadiel Merced	Aiden Ranney	Noelle Stein
Terrell Gray	Joshua Kinney	Samuel Meskos	Allison Reed	Colbie Stellwagen
Kyra Grooms	Brenna Kinzel	Katherine Metzger	Jacob Reid	Dylan Stirone
Riley Grow	Katherine Kopp	Lukas Miller	Grace Reinke	Nicole Stratton
Jamison Guelzow	Mateo Kosarko	Tavi Miller	Hunter Rickey	Tanner Strickland
Erin Gyles	Abigail Kulp	Marion Moore	Claire Rider	Jeremy Summerson
Lucy Haggerty	Lydia Kunz	Joaquin Murature	James Riesenberger	Aline Tellstone
Ryan Haggett	Bryce Kuter	Conner Nelson	Allison Riley	Cyleigh Thomas
Hayden Hall	Anthonie Lamagra	Michael Nersinger	Faith Rineker	AJ Tillotson
William Haller	Adrianna Lanpheare	Samantha Nersinger	Christian Robinson	Ian Tongue
Barbara Hansen	Richard Lanpheare	Anna Nguyen	Quinn Robinson-Elhassen	Emily Torres Hernandez
Matthew Hartle	Grace LaRocque	Andrew Nicolella	Faith Rodgers	Dale Turner
Noah Hartman	Olivia Larson	Anna O'Brien	Jackson Rogers	Shawn Turner
Jake Harvey	Jon LaRue	Courtney O'Dea	Kataichiry Rohena- Marquez	Sarah Urban
Dylan Haubner	Bianca Laudise	Kelsey O'Rourke		Shane Urban
Riley Hauf	Arrianna Lebron	Lauren Ostendorf	Santino Rosso	Matthew VanKuren
Allison Haugh	Matthew Leonardo	Megan Pagano	Olivia Rowcliffe	Ashley Vicino
Alison Hawryschuk	Haley Lewis	Brian Pallini	Jared Rowland	Dana Vouros
Natalie Heller	Carter Lichti	Mae Palmatier	Hailey Royal	Nolan Walters
Allison Heltz	Henry Lichti	Zane Palzer	Carson Rucker	George Weidner
Joshua Herendeen	Gabriel Lind	Hannah Papke	Joelymar Ruiz	Sabrina Weldon
Taylor Hersh	Collin Lischerelli	Keon-Woo Park	Peter Rydzynski	Brandon Wheeler
Andrew Horihan	Liam Lockwood	Cole Parker	Alexander Samson	Kali Wheeler
Riley Houck	Kaitlyn Long	Jonathan Parker	Makayla Santmyer	Samantha White
Kierstin Houle	Isabella Lopez	Hudson Pavia	Lindsey Schaeffer	Hannah Wilcox
Cerys Howard	Ryan Lukas	Ethan Payne	Kylie Seiler	Anna Williams
Joshua Ingerowski	Alexis Lukaszewicz	Kasy Pechler	Maximos Sereno	Christopher Williams
Casidy Ingro	Collin Mackey	Alexandra Perry	Emma Shanks	Dedrick Wilson
Yuki Inuzuka	Marques Maddox	Natalie Petroske	Makenna Sharkey	Isabelle Winseman
Oriana Ireland	Michaela Malijan	Emma Phelps	Jarod Signorelli	Casey Wolf
Kordell Jackson	Brianna Man	Kinsey Phillips	Kathryn Simplicio	Erin Wong
Kerri Janke	Daniela Mancini	John Pierce	Jacqueline Simpson	Benjamin Yacavonis
Gerren Jefferson	Elaine Mansfield	Richard Pierpont	Sarina Simpson	Jenna Yattaw
Morgan Jewell	Mitchell Mantisi	Meka-El Pile	Adam Slavny	Cameron Yost
Abigail Johnson	Claire Marino	Grace Piscani	Barron Smith	Ashley Ziegelmann
Julia Johnson	Brian Martin	Samantha Plews	Thomas Smith	
Shelby Johnson	Emery Martz	Kaitlin Postle	Tyler Smith	

List of Colleges/Military 2019 VCS Graduates are attending

Alfred University	Le Moyne College	SUNY Oswego
Alleghany College	Lehigh University	SUNY Plattsburgh
Auburn University	Life Prep @ Nazareth College	SUNY Purchase
Bentley University	Louisiana State University	SUNY Stony Brook
Binghamton University	Maryland Institute-College of Art	Susquehanna University
Boston University	Marywood University	Syracuse University
Bucknell University	Monroe Community College	Temple University
Bunghamton University	Mercyhurst University	The Ohio State University
Canisius College	Meredith College	The University of Akron
Career Education	Miami University of Ohio	Towson University
Cedarville University	Michigan State University	Tulane University
Clarkson University	Mohawk Valley Community College	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Clemson University	Molloy College	UNITED STATES MARINES
Cleveland Institute of Art	Monmouth University	UNITED STATES NAVY
Columbus College of Art and Design	Mount Saint Mary's University	University at Buffalo
Continental School of Beauty	Nazareth College	University of Alabama
Cornell University	New York University	University of Central Florida
Culinary Institute of America	Niagara County Community College	University of Dayton
Daemen College	Niagara University	University of Delaware
Depauw University	Northeastern University	University of Florida
Dickinson College	Ohio University	University of Georgia
Duquesne University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Kansas
East Carolina University	Princeton University	University of Maryland-College Park
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	Purdue University	University of Michigan
Elmira College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Minnesota
Endicott College	Roanoke College	University of New Hampshire
Finger Lakes Community College	Roberts Wesleyan College	University of North Texas
Genesee Community College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh
Georgia State	Saint Anselm College	University of Rochester
Harvey Mudd College	Santa Fe College	University of South Carolina
Hillsdale College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Tampa
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Slippery Rock University	University of Vermont
Hockey-Jr League	St. Bonaventure University	Universtiy of Pittsburgh
Hofstra University	St. John Fisher College	Utica College
Indian River State	St. Lawrence University	Villanova University
Indiana University	SUNY Albany	Virginia Tech
Inter American University of Puerto Rico	SUNY Alfred State	West Virginia University
Ithaca College	SUNY Brockport	Western New England University
John Carroll University	SUNY Buffalo State College	Workforce
Juniata College	SUNY Cortland	
Keuka College	SUNY Geneseo	
Lawrence Technological University	SUNY New Paltz	

Upcoming Music Events:

November 22nd

VJH Musical (Annie)
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

November 23rd

VJH Musical (Annie)
1 pm and 7 pm,
JH/SH Arts Center

December 3rd

4th and 5th Grade Holiday Chorus
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 4th

JH Instrumental
Holiday Concert
PTSA Ice Cream Social
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 5th

6th Grade Band, Chorus and Allegro
Orchestra Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 7th

RPO Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 9th

VSH Holiday
Bands Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 10th

Intermediate- Presto
and Vivace Orchestras
and Suzuki Group
Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 11th

VPS 3rd Grade
Holiday Concerts
PTSA Ice Cream Social
6:30 and 7:30 pm,
VECS Auditorium

December 16th

VSH Orchestras and Choirs Holiday
Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 17th

VJH Choral Concert
PTSA Ice Cream Social
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 18th

Beginning and 5th Grade Bands
Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

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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.

Visual & Performing Arts

HALL OF FAME

Do you know a Victor Central School alumnus or alumna who has made a significant contribution to the arts?

The Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame honors such individuals.

Nominees shall be selected based upon the following criteria:

- A. Graduated from Victor Senior High School at least (10) years ago. Nominee may have or may not have been affiliated with a VCS arts program.
- B. Staff member, parent or community member who made significant contributions to the VCS arts program a minimum of (5) years.

Suggested "types" of artists that could qualify would be ***Creators ~ Performers ~ Practitioners ~ Contributors***

Go to www.victorschools.org for more information.

Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to:

Visual & Performing Arts Hall of Fame committee
c/o The Office of School and Community Relations
Victor Central Schools
953 High Street, Victor, New York 14564
or by emailing laskysh@victorschools.org

VCS Seeks Names of Distinguished Graduates

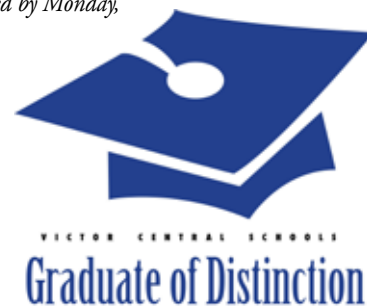
Do you know a Victor Central School alumnus who has made a significant contribution to society? The Graduates of Distinction program honors such individuals. Applications are currently available in the Office of School and Community Relations or on-line at www.victorschools.org. Alumni selected for this honor will be recognized at a special Graduate of Distinction Day next fall.

Nominees to the Victor Central School District Graduates of Distinction program shall be selected based upon the following criteria:

- A. Nominees must have graduated from Victor Senior High (or have attended Victor Schools BEFORE there was a high school in the case of Honorable Recognition) at least 15 years before they are eligible for selection. The committee may waive the graduation time limit requirements in certain circumstances, as it deems necessary;
- B. Significant achievement after attending Victor Schools which include: (1) Educational achievements; (2) Professional achievements; (3) Job-related achievements; (4) Honors, awards, professional affiliations, publications; (5) Civic or community involvement; (6) Other appropriate qualifications which the committee believes merit consideration;

Nominations must be submitted by Monday, January 20, 2020 to:

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



High School College and Career Center Seeks Internship Opportunities

The Victor Central School District is committed to providing students with the best education inside and outside of the classroom. One way we are doing this is by providing students with exceptional real world experiences. The College and Career Center at the Senior High School is dedicated to partnering with area professionals to make these experiences a reality.

Thanks to these valuable partnerships, students not only gain exposure to careers, but a

firsthand view of potential future employment opportunities. These partnerships also enable businesses to establish meaningful working relationships with hardworking, driven students.

Do you have time and space for a VCS student in your workplace? Whether it is a job shadow, unpaid internship, or a small group discussion, all of these experiences provide valuable resources to our students. If you have worked with us in the past, thank you! Victor

is extremely fortunate to have you in our community and we would appreciate the opportunity to partner with you again in the future. If you are new to the internship idea, we welcome your interest and look forward to the possibility of working you. For more information, please email Cindy Mereness at merenessc@victorschools.org. She can also be reached at 585-924-3252, x 6424.

19th Annual Senior Citizens Ball



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



Scenes from our 2019 Ball

Presented by
VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS
Office of School & Community Relations
and the Senior High Key Club
Special Thank You to the Kiwanis Club

ENJOY

Dinner & Dancing

AND ENTERTAINMENT BY

Western New York Big Band

Saturday, May 9, 2020

5 – 7 p.m.

Victor Early Childhood School Gymnasium

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

V I C T O R C E N T R A L S C H O O L S

125TH ALUMNI BANQUET

Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Sunday, June 14, 2020

6:00 p.m. Cocktails (Cash Bar)

7:00 p.m. Dinner

\$20 per person, payable on arrival

For reservations please contact:

Susan Whitney Masseth '66

Susanjmasseth@gmail.com

585-727-2359

Reserved tables for Anniversary Classes.

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 at @victorschools.org or 585-924-3252, ext. 3130*