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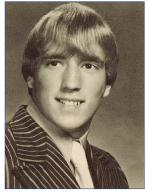
Introducing the VCS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2021

On Sunday, October 3, the Victor Central School District Athletic Hall of Fame committee inducted three former athletes, a coach, and an administrator into the highly esteemed Athletic Hall of Fame during a special ceremony at Ravenwood Gold Club. JeneeVanderstyne '09, Matthew Guinan '05, and Jeff Tyler '76 represented the athletes among the inductees, while legendary cross country and track and field coach, Robert Goodell, was honored posthumously. Ronald Whitcomb, former longtime Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics was also honored at the special ceremony. In addition to the induction ceremony, inductees also served as honorary captains and helped flip the coin at the October 1st Homecoming Varsity Football Game versus Pittsford.





Jeff Tyler '76, Matthew Guinan '05, Bernice Goodell, Jenee Vanderstyne '09, and Ronald Whitcomb



JEFF TYLER CLASS OF 1976 Football Basketball

Baseball

Football: 1973-1975

- Wayne-Finger Lakes All-Star Running Back
- Area All-State / Small School 4th Team Halfback
- All-Greater Rochester 1,279 Yards on 177 Carries
- Set VCS Season Touchdown Record 19
- Set VCS Single Game Carry Record
 - 40 vs Marcus Whitman
- Section V Football Scoring Championship
- 2nd Place 100 Points
- Wayne Finger Lakes Championships
 - '73, '74 & '75
- 1974 Outscored Opponents 259-101

Basketball: Varsity 1973-1976

Baseball: 1974-19761975 Sectional Finals



MATTHEW GUINAN CLASS OF 2005

Boys Varsity
Swimming & Diving

VCS Swimming & Diving Varsity Team: 2000-2005

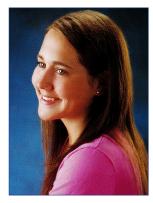
VCS Records at time of Graduation (2005)

- Victor HS 1 Meter Diving, 6 Dives, 272.75
- Victor HS 1 Meter Diving, 11 Dives, 487.90
- Finger Lakes League Invitational
 - 1 Meter Diving, 479.30
- Canandaigua Pool Record 1 Meter Diving, 479.30

Senior Year Honors

- Barney Lynaugh Male Athlete of the Year
- All-American National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association

- NYSPHSAA Championships
 - 1 Meter Diving, 9th Place
- Section V Class B 1 Meter Diving, 1st Place
- FLCC Championships 1 Meter Diving, 1st Place
- Coaches All League Selection
- Daily Messenger FLL Player of the Year



JENEE VANDERSTYNE CLASS OF 2009 Volleyball Basketball

2009 Barney Lynaugh Female Athlete of the Year

Volleyball: 2004-2008 (3 Year Captain)

• 2006: Finger Lakes League Champions, Section V All Tournament

Softball

- 2007: Finger Lakes League Champions, Section V Champions, Section V All Tournament Team, 1st Team All League, NYS Semifinalist
- 2008 (Senior Year): MCPSAC Champions, Section V Class A Champions, NYS CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONS, Daily Messenger POY, MCPSAC Division 3 POY, AGR 1st Team, Section V Class A Tournament MVP (as a Libero), MVP of NYS Class A, 1st Team All State

Basketball: 2004-2008 (5-Year Starter, 3 Year Captain)

• 2008-09 (Senior year) 2nd team all league

Softball: 2006-2009 (2 Y<mark>ea</mark>r Captain, 5x League Champion 05-09)

- 2007: Section V Class A Champions, State Semifinalist
- 2008: Section V Class A Section V All Tournament Team, 1st Team DM
- 2009 (Senior year): Section V Class A Champions, State Semifinalist, 2nd team ALL-state, 1st Team All Greater Rochester, 1st team League



ROBERT GOODELL 2001 - 2018 Cross Country Indoor & Outdoor

Track and Field

Cross Country (2001-2017) - Section V Cross Country Hall of Fame (2016)

- Boys League Titles (01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07)
- Boys Sectional Titles (03, 04, 06)
- Girls League Titles (03, 04, 05)
- Girls Sectional Titles (04)
- All Greater Rochester Coach of the Year Cross Country

Indoor Track (2002-2018)

- Boys Sectional Team Titles (04, 07, 12)
- All Greater Rochester Coach of the Year Indoor Track 2012

Outdoor Track (2002-2017) - Section V Track & Field Hall of Fame (2014)

- Boys Sectional Title (04, 14)
- 8 League Titles Victor Boys Outdoor Track
- Section V Outdoor Track Coach of the Year Class BB Boys 2003
- Section V Outdoor Track Coach of the Year Class BB Boys 2004
- Section V Outdoor Track Coach of the Year Class A Boys 2007



RONALD WHITCOMB 1991 - 2018

Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics

1991-2018: VCS Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics

2004: STARS Award– National Recognition – Top Physical Education Program in NYS

2004: President, NYSAHPERD

2007: Ellis H. Chapman Memorial Award, NYSAHPERD – Highest honor given by NYSAHPERD to a professional in the field

2008: Professional of the Year, NYSAHPERD

2008: Moved VCS Athletic Program to Monroe County

2017: SHAPE America – National Recognition –
Excellence in Physical Education Program
Award

2018: #1 Athletic Program in NYS for boys and girls sports – Awarded by the NYS Sportswriters Association

1991-2018: Championships

League - 323, Sectional 182, State 15



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Nominations Sought

JUNE 3RD 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.

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.

Community Hangs Around Adams Street to Cheer on Devil Dash 5k Finishers

Submitted by Keith Partington, VCS Education Foundation President

Over seventy-five craft and community vendors set up in the village on September 18th to greet an enormous crowd of local neighbors at the 44th Annual Hang Around Victor Day. The delightful aroma from food vendors blended with the sounds from five bands and the familiar roar from a successful throw at the dunk tank. Cheers continued when the community lined up on Adams Street for an hour to shout and clap for participants in the VCS Educational Foundation Devil Dash 5k.

The Victor Central Schools Educational Foundation (VCSEF) was started in the spring of 2014 by a committed group of VCS alumni in collaboration with former Superintendent Dawn Santiago-Marullo to provide educational opportunities, for students and staff, that are not possible through the regular school budget. The Devil Dash 5K Run and Family Walk launched in the fall of 2014 as a community event on the VCS campus that would support fundraising for the foundation. As the event grew, the VCSEF board decided to move the event to the village to connect with the longstanding Hang Around Victor community day.

This year marked the fifth year for the Devil Dash. There has been a total of 1,290 participants which includes VCS staff, students, alumni, families, and runners from the greater Rochester area. This was the second year that Samantha

Swan (VCS '09) ran in the Devil Dash. Her team at Panera was also a race sponsor and provided complimentary water and fruit for the participants. "I really enjoy running the 5k route through the village of Victor. It brings back fun memories and it's a fantastic way to support VCS staff and students through the VCS School Foundation."

The Devil Dash has raised over \$45,000 to help support VCS field trips and teacher grants in the following categories: accessibility, classroom, library/media, music, recreation, STEM, and technology. Heidi Robb, VPS principal and her son have run in the past two Devil Dash 5k events. "We are always happy to join other community





members in the Devil Dash to raise money that supports our staff and students. It was so much fun to participate with current students and some of my past students who are now alumni."

The VCSEF board appreciates the continued support of sponsors, participants, and their Devil Dash volunteers that includes many VCS alumni. They are also thankful to partner with Victor Village, Town, and Chamber of Commerce resources for the permanent home of the Devil Dash 5k through the streets of Victor during Hang Around Victor Day.

For more information on the VCS Educational Foundation, please feel free to view our website at: https://vcsef.com.





Transporting Our Most Precious Cargo VCS Bus Driver, Jack Potter '79



Jack Potter has held a variety of jobs since graduating from Finger Lakes Community College in 1981. He

was an office furniture manager, a shoe store manager and held several warehouse positions. Before coming to VCS, he drove food delivery trucks for Wegmans, a job that took him 1,000 miles in three days every week for six years! These days, as a VCS bus driver, he's busy delivering our most precious cargo, our students.

Potter, who has been a VCS bus driver since 2016, said it's a rewarding thing to get "our most precious cargo" to their destinations. In addition to regular daily student pick-ups and dropoffs, Potter loves doing after school sports runs and watching our teams compete. "It's just the best part time/ full time job I could imagine. If you want to make a difference in your community, this is a great way! We're not just drivers, we're chaperones, counselors, friends and mentors. Being a bus driver gives you purpose, money, and you still have free time for yourself!"

Potter says many people have inspired him through the years, but he is/was most inspired by "our young lady sports," (female athletes) because "they are our future," and his third grade teacher, Mrs. Riesch.

While Potter has been inspired by others, he, too, is an inspiration. This fall, he was nominated by his peers to receive the esteemed "Unsung Hero" award, a Districtwide honor that recognizes select employees for going above and beyond their job.

According his peer nominator, "Without people like Jack we would not be here, literally! Jack is a terrific bus driver who is friendly and helpful to everyone and constantly goes above his responsibilities related to the job. He is great with children and willing to take trips that no one else will. Jack always goes the extra mile. He even comes in early and shovels all the snow between the buses. He always volunteers and says nice things about everyone. In short, he defines the word hero."

What does Jack do when he's not busy being a "hero" at VCS?

"My spare time is spent playing lots of golf, spending time with my granddaughters and traveling."



Interested in Making a Difference In the Community?

Become a Bus Driver for your Alma Mater!

For more information contact the VCS Transportation Department at 924-3252, ext. 7600

From Top School District to Top Company John Hawkes '82



The Victor Central School District has a long history of excellence in education. So, what's it like going from attending one

of the best school districts in the nation to working for one of the best companies? We asked John Hawkes, Class of 1982 and a long time Wegmans employee.

What year did you graduate from VCS?

1982! Wow, that's nearly 40 years.

What did you do after you graduated from VCS?

After VCS, I got a B.A. at St. John Fisher for a dual major in Communication and Spanish. From there, I went to grad school at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications where I received an M.S. in Advertising. After some freelance work for local agencies, I began work at Wegmans and have been there since 1987.

What do you do at Wegmans?

I'm currently a marketing manager, supporting our wine/beer/spirits businesses. There's a big focus on digital marketing these days, a major shift from years past, when *Menu* Magazine was our primary



means of sharing info with our customers.

What's it been like to work for Wegmans?

Working for Wegmans is fantastic—there's a reason why we've been on the "Best Companies to Work For" list for over two decades. We have a focus on teamwork that really stands out.

Robert Wegman often said that "Good people, working toward a common goal, can accomplish anything they set out to do." That rings true in everything we do here, and it was definitely the case when we introduced Menu Magazine 20 years ago.

Our first issue came out in the winter of 2001, and featured the cuisine of Venice. Several of us were fortunate to be able to explore Venice and the surrounding countryside in preparation for that inaugural issue. It was a tremendous learning experience for all of us, and I was honored to serve as managing editor of the magazine for the next decade.

What classes/activities and/or teachers at VCS most inspired you?

I love language, so the Spanish and French classes I took (mainly with Mrs. Tevels) were among my favorites. VCS's art programs are also top-notch, and the teachers will always be in my memory. The same is true for Gary Thompson, my chemistry teacher and fantastic track/cross-country coach. He taught us a great deal, and helped us through some tough days following the loss of one of our teammates.

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

I benefited from the faculty and staff's dedication to quality and thoroughness and their compassion. Robert Wegman's statement about good people working together and accomplishing anything they set out to do rings true at VCS too!

What advice would you give VCS graduates interested in working in marketing/communications?

Be comfortable dealing with ambiguity! This is a constantly changing work environment. You need to be nimble, willing to learn new things, and be comfortable with tight deadlines. Do your best to when it comes to writing and editing. These skills are becoming a lost art today, and those who can demonstrate their abilities will stand out!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

My wife and I enjoy spending time with our kids! I love running (thanks to my track and crosscountry days), especially trail racing. And biking. I love roadriding and hitting the trails.

Still Cheering on Her Blue Devils! District Clerk Maureen (Bauer) Goodberlet '83



It has been 38 years since Maureen (Bauer) Goodberlet was a VCS student and cheerleader for the Blue Devils, but

this loyal alumna has never stopped rooting for her blue and gold. In fact, today as the VCS District Clerk and Secretary to the Superintendent, her knowledge and enthusiam is more important than ever.

What did you do after you graduated from VCS?

I went right into the workforce. During my senior year of high school I worked for Eastern Appraisal Associates in Victor as clerical support. I continued to work full-time after graduating from high school. From there I went to work for the CVS Drugstore chains in their warehouse on Rawson Road in Victor. I started out in customer service where I worked directly with store managers. After they received their deliveries from the warehouse they would call me with their overages and shortages along with any reorders. I eventually transferred to Human Resources where I worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Human Resources Director. When CVS decided to close the warehouse in Victor, NY and

move everything out of state I found myself looking for another job. I left CVS and was hired as a secretary for F.F. Thompson Hospital's Occupational and Physical Therapy Department in Farmington, NY. After working there for a while I was transfered to F.F. Thompson Hospital's Rehab Department in Canandaigua, NY where I eventually became the Clerical Supervisor for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy and Sports Medicine. I decided after many years of working for F.F. Thompson Hospital I wanted to be where our kids were so I applied for the Victor Junior High School Guidance Secretary and Secretary to the School Psychologist position. I was grateful to work in the Junior High School for 9 years before I applied for the District Clerk and Secretary to the Superintendent position here at Victor Schools. I have been in my current position for 14 years with a total of 23 years in the District.

What is it like to be the VCS District Clerk/ Secretary to the Superintendent?

I feel blessed to be the District Clerk and the Secretary to the Superintendent of the Victor Central School District, my alma mater. What I like most about my position is the variety of work I do. No two days are alike. I verify and sign official documents, conduct the annual District election, budget votes and special District referendum votes, prepare and coordinate items for the Annual Organizational Meeting as well as all other meetings of the Board of Education. I record minutes, handle follow-up correspondence, transcribe and distribute completed minutes from the meetings I attend. I act as a secretarial liaison between the Board of Education. administration, town, and village governments. I have a working relationship with School District Attorneys, receive subpoenas and claims against the School District as well as process appeals to the Commissioner of Education. I am the custodian of the records of the School District for Freedom of Information Law purposes and public access to records as well as perform any other work requested by the Board of Education or Superintendent of Schools.

What classes/activities and/or teachers at VCS most inspired you?

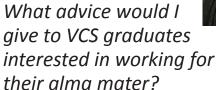
We had some wonderful business teachers such as Mrs. Sheila Dennis, Mrs. Debbie Nothnagle and Mr. Tom Wager. Someone I really looked up to was physical education teacher Mrs. Carol Martin. I was her clerical support from my sophomore year through senior year in high school. She taught me a lot about deadlines, timeliness and attention to detail and overall care and compassion. For that, I will be eternally grateful!

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

When I was in high school I took a lot of business classes. Some of the classes overlapped so I was approved to do some self-taught accounting classes. The rigor of teaching myself and checking in with the teacher

to ask questions and take exams taught me to be a self-starter, create

my own deadlines and not be afraid to advocate for what I needed. I continue to be a life-long learner attending District Clerk workshops yearly where I learn about updates to education laws or even a new trick of the trade from fellow District Clerks.



Working for my alma mater gives me great pride. I received a wonderful education and I feel like I can now give back to a District that helped me be the successful person I am today. I feel my real life experiences, with having gone to the School District I am now working in, help me to connect with community members and families that call into the office. I have never moved out of the Town of Victor. I still am and will always be a Victor Blue Devil!

What do you like to do in my spare time?

I love to spend time with my family, my husband Steve (Class of 1976), daughters Carrie (Class of 2007) and Kathleen (Class of 2009) and their husbands Andy and Andy (yes both son-in laws are named Andy). We have a very blessed family and love to travel together!





Right at Home Kristin (Croop) Renkert '01



When Kristin (Croop) Renkert took on a full time position as a Registered School Nurse for the Junior High this past

summer, she felt right at home. After all, this VCS parent and alumna (Class of 2001) is right at home!

What did you after you graduated from VCS? College?

I went to SUNY University at Buffalo for my freshman year as a biology/premed major. I decided that major and place was not for me, but I wanted to be able to help people so I knew healthcare was still what I wanted to do. I transferred to SUNY Brockport to complete my nursing degree. I graduated in May 2005, and started my nursing career a month later at Golisano

Children's Hospital in Pediatric Oncology. I worked there for the last 16 years, just completing my time there on September 5, 2021. I began subbing for Victor in the fall of 2019, and took a full time position nursing position in the Junior High school in 2020.

What do you like most about being a nurse in the Junior High?

Obviously, it's very different from hospital life but I love it and have already learned a lot from it. I come in everyday to take care of a variety of medical needs that can range from a scraped knee to chronic medical conditions. I like that not every day is the same. I also love seeing all the kids and getting to know them!

What classes/activities and/or teachers at VCS most inspired you?

Oh my gosh so many. I would say the first teacher to ever inspire me was Susan Abbott, my sixth grade teacher. Other teachers that

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definitely deserve mention would be Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Ernenwein, Ms. Sucher, Mr. Carey, Mr. Montone, Dr. Baieve and Mr. Strauss! Honestly, I could probably list all of my teachers because they all helped me to become the person I am today. I really enjoyed school and most subjects. I don't know that I had a favorite or one that inspired me the most. I will say I enjoyed dissections- maybe that signaled my future in healthcare.

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

Without a doubt the education I was given here was amazing. I felt like all my teachers were the perfect mix of set expectations and understanding. They all took the time to help me when I made a mistake- not to fix it per say, but to learn from it and to grow from it. Now that I am a parent, there is this desire to fix things for my own kids but I know that that will not help them learn and grow. I truly feel that this stems from my education at Victor. The knowledge I received in all my years here definitely prepared me for college. I also really appreciated the college/ career counseling center. That was a huge help!



What advice would you give to VCS graduates interested in becoming a nurse and/or working for their alma mater?

Nursing is a hard career, but it is also so incredibly rewarding. I have witnessed true miracles in some of the kids I have cared for over the years. If it is in your nature to be a "fixer" or you find that you are always wanting to help/care for others, then go for nursing- you won't regret it! As for coming back to my alma mater, follow your heart, coming back here I just felt home.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Admittedly, working 2 jobs until recently, I didn't really have spare time! I just enjoy being with my family, watching the kids play sports and reading.







Happy 60th Birthday to the VCS Class of 1979

Submitted by Keith Partington, Class of 1979

You can find all kinds of comments on the American question-andanswer website Quora about organizing high school reunions. The common theme is to host a reunion every ten years and some ambitious organizers also assemble their classmates at the five-year mark. That tradition just doesn't fit with the class of 1979. Fortunately, Eddie O'Brien and a resolute crew of planners subscribe to the often-quoted theme from Field of Dreams, released in 1989, the year of their first ten-year reunion, that "if you build it, they will come." Eddie's latest idea was to assemble the group to celebrate their 60th birthday in 2021.

The weekend birthday celebration started with a bus trip organized by Anne (Keefe) Holcombe on Friday, July 16 for twenty-two classmates that included stops at Wegmans for traveling lunch fare and tasting events at New York Kitchen, Bully Hill Winery, and Abandon Brewery. Donna Reeves-Collins hosted a Friday evening reception at her home in Honeoye Falls. On Saturday, fifty-five classmates and

guests, including eight from out of state, gathered at the home of Kevin Hunt for a 60th birthday barn party. The picnic-styled cookout had favorite tunes flowing freely and pointed lifelong friends towards Retroville. Eddie's history of successful events is simple. Communicate early and often and collaborate closely with a team of volunteers to deliver new memories at a reasonable cost.

Now residing in Atlanta, Anne Holcombe (Keefe) has recorded perfect attendance for class of '79 events over the past forty-two years. "I always enjoy time with my classmates and appreciate that I get plenty of notice so I can make travel plans." She added, "the torrential downpour couldn't deter our merriment."

Eddie's next target event for the class of '79 isn't locked yet, but they won't wait until 2029. Given that the atomic number of the chemical element gold is 79, you can be certain that this VCS class will meet again soon, as they all agree that these events are truly worth their weight in gold.











Setting a Table for Success Chris Hessney '06



Chris Hessney recently debuted as a judge on HGTV's new *Table Wars* series alongside the iconic Martha

Stewart and actress, Tamera Mowry-Housley, but his journey to the head table didn't happen overnight! This luxury event planner and designer says his success is the culmination of years of hard work, taking chances, making mistakes, and even a few VCS classes.

What year did you graduate from VCS?

I graduated from Victor Senior High School in 2006.

What did you do after graduating from VCS?

I moved to New York City for a couple years of college at Pace University for Hospitality and Business Management. I left school for an opportunity to open a hotel as a manager in New York's Meatpacking District in late 2008.

What was it like to be a judge on the new HGTV show, "Table Wars*?"

It was a blast! We had eight talented designers from over America compete each week creating immersive tabletop designs based on each week's theme!

What is it like to work beside the iconic Martha Stewart?

I had absolutely no TV experience whatsoever before this, and had no idea what I was doing! I was lucky enough to learn from a true pro. Martha coached me along the way as well as Tamera Mowry who was a childhood actress, so I was super lucky! Martha kept me laughing each day, with her storytelling and enjoying our time on set with the cast and crew. I got to spend my mornings having her make breakfast as we got our makeup done, so it wasn't bad at all!

What classes/activities and/or teachers at VCS most inspired you?

Not an easy one, there are so many . . . Definitely *Beth Thomas* for English and drama. She always pushed me and believed in me and would always have her door open for long afternoon chats, she was a big factor in inspiring me to move to New York City for school.

Peg Daly for never giving up on me in math, which has been the most relevant and important topic to running my business!

Doctor Romanano for being so patient and kind to me while I misbehaved in class, and despite my struggle and small attention span for biology, she always encouraged and believed in me, despite how many times I would get sent to the office. She ended up writing my college letter of recommendation.

Jim Strauss for pushing and inspiring me in journalism which has helped me with any contributing articles I have done

over the years for design magazines!

Mrs. Dupra for music, without a doubt. I'm still amazed by all she did for us and how much I looked forward to that part of the day!

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

It gave me the tools I needed to succeed in today's world, especially in my business. Be it math for architectural renderings and drawings or balancing the books; English for writing the hardest of client emails or public speaking for doing client pitches. Everything has been relevant in operating in today's working world. I was definitely not an all-star student at times, and struggled with certain classes, but all the teachers didn't give up on me. Learning from our teachers on how to teach has been super important in my current job, seeing as I have a team to teach and manage!

What advice would you give to VCS graduates interested in working in event planning and design work?

Stay in school and familiarize yourself with PowerPoint™, Excel™, etc. Math is super important no matter how boring at times! I wish I had taken more art classes! Don't be afraid to take chances and make mistakes . . . that's how you learn, just learn from your mistakes. Get an internship with a local wedding planner or hotel in events. If you can learn Photoshop™ or InDesign™ they are very relevant skill sets in this industry and will be so useful! Make lots of mood boards, be it

for a dream vacation you want to go on, a party you want to one day have, or a dream bedroom or house! These are great ways to push your creativity and learn to identify your personal style!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spend time with my husband Simon and our rescue dog, Dexter. I love gardening. It's mega therapeutic and calms me down after a long day. I also love to explore the city and its surrounding areas!





* Table Wars, HGTV's new extreme tabletop and special event design competition series premiered on Friday, November 12, at 10 p.m. ET/PT. During each episode, competitors must design and install the ultimate themed dining setting that features spectacular tablescapes, centerpieces, lighting and more to impress the judges and avoid elimination. For more on Table Wars go to: https://corporate.discovery-on-friday-november-12/



Your New Alumni - VCS Class of 2021



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Upcoming Music Events:

November 19th & 20th

VJHS Musical (The SpongeBob Musical) 7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center 20th also has 1:00 pm Matinee

December 2nd

VJHS Instrumental Concert, 7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 4th

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

December 6th

VSHS Bands Concert, 7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 8th

VPS Concert, 6:30 pm, VECS Auditorium

December 13th

VSHS Orchestras & Choirs Concert, 7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

December 15th

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

January 11th

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

January 18th

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

Free Yearbooks

VCS has a variety of old yearbooks from various years available at no cost. For more information contact, Sherryl Knoebel at 924-3252, ext 3130. (updated 11/4/2021)

1948

SENIOR HIGH

| 1950 | 1 |
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| 1951 | 3 |
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| 1954 | 1 |
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| 1956 | 2 |
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| 1993 | 3 | 2002 | 5 |
| 1994 | 4 | 2003 | 1 |
| 1995 | 8 | 2004 | 1 |
| 1996 | 6 | 2005 | 1 |
| 1997 | 4 | 2008 | 1 |
| 1999 | 3 | 2009 | 1 |

JUNIOR HIGH

| 1972 | 1 |
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| 1976 | 1 |

| 1982 | 1 |
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| 1986 | 3 |

TEN WAYS TO MAKE IT A BILLE DEVIL Day!

- **Be a Cheerleader!** Attend any one of our hundreds of yearly sporting events.
- Support the Arts! Take the family to a school musical, play or art show.
- Get in Tune With One of Our Music Programs.
 Go to a band, orchestra or choral presentation.
- Play! Take some time with your children after school or on the weekend and play on one of our great playgrounds.
 - Get Involved. Volunteer in your child's classroom or for a special event or organization.
 - Make a Difference.
 Take part in one of the District's food drives or community service efforts.
- swim times.

 Take a Walk. Our new campus fitness trail makes for great exercise.
- Show Your School Pride.

 If you are a VCS alumni, get involved in the VCS Alumni Association or attend your class reunion.

Stay Connected.
Check out our website on a regular basis for the latest news and information at www.victorschools.org

Jump In! Take

a dip in our

swimming

pool during

open or family

For more information contact the School and Community Relations Office at 585-924-3252, ext. 1407



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 25, 2022 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 24, 2022 to:

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



WANTED! Your Reunion Information

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

Victor Central Schools Alumni

Send Us Your News

If you are an alumnus of Victor Central Schools, we encourage you to e-mail us at alumni@victorschools.org.

Feel free to tell us about accomplishments or events in your life such as a wedding, birth of a child or grandchild. Whether or not you have visited campus lately, participated in a recent alumni event, or browsed our directory, you are sure to find information instrumental in helping you maintain a connection to your alma matter and other Victor graduates.

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125TH ALUMNI BANQUET

Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Sunday, June 12, 2022

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.

Open to ALL VCS Graduates!

These are the plans as of now, but we will have an UPDATE in the Spring!

Al Deh 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 14 2022 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



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