



## Class of 2024 Graduation Is A Grand Slam!

On Friday, June 21, more than 300 graduates crossed the “stage” at Innovative Field (home of the Rochester Red Wings baseball team) during the Class of 2024 graduation ceremony. The beautiful late spring evening was marked by student speeches, songs, and heartfelt celebrations. After students turned their tassels, they joined family, friends and fans in the stands for an amazing fireworks display. *Way to go Class of 2024! See p. 10*



**5K**  
Run / Walk  
2024  
**Devil Dash**

Almost 200 people hit the pavement on Saturday, September 14 for the annual Devil Dash 5K Run/Walk. The popular annual event, which took place during Victor Hometown Day, was sponsored by the Victor Educational Foundation. Proceeds from the event will be used for VCS student programs, such as field trips and special assemblies. Special thanks to the Educational Foundation for their continued support of VCS!



## Dollars for Scholars Awards 136 Scholarships

The Victor Scholarship Program Dollars for Scholars (VSP-DFS) held its 36th annual awards night on May 16th in the Senior/Junior High auditorium. The VSP-DFS is a chapter of the national organization Scholarship America. The ceremony celebrated and recognized the accomplishments of many gifted and talented students from the VCS Class of 2024. *Full story on p. 11*

#OnceABlueDevilAlwaysABlueDevil



# Reunions



## 35th Reunion Class of 1989

Some members of the Class of 1989 took a trip out west this summer to visit their classmate and 2023 Graduate of Distinction, David Wadhwani. Wadhwani is the President of Digital Media for Adobe in the San Francisco Bay area.



## 40th Reunion Class of 1984

On Saturday, May 25th the Victor Class of 1984 met at The Victor Village Inn/TK's Pizza for their 40th Reunion. A group of over 50 classmates attended and shared many old stories about how great it was to grow up in Victor. Everyone enjoyed TK's great pizza and wings as they listened to Wide Awake, a U2 Experience perform. The Class of '84 was also joined by a few members of other classes that helped make the evening even more special.



For more information on this reunion, past reunions and future get togethers join their Facebook group at: Victor Class of 1984.



**Victor Central Schools**  
<https://www.victorschools.org>



**The VCS Alumni Association**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/812853279306280>



**Victor Central School Alumni and Staff**  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8828159/>

## STAY CONNECTED

*Our VCS Alumni Association has active FB and LinkedIn groups. Join them to share memories, participate in discussions, and share life updates!*





### 40th Reunion Class of 1984



### 50th Reunion Class of 1974

Sixty-eight classmates from the Class of 1974 attended the 50th reunion during the weekend of June 7th. The furthest attendee was exchange student Anna Bergonzini who came all the way from Italy! Alumni, their guests and classmates from other graduating years enjoyed a full weekend that included a gathering at the Village Inn, a golf outing at Victor Hills, a VCS campus tour, a buffet dinner and fun at Flaherty's and the Annual Alumni Banquet.

### 60th Reunion Class of 1964

On June 8th, 17 members of the VCS class of 1964 gathered at Jerry and Munda Colyer's to celebrate our 60th class reunion. We had class members from as far away as Florida, Nevada and Utah attend. It was wonderful to see everyone. As we do at reunions, we did a lot of visiting about the past and good memories. And of course, many funny stories. We are proud to claim that we were the last class to start kindergarten and graduate from the same building! Classes after us attended more than one building. Many thanks to Jerry and Munda for hosting. On June 9th, several of us went to the Alumni Banquet. Once again an evening of seeing "old" friends. I guess in our minds Victor is still a "small" town! We applaud the committee of the Alumni Banquet. Many thanks for keeping this tradition alive! I encourage all alumni to come to the banquet.

*Submitted by Mary Jo Morrissey Webster*



*Front row left to right: Mary Jo Morrissey, Dorothy Henehan, Jerry Colyer, Don Dillman, Roger Prizel, Joan Tourje, Polly Lloyd*

*Back row left to right: Sharon Peglow, JoEllen Turner, Linda Balch, Roger Harloff, Bob Nolan, Lane Smith, John Burgan, Dick Elton*

# Alumni Update

## Keith Partington '79



On April 6, 2023, Keith Partington, VCS Class of 1979, shared a new chapter in his thirty-two-year writing journey with the 81,000-word Amazon release of his debut fiction novel, *Fraternal Resolve*.

Keith visualized the idea for his first manuscript on a late US Air flight from LaGuardia to Rochester

one evening in 1991 after delivering a sales meeting presentation with a day-in-the-life theme of working for Microsoft Corporation in Upstate New York. The local landmarks such as Eastman Kodak, Niagara Falls, garbage plates, the Buffalo Bills, and Lake Ontario worked surprisingly well, with positive feedback from his tri-state colleagues. When he reached his gate at the Rochester airport, his twelve-pound luggable laptop contained a roughed-out plan for a part-time hobby to weave a crime fiction story referencing various landmarks and products in our region. The pandemic provided an extended in-home period, a natural lever to finish the project. He was thankful that his VCS classmate, *David Cowles*, offered to create the final cover art, which finalized the project into a commercial reality.

Keith credits his family and friends for their encouragement to press through multiple versions of his writing project over the years. He also praises other authors, always willing to help with questions for his self-publishing plan, and raves about the tools and process through Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing. Keith also partnered with many area libraries to access new readers, including an idea to hand deliver copies during his Canalway Challenge 360 bike tour last year to 31 libraries along the canal path from Buffalo to

Albany. The New York State Canalway Challenge is a free recreation program that allows participants to set a personal mileage goal to explore the 524-mile NYS Canal System and the 360-mile Erie Canalway

Trail with a combination of walking, rolling, cycling, paddling, or running.

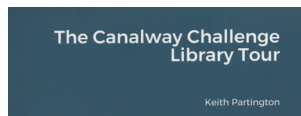
*WGRZ aired a news story about Keith's writing and Canalway journey.*

*Fraternal Resolve* is available in over 35 libraries throughout New York State. Keith also released a free eBook, *The Canalway Challenge Library Tour*, last



September that offers a unique view of the Canalway Challenge program. The eBook includes an elevator pitch description of 31 Canal town libraries along the trail. It is available in paperback, alongside paperback and large print editions of *Fraternal Resolve* at the Victor Farmington Library.

Keith encourages prospective authors to follow their dreams. He enjoys sharing feedback from his experience, a pay-it-forward offer based on all the feedback he received along the way. Keith reports that the sequel to *Fraternal Resolve* will be available by the end of the year, and a draft for book three is under development.



*Fraternal Resolve* is available on Amazon.



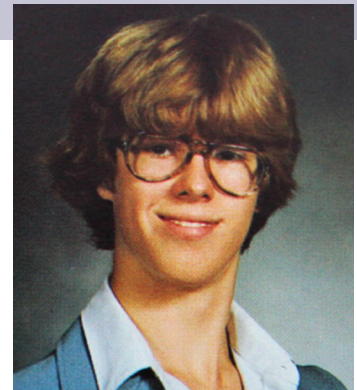
## Artist David Cowles '79



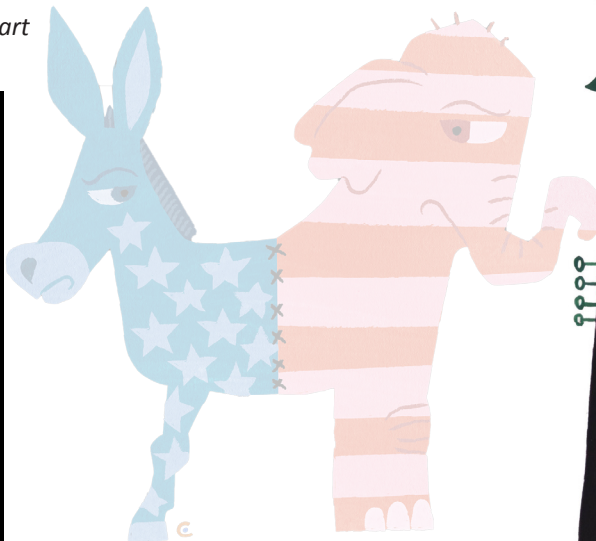
Can you tell me how to get, how to get to Sesame Street?

One VCS alum can. [Check out this latest project](#) for Sesame Street from David Cowles. He created the background art, and Bradford Pattullo animated the video. In a LinkedIn post earlier this year, David thanked Andrew Moriarty, Jennifer Barnhart, Jesse Avera, ACE. And Elmo and Cookie Monster!

David was also in the news earlier this year for the [“David Cowles: Roc Stars” exhibit](#) at the Rochester Contemporary Art Center. That exhibit included portraits of Rochester’s community leaders displayed together like never before in 59 colorful portraits that celebrated the essence of the city’s past and present icons.



Sesame Street background art





# Alumni Update

## 127th Annual Alumni Banquet Brings Blue Devils Together

The Victor Central School Alumni Association held its 127th annual banquet on June 9th at the Ravenwood Golf Course in Victor, NY. President Jim Exton, VCS class of 1975, welcomed the 145 attendees.

The VCS Alumni Association sponsors scholarships to graduating Victor seniors and promotes comradery among Victor graduates.

The scholarship recipients from the Class of 2024 are Leah Buddendeck and Alanna Riesenberger.

Special recognition was also given to the classes of 1954 (70 yrs), 1964 (60 yrs), 1974 (50 yrs) and 1999 (25 yrs). Celebrating 60 years since graduating the Class of 1964 had 18 members in attendance. The Class of 1974 celebrating their 50th reunion had 38 members in attendance.



A 6 minute video created by *Keith Partington* and entitled "VCS Yearbook Time Machine" was shown. The video contains pictures from many yearbooks beginning with the first VCS yearbook from 1948. Background songs sung by Chuck Berry, The Beach Boys and Green Day revived even more memories.

Additionally, a 300-plus picture PowerPoint cycled during the evening showing old and new campus



pictures as well as many pictures from past yearbooks. Pictures of class officers going back in five-year intervals were included.

Current officers are: Jim Exton, President, class of 1975, Keith Partington, Vice President, class of 1979 and Jean

Bandemer Rioch, Treasurer, class of 1983.

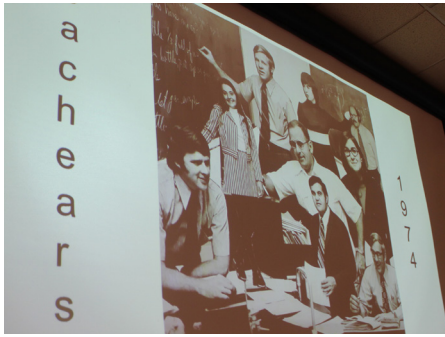
*Anyone interested in learning more about the VCS Alumni Association, should contact Jim Exton at 585-545-5457 or [jexton@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jexton@rochester.rr.com) and on Facebook-Victor Central School Alumni Association, Victor, NY.*



*Frances "Fran" Carra Bowe represented the class of 1949 and celebrated 75 years since her Victor graduation. The 1949 yearbook listed her participation of 4 years: Cheerleading, Band and Intramurals and her senior year included: Bagel Staff, Sr. Play, Librarian and Woodwind Ensemble.*







SAVE THE DATE  
**128<sup>TH</sup> BANQUET**  
Sunday, June 8th, 2025 at  
Ravenwood Golf Course



# Alumni Update

## Timothy Raimy '13



### What did you do after you graduated from VCS?

I went to Hartwick College to study Geology. That didn't quite work out though, so I switched my studies to Political Science, focusing on Political Theory and Environmental Politics.

While I was at college,

I worked for Hartwick's phone-a-thon program and later moved up into being a student worker in their Advancement Office. I also worked for Hartwick's team of students who operated the ropes courses and was part of the team who routed the first bouldering wall at Hartwick.

I ultimately found my way back to Hartwick a couple years after graduation and a few odd jobs here and there. I started working at Hartwick again in August of 2019, as the Alumni Events Assistant. The position started out as an alumni relations support position, but given my fundraising experience I took on annual giving responsibilities and became the Leadership Annual Giving Officer after about a year and a half.

I worked in that position for about two years before taking the role of Assistant Director of Donor Stewardship, at Hartwick. I decided that wasn't what I wanted to be doing at the time, so I switched to the

Student Experience Office at Hartwick in January of 2024 and have been the Assistant Director of Civic Engagement and Fraternity and Sorority Life ever since. In my current role I manage student volunteering opportunities both on campus and in relation with the City of Oneonta, assist Hartwick's Institute of Public Service in getting students registered to vote and bringing them to Oneonta's polling location if they don't have their own transportation. I also manage our on-campus Food Pantry and Professional Clothing Closet; both which service students in need. On top of that I'm the advisor for Hartwick's Habitat for Humanity Club and I'm on the trails Committee which manages the hiking trails we have on campus. Lastly, I'm the Chair of Hartwick College's Staff Council where I'm the liaison between the Staff of Hartwick and Senior Leadership Team, representing the Staff at President's Cabinet meetings and Board of Trustee meetings.



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

My involvement with the S.E.A.S. Club and the guidance of Mr. Cronmiller both really helped take my interest in environmental protection and stewardship to the next level. Mr. Cronmiller also had an interesting "History of the National Parks" class that I loved. In a similar direction, I had an alternative energy class with Mr. Selvek, which taught me a lot. Mr. Ojeda's Music History class has really stuck with me as well. I took a couple music history courses in college and still read books that focus on specific parts of music history to this day. Mr. Ojeda, if you see this, check out 'Sellout' by Dan Ozzi. Although I didn't pursue business





### *Timothy Raimy '13 cont'd*

or accounting, I really enjoyed my time in Mrs. Utz's classes and in DECA. Coach VanKouwenberg was also inspirational and pushed the Men's JV Soccer team to many great wins. I really enjoyed being on that team. I cannot say enough about all the teachers and mentors I had throughout my entire time in the VCS District.

### **How did your VCS education prepare you for work and life in general?**

I was able to study so many different things in high school, and with all my incredible teachers across my time in VCS. The academics were important for sure, and I gained a lot of skills from that. But really the motivation, social skills, and personal guidance I received along the way is something you cannot put a value on.



### **What advice would you give to VCS graduates today?**

When considering your first job, don't worry about finding your career. Find something that you're interested in or passionate about and get job experience that way. You can also meet

and network with people in those positions that could be helpful in the future.

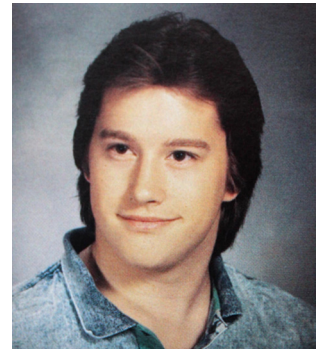
### **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

In my spare time I love being outdoors; hiking, biking, paddling, playing frisbee. Listening to music and learning more about specific genres and cultures from music is also a big interest of mine. I inherited my grandfather's vinyl records in 2020 and that sparked an interest in me to start listening to music on vinyl. I go to a lot of concerts as well. The local music scene is fun in Oneonta, but I do find myself traveling to NYC or places in Pennsylvania for larger concerts.



## **Stan Munro '88 Celebrates 22 Years of Toothpick World**

Two Guinness World Records, the Smallest Toothpick Structure and the Tallest Toothpick Structure. These are just a few of the exciting things Stan Munro ('88) has accomplished since graduating from VCS. It is exciting to see Stan's continued success, celebrating 22 years of Toothpick World, re-creating over 200 scale structures from around the world for museums such as Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa; Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA; Morris Museum, NJ; and Reading Public Museum, PA who rented their exhibit. You can visit the Toothpick World workshop and display windows at Eastview Mall in Victor.



***To learn more about Stan's Toothpick World visit his website.***



# Introducing Our New Alumni! The Class of 2024

Meghan Abbott  
Dasha Ydel Aguila  
Eric Aguilar-Rivero  
Jordan Alger-Smith  
Maggie Allen  
Scarlett Alread  
Lorenzo Amadio  
Ilia Amini  
Keon Anderson Jr.  
Ethan Ashworth  
Jason Athans  
Reed Austin  
Aleksandar Avramoski  
Grace Bacher  
Jackson Backer  
Sadie Baehr  
Micah Bajus  
Natalie Baldwin  
Dylan Banko  
Thomas Barbato  
Madeline Barry  
Michaela Barry  
Dierdra Baxtron  
Christian Besaw  
Alexander Bhalla  
Owen Bigger  
Keshil Bilimoria  
MaKenna Binder  
Maya Blakeslee  
Elizabeth Boland  
Maria Boone  
Flynn Braithwaite  
Lia Brasacchio  
Madeline Bresnan  
Devin Brickey  
Molly Briggs  
Kayleigh-Ann Bristow  
Keira Brown  
Matthew Brown  
Chloe Brownell  
Leah Buddendeck  
Sarah Burdick-  
Biernbaum  
Gavin Burgio  
Caleb Cartwright  
Ryan Chaney  
Julian Chumacero  
Justin Cieslinski  
Garrett Clar  
Evan Clark  
Evalyn Clawson  
Aiden Clinkscales  
Breanna Coene  
Hayden Colf  
Saniya Colon

Molly Conner  
Gaige Cook  
Paul Corriere IV  
Colin Culhane  
Zachary Cummings  
Giovani D'Andrea  
Madison De Young  
Meghan Debasitis  
Alexis DeBoerdere  
Lilly Deeds  
Julia DeGroot  
Olivia DeLeon  
Talon DeLorme  
Gage Delph  
Quinn Dillon  
Juliana DiMarzo  
Timothy Doan  
Ella Dobranski  
Shaelyn Donlon  
Christopher Donnelly  
Connor Doran  
Jack Doran  
Aleeza Ejaz  
Evelyn Ekdahl  
Weston Elkovitch  
Adam Engert  
Mia Engert  
Elizabeth Engle  
Samuele Englebert  
Parker Erwin  
Giovanni Fackelman  
Brynleigh Fehrenbach  
Aliyah Fields  
Starlight Fonseca  
Sierra Ford  
Carson French  
Jaida Fusco  
Shreya Gajul  
Sean Garcia Perez  
Chelsea Gauthier  
Mia Gauthier  
Claire Geppert  
Mara Gilbert  
Carson Gilforte  
Autumn Glynn  
Isabella Gowman  
Colton Gracioso  
Alexander Gray  
Jacob Grover  
Stephanie Haas  
Madelyn Haggett  
Connor Hall  
Carson Hamann  
Soraya Hammer  
Caden Hampton

Markel Hampton  
Julia Hannan  
Cameron Harris  
Mackenzie Hasler  
Owen Healy  
Dominick Hedden  
Lucas Heilmann  
Jack Herendeen  
Atavia Hernandez  
Noah HerrNeckar  
Erin Hersh  
Ryan Hill  
Elizabeth Hodownes  
Reece Hoke  
Emma Hotchkiss  
Craig Hunter  
Olivia Iddings  
Carter Ike  
Trevor Ike  
Amalia Ireland  
Tobin Iwankow  
Trevor Jacobs  
Ashley Jedrich  
Margaret Johnson  
Di'Vyne Jones  
Sabina Kamal  
Haley Karnyski  
Sadie Kazacos  
Olivia Kazmark  
Grady Kessler  
Shane Kisielewski  
Alexander Knap  
Madison Kolstad  
Caroline Kondziela  
Colin Kubrich  
Mackenzie Kula  
Jakob Kulakowski  
Nicholas Kurz  
Andrew Lafferty  
Hannah Lake  
Caitlin Lalley  
Brandon Lang  
Maxfield Lanham-  
McCabe  
Sydney Lanpheare  
Elizabeth Lapp  
Nicholas Leonard  
Andrew Leone  
Gavin Leone  
Ashlyn Lesure  
Emily Li  
Devin Livingston  
Benjamin Locke  
Emily Lokken  
Jacob Loughlin

Jack Lucchesi  
Gage Lyons  
Aedan Mackey  
Erin Malone  
Christian Maltman  
Anna Marchetti  
Ryan Marsh  
Marvin Martin  
Matthew Mashewske  
Dayana Matamoros-  
Ramos  
Sydney May  
Jonathan Mazzola  
Bridgid McCarthy  
Chloe McCoon  
Margaret McCormack  
Anna McLaughlin  
Adrian McLean  
Tianna McPhee  
Saige Mealey  
Jonaira Medina Vega  
Emma Meding  
Paxton Mehigan  
Alexandra Meilutis  
Anna Merante  
Lana Merante  
Nicholas Merino  
Maliyah Merz  
Andrew Mikulec  
Ayden Miller  
Elizabeth Miller  
Gabriella Moon  
Cody Morrell  
Autumn Mortensen  
Mason Mott  
Abigail Murphy  
James Murray  
Emily Nardozi  
Hayden Nearpass  
Dylan Nelson  
Raymond Nguyen  
Sophia Nguyen  
Salma Nhaila  
Bowie Nielsen  
Haveen Noori  
Sophia Novak  
Keelin O'Brien  
Collin O'Malley  
Carter Ortega  
Giana Ortiz  
Joshua Ortiz  
Danielys Ortiz Paniagua  
Brooke Ott  
Jordyn Overton  
Blendi Pacolli

Lola Padgham  
Christina Palmerini  
Jackson Paolozzi  
Matthew Parks  
Payal Patel  
Ciarra Patience  
Sophia Payne  
Jackson Pembroke  
Alyssa Perez  
Cody Perez  
Sara Perrone  
Reid Phillips  
Alana Pigula  
Meadow Posella  
Katherine Potter  
Nathan Power  
Tobias Prescott  
Kevin Qian  
Emma Quattrochi  
Tanner Radogna  
Drew Raulli  
Jake Raulli  
Connor Reitter  
Michael Ricci  
Jameson Ricigliano  
Alanna Riesenberger  
Jamison Riley  
Ella Ristau  
Andrew Rodriguez  
Aveon Rodriguez  
Carter Rogers  
Emma Rohrs  
Justine Rosello  
Leah Ross  
Catherine Rowan  
Kaitlyn Rowan  
Adam Ruffalo  
Noah Ruffalo  
Alexah Russ  
Cameron Ryan  
Victoria Rynkowski  
Morgan Sackett  
Kaelynne Sampson-  
Hopf  
Abigail Sanderson  
Lilian Saur  
Ryann Savage  
Mitchell Schalberg  
Sophie Schreck  
Jazziel Serrano Guzman  
Jossiel Serrano Guzman  
Isaac Sheahan  
Nya Sherman  
Nolan Shevlin  
Lucas Shurgot



Danica Simpson  
Molly Sinden  
Quinten Slaughter  
Julia Sodoma  
Alexander Song  
Callaway Spencer  
Sophia Spindler  
Melanie Squirrel  
Andrew Stagnitto  
Olivia Steinorth  
Michael Stirpe  
Hope Stone  
Raegan Strassner  
Liam Sullivan  
Christopher Swackhamer  
Gracie Sweet-Lantier  
Andreyka Sykes  
Audrey Tambe  
Emily Telarico  
Keira Terrance  
Katherine Theobald  
Zachary Thomas  
Isabella Thorman  
Samantha Tiller  
Adiel Torres Irizarry  
Sophia Tripp  
Alisha Turner  
Evelynn Van Derwater  
Analie Van Manen  
Jacob VanDelinder-Pierce  
Zoe Vandenberg  
Luke VanGee  
Ryan VanWyk  
Alexa Walther  
Sophia Weingart  
Jack Werkmeister  
Kayla Wetmore  
Natali Whitcomb  
Tierney White  
Ivy Wilcox  
Jordyn Wilcox  
Alexander Willard  
Atasia Williams  
Austin Williams  
Cameron Williams  
Griffin Williams  
Johnathan Wintermute  
Dustin Wirth  
Katherine Wojcik  
Hailey Wright  
Julianne Wright  
Julia Wurthmann  
Taylor Yarde  
Nicholas Years

## **Dollars for Scholars (cont'd from front cover)**

Welcoming remarks were given by high school teachers and Co-Presidents of the VSP-DFS Laurie Fiorito and Julie Merges. Words of appreciation were extended to VCS educators, parents, guardians, family members and especially VSP-DFS donors. The financial support of community groups, businesses, individuals and school groups made possible the awarding of 136 scholarships worth over \$134,000 to 95 students.

Special recognition was given to Dr. Mike Spoon for his 31 years of creating the evening's video presentation and to Mr. Aaron Isaacs for controlling the auditorium sound and lights. Laurie Fiorito and high school teacher Dawn Knapp emceed the awards ceremony.

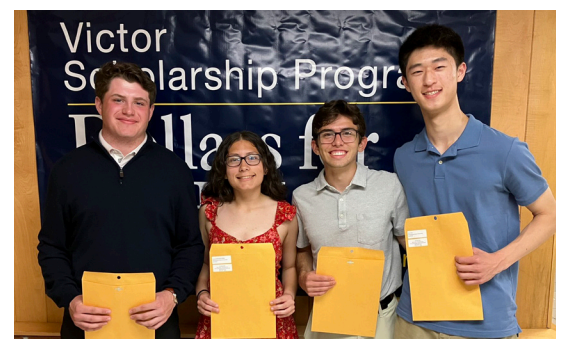
Seniors are requested to complete an online scholarship application which covers all scholarships. While the criteria for some scholarships emphasize scholastic aptitude, many do not. The criteria may be as specific as the college the graduate plans to attend or the student's anticipated field of study such as education, health-related, and vocational. Some scholarships are specific to sports participation, school activities, and community service.

All awards are chosen by a committee comprised of guidance counselors, administrators and teachers representing all departments. The selection process takes a considerable amount of time and the committee is extremely diligent in reviewing candidates and making sure the scholarship criteria is met.

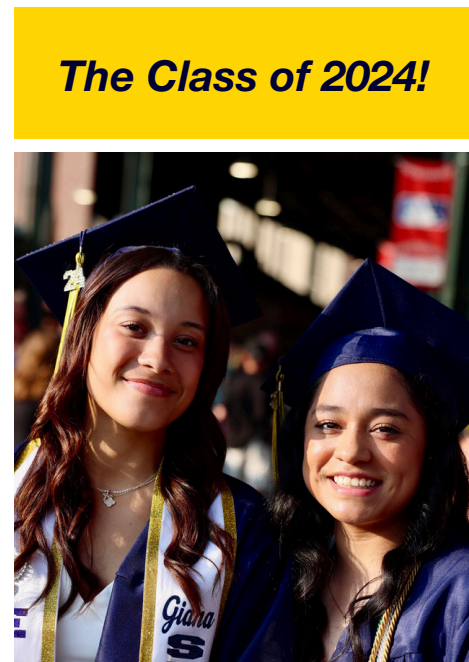
Members of the VCS Class of 2025 will be able to complete the online scholarship application between November 1st, 2024 and January 31st, 2025. Students will be given additional information and instructions from Mrs. Fiorito and Mrs. Merges.

Since its initial awards night in 1989 the VSP-DFS has awarded \$2.5 million to over 3,200 VCS graduates. **Anyone interested in learning more about the VSP-DFS program may contact Laurie Fiorito at [fioritol@victorschools.org](mailto:fioritol@victorschools.org) or Julie Merges at [mergesj@victorschools.org](mailto:mergesj@victorschools.org).**

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***The Class of 2024!***

# we're hiring.

## VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS

**Bus Monitors**

**Bus Drivers**

(paid training program offered year round)

**Teacher Aides**

**Food Service Helpers**

**Food Service Supervisor**

**Teacher Substitutes**



Interested applicants should apply through the Victor Central School Job Opportunities page.

## Class of 1994

# 30TH REUNION

## October 1-2, 2024

Details at: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/vcs90>

## Visual & Performing Arts HALL OF FAME

***Do you know a VCS alumnus who has made a significant contribution to the arts?***

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



Please visit our website for more information and to fill out the nomination form.

## VCS Seeks Distinguished Graduates



***Do you know a VCS alumnus who has made a significant contribution to society?***

The Graduates of Distinction program honors such individuals. Please visit our website for more information and to fill out the nomination form.



## Athletic Hall of Fame

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.

