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Budget Vote Information

*District residents will cast ballots on the proposed 2015 – 2016 budget at the annual budget vote and Board of Education election on **Tuesday, May 19**. Voting will take place in the **Victor Intermediate School Auditorium** from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Voters must be at least 18 years old, a registered voter and a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to May 19, 2015.*

Voter Registration

On Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the Victor Central School District will hold a voter registration from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room. This registration is for residents currently not registered to vote in the general election.

For more information on voter registration and/or the upcoming budget vote, contact VCS District Clerk, Maureen Goodberlet at 924-3252, ext. 1402 or email her at goodberletm@victorschools.org

VCS Board of Education

Patrick Bolger
Timothy DeLucia
Gary Gilbert
Kathryn Hart
Deborah Palumbo-Sanders
Trisha Turner
Michael Young

The Board of Education meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Victor Early Childhood School Boardroom at 7:15 p.m. Community members are welcome to attend.

District Clerk

Maureen Goodberlet,
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Superintendent of Schools

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

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The 2015–2016 School Budget

A Message from Our Superintendent
Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.



Building the 2015-2016 school budget has been challenging. This year, for the first time in recent history, the Governor withheld estimated budget runs, critical projections which enable districts to plan their budgets for the best and worst case scenarios.

Budget runs are just one factor that made creating this year's budget challenging. A variety of issues continued to cast a shadow on brighter budget times. One of them was the Governor's proposal to withhold state funding unless legislators agreed to his education reforms. Other negative factors included the ongoing Gap Elimination Adjustment, the freeze on Foundation Aid and the New York State tax cap.

Governmental influences are not the only thing that Victor Central Schools has faced this budget season. Unlike most districts in the area, our school community continues to grow. Over the past eight years, Victor Central Schools has added nearly 500 new students, none of which were funded by State Foundation Aid which historically was based on student population data.

Our student population will continue to be a factor as we add more students in the 2015-2016 school year. As a result of this influx in enrollment and a few retirements, we will be adding a variety of full and part time positions in the coming year, among them, an English Language Learners' teacher (formerly English Speakers of other Languages), a Physical Education teacher, three Academic Intervention

Services teachers, a clerical position and several teacher aides.

Our proposed budget weighs all of these factors, and more. Based on the passage of the New York State budget in April, Victor Central Schools received slightly more money than we anticipated. As such, our 2015-2016 is cautiously optimistic, coming in at \$63,969,683.

The projected true value tax rate for the 2015-2016 school year is equally conservative at \$16.48 per thousand, a zero percent increase from this year's true value tax rate.

As I say each year, the budget process is about much more than dollars and decimal points, it is about positive school dynamics and building a foundation that provides our students, staff, parents and community members with the very best environment possible to live and learn in.

The budget process is a long, laborious road, but as always, this District has made the most out of a difficult situation. Thanks to this community's advocacy, creativity, talent and support we will continue to provide students with an education that will prepare them for their future.

The 2015-2016 budget represents a bright future based on our continued commitment to excellence.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dawn' followed by a stylized flourish.

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

Proposed Expenditures

New York State law provides that all district budgets be identified in three categories:

Administrative Expenses

- Curriculum Development
- Staff Development
- In-Service Development
- Personnel
- District Audit
- Tax Collection
- Central Printing/Mailing
- District Votes

Program Expenses

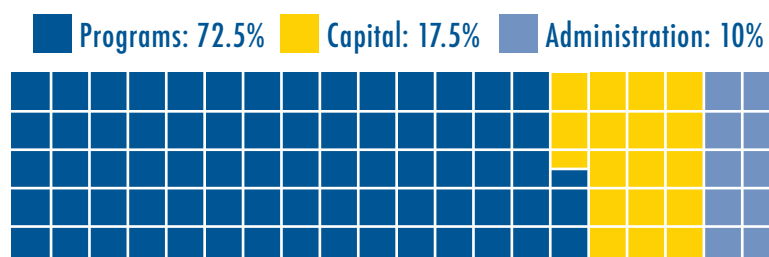
- All Student Services
- Instructional Support
- Transportation Operation
- Instructional Salaries and Benefits

Capital Expenses

- All facilities costs
- Debt Service
- Operations/Maintenance
- Supplies
- Utilities
- Personnel

	Budget 2014-15	Proposed Budget 2015-16	Difference
Administrative Component			
Board of Education	65,026	67,682	2,656
Central Administration	194,704	202,213	7,509
Finance	344,928	352,235	7,307
Staff	463,859	502,532	38,673
Central Services	395,944	412,956	17,012
Special Items	749,768	795,365	45,597
Curriculum Development	404,871	510,929	106,058
Curriculum Supervision	1,526,597	1,543,673	17,076
Pupil Personnel Services	312,826	297,586	(15,240)
Employee Benefits	1,697,085	1,761,669	64,584
Administrative budget	6,155,608	6,446,840	291,232
Program Component			
Legal Services/In-Service	20,700	20,700	—
Teaching	24,384,424	25,107,985	723,561
Instructional Media	1,073,947	1,114,961	41,014
Pupil Services	1,878,216	1,882,558	4,342
Co-Curricular/Intersch Athletics	1,113,071	1,202,887	89,816
District Transportation Services	2,524,030	2,562,596	38,566
Community Services	9,813	9,813	—
Employee Benefits	13,931,788	14,434,083	502,295
Total program	44,935,989	46,335,583	1,399,594
Capital Component			
Operation	2,078,322	2,137,628	59,306
Maintenance	1,013,883	1,025,224	11,341
Employee Benefits	740,839	793,538	52,699
Debt Service	7,231,357	7,230,870	(487)
Total Capital	11,064,401	11,187,260	122,859
Total Budget Increase	62,155,998	63,969,683	1,813,685

Expenditures by Component



Bus Purchase Proposition

School bus fleet maintenance and safety are driving a bus purchase proposition on the ballot May 19, 2015. Residents will be asked to approve the purchase of six 77-passenger buses and one school van.

The proposition totals \$855,000. New York State will provide more than 60 percent of the funding through NYS Transportation Aid. The new buses will replace vehicles that are at least 12 years old and have mileage in excess of one hundred thousand miles.

Notice is further given that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election.

Bond Proposition Resolved:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District, in the Counties of Ontario, Monroe and Wayne, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses for use by the District; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$855,000;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$855,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$855,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

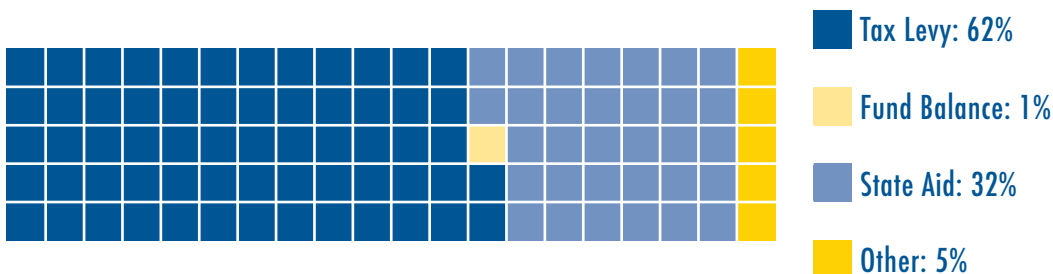
VCS Budget Additions

- ~ 1 English Language Learners' Teacher – K-12
- ~ 3 Academic Intervention Services Teachers – K-8
- ~ 1 Clerical Position – Intermediate School
- ~ 5.5 Part Time Teacher Aides – 4-6
- ~ .4 Physical Education Teacher – 9-12
- ~ .4 Social Studies – 9-12
- ~ .4 Math/Business – 9-12

Victor Central School 2015-16 Budget Revenue Plan

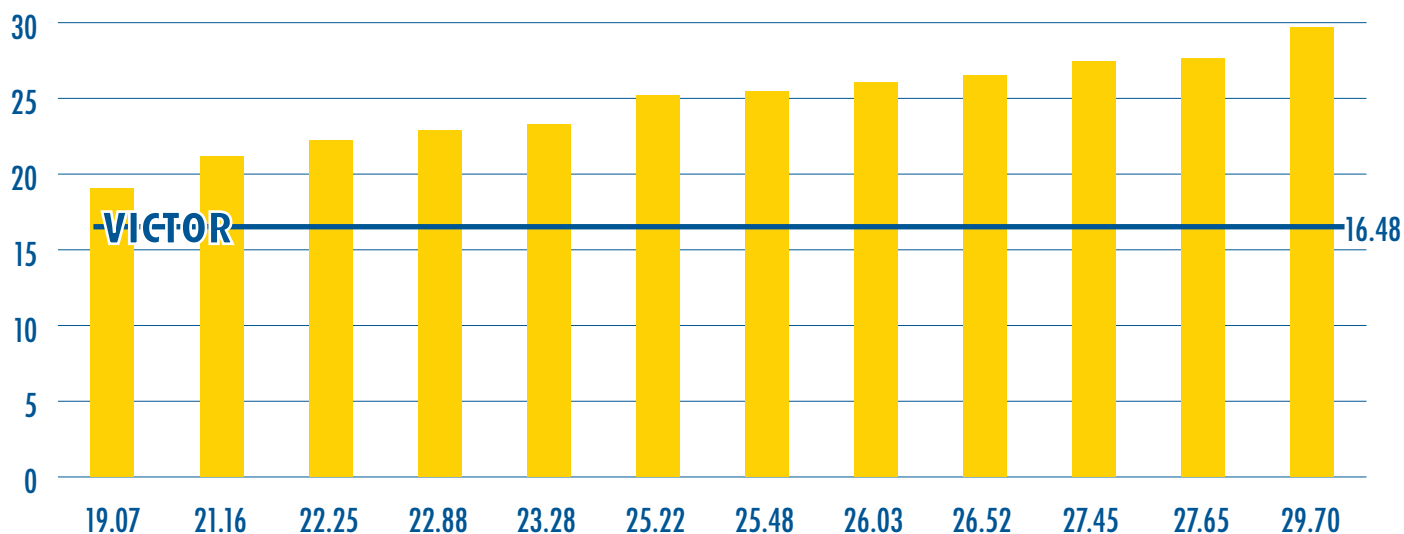
	Budget 2014-15	Proposed 2015-16
State Aid	20,156,506	20,659,982
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,801,565	2,104,020
Interest and Earnings	70,000	40,000
Reserve Funds	835,000	663,524
Other Sources	278,000	278,000
Fund Balance	529,000	529,000
Tax Levy	38,485,927	39,695,157
TOTAL REVENUES	62,155,998	63,969,683

Where the Funding Comes From



2014-15 True Tax Rate Comparison

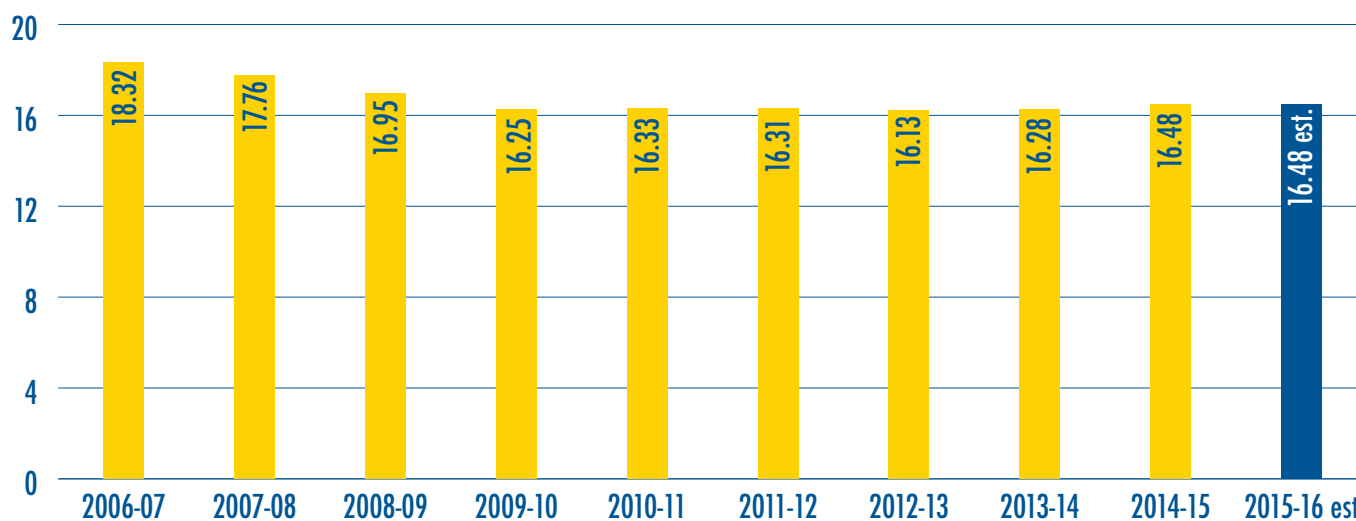
(Source: Four County and Monroe County School Board Association)



Tax Rates in the graph above represent the following districts (not necessarily in the order listed): Bloomfield, Brighton, Canandaigua, East Irondequoit, Fairport, Honeoye Falls-Lima, Manchester-Shortsville, Palmyra-Macedon, Penfield, Pittsford, Victor, Webster, West Irondequoit

The figures above represent the true value tax rate per \$1,000 of home assessment. In comparing the 2014-15 true value tax rates among Ontario County schools plus our contiguous and academic benchmark districts in Monroe County, Victor's true tax rate was the **lowest at \$16.48 per thousand**.

Victor Central Schools' Tax Rate History per \$1,000



STAR Program Information

The NYS School Tax Assessment Relief (STAR) program provides qualified homeowners with a \$30,000 assessment reduction for tax purposes. Senior citizens receive a \$65,300 exemption. More than 900 senior citizens throughout the District received a reduction in their tax bills for the 2014-2015 school year.

School Tax Information Using STAR

Tax Bill with STAR	
1997-98	\$1,868
2015-16 (estimated)	\$1,154
\$ Decrease	\$714
% Decrease	-38%

Victor Central School NYS School District Budget Notice, including Contingent

Property Tax Report Card

The following is the Property Tax Report Card information that we are required to send to the newspaper per NYS regulations:

	2014-15	Projected 2015-16	Contingent Budget 2015-16
Total Budgeted Amount	62,155,998	63,969,683	62,760,453
Increase/Decrease for the 2015-16 school year		1,813,685	604,455
Percent Increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		2.92%	.97%
Change in Consumer Price Index		1.62%	
Total Proposed School Tax Levy	38,485,927	39,695,157	38,485,927
Total Permissible Exclusions	1,072,346	1,201,756	
School Tax Levy Limit <i>(without permissible exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit)</i>	37,413,581	38,493,401	
Proposed School Tax Levy Excluding permissible Exclusions	37,413,581	38,493,401	
Difference <i>(positive value requires 60% approval)</i>	0	0	
Administrative Component	6,155,608	6,446,840	6,321,840
Program Component	44,935,989	46,335,583	45,376,353
Capital Component	11,064,401	11,187,260	11,062,260

Should the 2015-2016 budget be defeated and the above contingency budget be adopted, the Victor Central School District Board of Education will make the final determination of budget cuts in a contingency budget. The following is a list of options the Board may choose to eliminate or reduce: some athletic teams, administrators, teachers and support staff, and instructional programs. In addition, equipment purchases must be eliminated and all community groups will be required to pay for the use of buildings (please note that Section 2023 of the Education Law requires school districts to provide this statement of assumptions made in estimating the contingency budget).

Three Residents Seek to Fill



Karen E. Ballard

Address

5883 King Hill Drive,
Farmington, NY 14425

Years of Residency

10 years

Education

A.A.S. from Community College of the Finger Lakes (now FLCC) Travel/Tourism Management; B.A. from Rochester Institute of Technology Hotel/Resort Management

Profession

Currently work for Regional Transit Service (RTS) Ontario as a Transportation Specialist.

Community Activities

I have dedicated many volunteer years at VCS and have enjoyed many successful ventures. My first year as President of the PTSA, we increased membership 300%. One of my goals was to create open communication between members and all of the VCS Community. Through various new programs and events, we were able to increase our membership each year. I worked diligently with building administrators and District Staff to facilitate a collaborative environment bringing effective programs to the District.

VCS District Leadership & Service Roles:
(over the last 10 years)

- Served as Victor PTSA President & Vice President
- Shared Decision Making Council (Primary, Intermediate, Junior High, and Senior High)
- Served as PTSA Building Representative (Intermediate, Junior High, and Senior High)
- Chairperson of the Health & Wellness Fair
- Chairperson of PTSA Spiritwear
- Parent Representative Nominating Committee Member
- Assisted in various fundraisers to help fund many great programs in the District

- Created various initiatives to enrich the District such as:
 - ~ Health & Wellness Fair
 - ~ Safety Fair
 - ~ Environment Committee to celebrate Earth Day
 - ~ National Reflections Arts Program
 - ~ Square 1 Art
 - ~ Science Fair Initiative

Community Service: (roles served over the last 10 years)

- Relay for Life Planning Committee Member
- Victor YMCA Board Member
- Victor/Farmington Food Cupboard Board Member
- Communication Coordinator of Victor Girl Scout Service Unit
- Pirate Toy Fund Volunteer
- Victor Free Library Events Committee Member
- Helps promote community organizations events and fundraising efforts

Family

I am blessed to have a supportive family. I have 3 children, Jonathan (VCS Class of 2013), Sarah (VCS Senior) and Cassie (VCS Sophomore). My husband Bob and I have been married for 21 years and counting.

Personal Statement

As a VCS Board of Education member, I would be honest and fair while keeping in mind the future of all of the children that come through the doors at VCS. I believe it is important to view each child individually, and help each child reach their potential. I feel my wealth of experience working with all of the buildings on campus gives me a unique perspective as a School Board member. I am very familiar with the District's initiatives and programming. Being a long-term member of many parent groups, I understand the value of partnering with parents to help create a visionary and positive environment for all of our kids. I would be honored to be considered as a Board of Education member of Victor Central Schools. I would love to continue my service to the District. My past experiences throughout the District have prepared me to take the next step, and I would appreciate your support to serve our District in this role.

Two Board of Education Seats



Paul Estabrooks

Address:

894 Taylor Rise, Victor, NY 14564

District Resident

14 years

Education

Bachelor of Education at St.

Bonaventure University – 1991; Master of Arts at New Jersey City University – 2000

Profession

Middle School Principal and Chairperson of Special Education, Caledonia – Mumford Central School

Community Activities

Victor Youth Football; Victor Youth Lacrosse; Victor Youth Basketball; Founder, Diamond Devil Baseball; Volunteer, Camp Good Days, Volunteer at Intervol, St. Patrick's Church member, Basketball Official for Travel leagues in Victor

Family

Wife: Kirsten Estabrooks, Children: Kailyn (18), Zachary (16), Jacob (13)

Personal Statement

My desire to be a school board member at Victor Central School is really just an extension of my commitment to the well-being of children and to their education.

I desire a seat on the Victor Central School Board of Education so that I may serve those in my community, both children and adults, by ensuring the best comprehensive educational experience possible for students while also being a good steward of the public's tax dollar.

I demonstrate my strong commitment to the community by being a volunteer coach of youth sports in Victor. After high school and in college I worked summers as a park counselor. I thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the young children and teens through organized recreational and artistic activities. It was only natural that I would study and devote my career to education.

Your support for my election would be greatly appreciated.



Gary C. Gilbert

Address

6904 Dorsett Trail, Victor, NY 14564

Years of Residency

11 years with family/15 years as a student/26 years, collectively.

Education

1987- Victor Central High School Graduate; 1991 – BA from Ithaca College, Speech Communication

Profession

24 years as a Telecommunication/ IT professional with concentrations in education, federal and local government and business-to-business development.

Community Activities

Formerly Vice President of Tauxement Preschool, Alexandria, VA 2001-2003; Coaching, Victor Little League Baseball, Victor Youth Wrestling and Victor Soccer Club; Active church member at St. Peters Episcopal Church in Bloomfield, NY, Sunday School teacher

Family

Wife, Alison S. Gilbert, Children: Morgan (16), Kylie (13), Tristan (11), Mara (8)

Mother and Father, Moses and Judyth Gilbert

Personal Statement

After 3 years on the VCS School Board I have learned a tremendous amount about what it takes to help build an atmosphere for learning, growing and future planning. I am dedicated to helping the place I've called home since the 1970's to continue its positive academic growth. As a 1987 graduate of Victor Central Schools I found myself at Ithaca College with an academic advantage and preparedness that was a direct result of my hometown education. As a proud parent and husband of a school teacher I became a board member of Tauxement Preschool in Alexandria, Virginia and found myself with the ability to contribute, enhance and help build a growing, successful and dedicated Preschool.

Playing three sports and a member of the VCS marching band, orchestra and chorus, I understand the advantages of being academically sound, athletically rounded and

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Victor Central School Achievements

Academics

- ~ In June 2014, 97% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma, 71% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.
- ~ In September 2014, Victor Senior High School was named a Reward School for High Performance by the New York State Education Department.
- ~ In October 2014, 97 juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Athletics

- ~ All ten of the 2014 fall varsity teams qualified as scholar athlete teams and eleven 2014-2015 winter teams qualified.
- ~ This past fall, the Boys Varsity Volleyball team was the Monroe County Division I Champion, the Section V, Class BB Champion the Western Regional Champion and the New York State Division II Champion. The team won state championships in 2010, 2011 and 2013, as well.
- ~ This past fall, the Varsity Football team was not only the Monroe County Division II Co-Champion but the Section V, Class AA Champion, as well.
- ~ The Victor Hockey Team brought home the Section V Class BB Championship this winter.

Arts

- ~ This past September, twenty one Victor Senior High musicians were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter 5863.
- ~ Last spring, the VSH Varsity Choir, Senior High Orchestra and Wind Ensemble won their divisions at the 2014 Darien Lake Music Festival. All three were also named Grand Champions.
- ~ The Victor Varsity Winter Guard was named 2015 State Champions this spring.
- ~ The Victor Cadet Winter Guard was named 2015 State Champions this spring.
- ~ The Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble took home the 2015 State Championship in their division this spring.



VCS Bids a Fine Farewell to 2015 Retirees

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

Victor Primary School

Maryann Alaimo-Allen, 1973-2015, Elementary Teacher

Kathy Whitney, 1993-2014, Teacher Aide/Copy Center

Victor Intermediate School

Debra Savage, 1983-2015, Physical Education Teacher

Scott Zahn, 1985-2015, Elementary Teacher

Deborah Ford, 1992-2014, Teacher Aide

Victor Senior High School

Nicholas Sculli, 1980-2015, Guidance Counselor

Transportation

Richard W. Lord, 2003-2014, Bus Driver

Sandra M. Lord, 2009-2014, Bus Driver

Gerald Fitzgerald, 2000-2015, Bus Driver

Facilities

Daniel Clement, 1997-2014, Building Maintenance Mechanic

Gary C. Gilbert *continued from page 9*

have a strong appreciation for the arts. As a professional, I work with the latest in technologies and have been responsible for bringing those technologies to schools and universities. As a school board member I will be an advocate for the continuation of thriving academics, a strong arts program, fiscal common sense and technological advancement.

Students Get a Lesson on Global Citizenship

Twenty two Victor students traveled with the Global Competence Certificate (GCC) Program to Nazareth College this past March for the 5th Annual Global Citizenship Conference. This year's program entitled, "The Next Generation Living in a Pluralistic World" was designed to not only help future leaders improve religious literacy but also learn how to respond to intolerance and become familiar with the etiquette necessary to work in a pluralistic world.

Laurie Estochen, VCS English Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) teacher and GCC co-advisor said that hundreds of students from seventeen area schools heard from speakers who challenged their thinking. "Ian Mortimer, Vice President for Enrollment at Nazareth College told the group that there are two qualities employers look for in new hires, the ability to problem solve and a willingness to work with others who are different than themselves. News reporter Norma Holland of 13WHAM also dared students to question their own diversity. 'Look around you, if everyone in your circle is like you, it is time to branch out,'" she said.

In addition to learning from guest speakers, students were also able to participate in breakout sessions that addressed vital topics such as encountering world religions and cultures and globalization in the 21st century.

"The Global Citizenship Conference at Nazareth College is the one of the highlights of the Victor Global Competence Certificate Program each year. It is an opportunity to come together with other area high school students to discuss and exchange ideas about what it means to be a global citizen," Estochen said.



Student Reflections on Global Citizenship Conference

"I participated in the "Getting Back to the Roots" and "Think Globally, Act Locally" seminars. It was enlightening to be a part of the class discussions and engaging in the cultural atmosphere at Nazareth College. I learned more about what makes up a "global community" and the importance in obtaining knowledge about different cultures and beliefs. Thanks to this event, my interest and desire to learn more about what makes different societies and peoples unique has greatly expanded, so much so that I plan on attending the Interfaith Leadership training course this spring."

-Liz Mazza, grade 12

"The respect given to the speakers at the Global Competence Conference is a showcase of how people from different cultures can come together peacefully. Students not only respect the speakers, they actively seek to understand them. In that way, their tolerance is not merely apathy, but a means of engaged learning and curiosity."

-Rebecca Sheley, grade 12



Victor's Ultimate Team Player

Introducing Athletic Department Secretary, Linda Dillman



Endurance, commitment, passion and dedication are all qualities you might use to describe a seasoned athlete, but these same attributes apply to the woman behind our athletes and coaches, Victor Central Schools' Athletic Department secretary, Linda Dillman.

For the past twenty five years, Dillman has been more than just the secretary to Ron Whitcomb, Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, she has been the ultimate team player for eighty athletic teams over three seasons that include more than 1700 athletes and 100 coaches. From scheduling contests to coordinating game supervision, confirming officials, preparing bus transportation, ordering supplies, setting-up team photos and managing special banquets, athletic signings and other events, Dillman's job is a sport unto itself.

Last spring, when Mother Nature decided to throw teams a weather curve ball, this thirty six year Victor Central Schools veteran did what she does best, rescheduled more than two hundred contests (and all of their logistics) in just two months! Given the magnitude of her job, one might expect Dillman to be a fierce force, and she is, in a quiet, unassuming way. This former Victor Central Schools cheerleading coach of 26 years knows better than anyone that the best support you can give a team needs to come from the heart. And that, it does. Dillman visibly beams with pride when she talks about her relationships with student athletes and coaches. "I'm a secretary, mother, cheerleader, photographer . . . I even teach etiquette," she laughs. Dillman will be the first to tell you that having a sense of humor is one of the most important parts of her job.

Whether she is behind the scenes helping to coordinate hundreds of games or on the sidelines cheering on players, including her own grandchildren, Dillman rarely takes full credit for her position. "My role is part of a much larger network of people all over Section V - Athletic Directors, coaches, grounds people, officials, secretaries, bus drivers . . . this is our game," Dillman says. But, despite who's on first, second or third, for that matter, one thing is certain, Dillman is committed to success.

"When I was a cheerleading coach I used to tell the girls that the word 'can't' doesn't exist. You just haven't mastered it yet!"

As for Dillman, just ask anyone who has worked with her and they will tell you, she not only "can," but she has mastered it, too. It's no wonder she is Victor's ultimate team player.

"Linda never hesitates to help in any way she can! She is an integral part of the success of Victor Athletics and Physical Education." – Shelly Collins, Teacher and Coach

"Linda is a staple in the athletic department and is a great friend to all coaches. Anything I have ever asked of her is always answered or accomplished. She is a one-of-a-kind genuine and sincere person who does so much for our school and our student athletes." – Craig Kaper, Teacher and Coach

"Linda takes tremendous pride in the Physical Education, Health, and Athletic program. The programs we have at Victor are top notch because of her pride in her

work and caring so deeply about the job. She truly does whatever needs to be done to complete the job; the saying going beyond the call of duty could be her mantra." – Ron Whitcomb, Administrator

"Linda works many, many, many hours . . . morning, noon, and night! She never complains about anything and does her job better at an exemplary level. Victor is fortunate to have someone who truly values our Physical Education, Health and Athletic program and cares about the kids in our District. I feel lucky to work with such an amazing woman!" – Michael R. Ferreri, Teacher and Coach

Victor Central Schools Forms Educational Foundation

After several years of planning by a group of Victor Central Schools' alumni with the guidance of Superintendent Dawn Santiago-Marullo, the Victor Central Schools Educational Foundation (VCSEF) was officially approved by the Board of Education in June 2014.

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

For more information or to donate to the Victor Central Schools Educational Foundation, please contact us at (585)742-7003 or VCSEF@victorschools.org. You can also follow the foundation on Facebook – <http://facebook.com/VCSEFoundation/> and Twitter - @VCSEF

Varsity and Cadet Winterguards Named State Champions

After undefeated seasons in the North East Color Guard Circuit and Mid-York Colorguard Circuit, both the Varsity and Cadet Winterguards were crowned State Champions in their respective divisions. The Varsity Winterguard won the gold medal with a score of 88.210 and the Cadet Winterguard secured the gold medal with a 74.310. Both competed against five other groups to earn the win.

Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble (VIPE) Named State Champion

This past March, the Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble was crowned the New York State Champion in the Percussion Scholastic A Division at the 2015 NYS Percussion Circuit Championships at SUNY Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, NY with their performance, "Integration."

In addition, Victor received two caption awards for High Visual and High General Effect. They also received three special recognition awards: High Scoring Large School in the PSA class, the NYSPC Yamaha Rotating Drum Award for the highest scoring scholastic marching ensemble and the Rick Rogers Memorial Award for the highest scoring snare line.

VCS Names 2015 Volunteer Committed to Service Award Recipient

Victor Central Schools and the Victor Teachers' Association have named Victor resident Brenda Landry the 2015 Volunteer Committed to Service award recipient. The Volunteer Committed to Service award was created by VCS and the Victor Teachers' Association as a way to pay tribute to those special men and women who give of their time and talents to VCS, whether through one major event or years of service to a group of students or a building.

Victor Intermediate School teachers Susan Meskos and Carrie Becker nominated Landry for her work at not only their school store each week but for her active involvement with the VCS parent group, Partners in Education (PIE).

Mrs. Landry was recognized for her volunteerism on Monday, April 6th at Victor Central Schools' spring staff conference day.

RIT Professor Named 2015 Graduate of Distinction

Dr. Todd Pagano, a 1993 graduate has been named Victor Central Schools' 2015 Graduate of Distinction. Following Victor Central Schools, Pagano earned a B.A. from SUNY Oswego and a Ph.D. from Tufts University, both degrees in Chemistry. Dr. Pagano is currently an Associate Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and Director of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf's (NTID) Laboratory Science Technology (LST) program, a one-of-a-kind postsecondary chemical technology program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

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

Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project Underway

As part of a federal grant, the Town of Victor is installing sidewalks in and around our schools that will provide a safe pedestrian link between neighborhoods and our campus. Three sidewalk connections in all will be installed on our campus. The first link will be from High Street at the Junior/Senior High entrance (west entrance) and connect to the existing sidewalks adjacent to the "C" wing of the senior high. The second link will start from Lane Road (north entrance) and continue past the soccer field near the boulders and down past the fields on the east side of campus eventually connecting to the Intermediate school sidewalk by the tennis courts. The third link will connect Latchmere Drive to the bus loop between the Primary and Intermediate schools. The project, which was awarded to Villager Construction, is scheduled to be completed by the end of May.

Volleyball Team Wins States . . . Again

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Sectional Winners Abound

Victor Central Schools is the proud home to multiple Section V athletic winners this year.

FALL:

- The Varsity Football team was not only the Monroe County Division II Co-Champion but the Section V, Class AA Champion, as well.
- Swimmer Natalie Zaravella was the Section V, Class A Champion in the 100 Breaststroke competition.
- Diver Erin Norton was the Section V, Class A Champion in the 1 Meter Diving competition.

WINTER:

- Two members of the Victor Alpine Ski teams, Maddie Haggerty and Joe Carrier, were on the Section V team that won the 2014-2015 New York State Championship.
- Four wrestlers were named Section V Class A Champions Mike Venosa, Kevin Marciano, Stevie Hetelekides, and Tristan Ierlan. Ierlan also took fifth place at States.
- Swimmer Jared Ritz won the Section V Class A 200 Freestyle title and took second place at States.
- The Victor Varsity Hockey Team brought home the Section V Class BB Championship.

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Family Fun Festival

May 19, 2015, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.
VCS Campus

VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS 120TH ALUMNI BANQUET

Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Sunday, June 14, 2015

6:30 p.m. Cocktails ~ 7 p.m. Dinner

For more information call Ken Weigert at 924-2944

Fourteenth Annual Senior Citizens' Ball

Free and open to ALL

Victor Central School District
Senior Citizens!

Saturday, May 9, 2015 — 7 – 9 p.m.

@ Victor Intermediate School Gymnasium

Entertainment provided by **"Western New York Big Band"**

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

VCS Class of 2015 Graduation Ceremony

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

Blue Cross Arena Rochester

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