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Victor High School College & Career Center

A Call to All Parents!

Victor Central School District is committed to providing our students with the best education and experience during their school years. As part of this commitment, we believe that students can greatly benefit from career awareness and experiences. The Victor College and Career Center is partnering with Victor parents and community members to help expose our students to the vast array of career opportunities. Through this partnership, our students will gain exposure and a concrete vision of future opportunities.

We appreciate your valuable time and would like to have the opportunity to work with you in any capacity that you envision, whether it is an internship, job shadow or a small group discussion. Please contact Cindy Mereness by email at merenessc@victorschools.org or 924-3252 ext.5137 if you would be willing to share your talents and expertise.

Voter Registration

On May 10, 2011, the Victor Central School District will hold a voter registration from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room B in the Victor Education Center. This registration is for residents currently not registered to vote in the May 17th school budget vote.

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

Pat Bolger
Timothy DeLucia
Mark Hamilton
Kathryn Hart
Stephen Martin
Robert Rose
Mike Young

The Board of Education meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Victor Education Center at 7:15 p.m. Residents are welcome to attend.

District Clerk

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Superintendent of Schools

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

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The 2011-2012 School Budget

A Message from our Superintendent, Dawn Santiago-Marullo

This year, for the third year in a row, Victor Central Schools faced the difficult task of creating a fair and balanced budget in the face of a continued fragile economy and a \$2 million reduction in New York State aid.

Hand in hand with these challenges, VCS continues to be a District of rare growth and development. According to our FACTS* demographic report, the 2011-2012 VCS student population is expected to grow by 90 students. This year, we welcomed 108 new students in grades K-12 bringing our total student population to 4,201. Demographic data indicates that VCS is projected to have approximately 4,700 students by 2020.

Between continued increases in student population and on-going decreases in New York State aid, this year's budget process has been very challenging. Thanks to excellent leadership and extraordinary planning, I am pleased to say that on Tuesday, March 29th, the Victor Board of Education unanimously adopted the 2011-2012 school budget.

While this year's budget process was not void of difficult decisions, it reflects careful preparation, critical thinking and, above all, genuine care and concern for those people, programs and services affected by this year's financial crisis. VCS' proposed 2011-2012 budget utilized several strategies to fill this year's \$4.4 million budget gap:

- ~ The use of \$850,000 in Federal JOBS bill money approved on August 1, 2010.
- ~ The use of \$875,000 in reserve funds.
- ~ A reduction of \$550,000 in non-staffing areas of the budget.

- ~ The remainder will require staff reductions that include 1.4 FTE retirements that will not be filled, the elimination of the equivalent of 3.7 FTE positions across PreK-12 and the reduction of staff hours in certain areas and programs.
- ~ Engaging the support of our booster clubs to offset cuts from the budget.

In this issue, we outline the proposed spending plan in greater detail.

Developing the 2011-2012 budget was not an easy task, however I believe it represents the best we can do in these worst of times.

We created a budget that once again maximizes all of our valuable resources and supports a proposed tax rate increase of 0%.

As you know, our primary goal in preparing a budget is to create a school setting that supports the highest quality education for our children while being fiscally accountable to all of our taxpayers.

Past budgets have challenged us to stretch our dollars and our imaginations like never before. While this formula for success is not ideal, the VCS community – from students and staff to parents, neighbors, business owners and the Board of Education have made it work.

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you for your continued support.

Take care,



Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo Ed.D.

**FACTS Demographic Report: According to the NYS Office of Management and Services 2009-2010 Property Tax Report Card, Victor Schools have the third largest percentage enrollment growth in NYS. (Based on non-city schools and schools with enrollment of more than 3,000 students.)*

Victor Central School Achievements

Academics

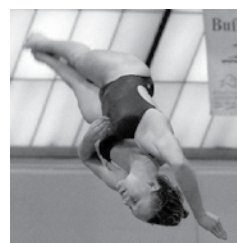
- ~ For the sixth consecutive year, our district received recognition by the New York State Education Department as a "high performing" school district.
- ~ In 2010, 95% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma.
- ~ In 2010, 64% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.
- ~ In 2010, 29% received a Regents Diploma with Honors.

Arts

- ~ One-third of our high school students are involved in an art program and every year, between 10 and 15 students from VCS go on to major in art in college pursuing careers in the Arts.
- ~ In 2010, the Victor Marching Blue Devils won their seventh state championship. They will celebrate their 30th anniversary in the 2011-2012 school year.
- ~ Seven students were accepted as members of the 2010-2011 Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Athletics

- ~ In the 2009-2010 school year 27 out of 30 teams were Scholar Athlete teams.
- ~ Four Monroe County Division III 2010-11 Champions: Boys Volleyball, Football, Boys Swim, and Ice Hockey.
- ~ The Boys Volleyball team was named the first New York State Champion for their division. Senior, Ashley Broderick earned her second consecutive New York State Diving Championship.



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 \$60,100 exemption. More than 800 senior citizens throughout the district received a reduction in their tax bills for the 2010-2011 school year.

School Tax Information Using STAR

Tax Bill with STARs	
1997-98	\$1,868
2011-12 (estimated)	\$1,143
\$ Decrease	\$725
% Decrease	-39%



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

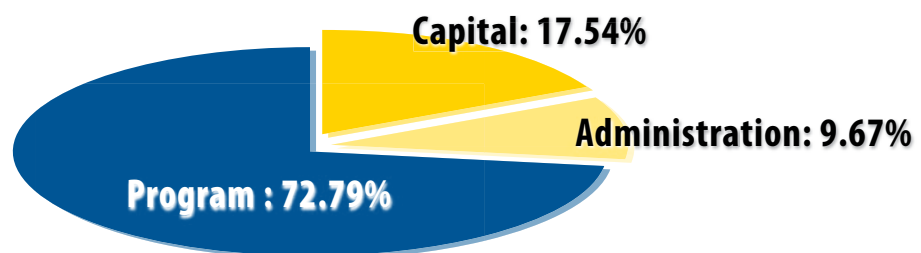
- All student services
- Instructional support
- Transportation operation
- Instructional salaries and benefits

Capital Expenses

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

Expenditures by Component

	Budget 2010-11	Proposed Budget 2011-12	Difference
Administrative Component			
Board of Education	59,403	60,105	702
Central Administration	154,188	156,526	2,338
Finance	414,626	402,969	(11,657)
Staff	381,420	379,018	(2,402)
Central Services	335,944	295,944	(40,000)
Special Items	650,464	667,919	17,455
Curriculum Development	399,337	392,024	(7,313)
Curriculum Supervision	1,438,709	1,426,859	(11,850)
Pupil Personnel Services	273,362	283,314	9,952
Employee Benefits	1,227,769	1,356,810	129,041
Administrative budget	5,335,222	5,421,489	86,266
Program component			
Legal Services/In-Service	22,000	20,700	(1,300)
Teaching	23,241,631	23,175,562	(66,069)
Instructional Media	1,143,406	1,032,136	(111,270)
Pupil Services	1,758,743	1,625,613	(133,130)
Co-Curricular/Intersch Athletics	1,075,150	1,069,243	(5,907)
District Transportation Services	2,548,688	2,536,634	(12,054)
Community Services	9,813	9,813	0
Employee Benefits	10,076,284	11,325,659	1,249,375
Total program	39,875,715	40,795,360	919,645
Capital component			
Operation	2,150,692	2,134,135	(16,557)
Maintenance	1,041,252	1,055,201	13,949
Employee Benefits	595,722	677,856	82,134
Debt Service	5,976,344	5,961,840	(14,504)
Total Capital	9,764,010	9,829,032	65,022
Total Budget Increase	54,974,948	56,045,881	1,070,933



VCS Budget Reductions

Changed:

- ~ A teaching position in each of these subjects from full time to part-time (Art, Music, Health).

Reduced:

- ~ The number of counselor positions by one.
- ~ School Resource Officer position by one third.

Eliminated:

- ~ Part-time positions in these areas (GED, Alternative High School, Foreign Language, Mentor Program, computer lab).

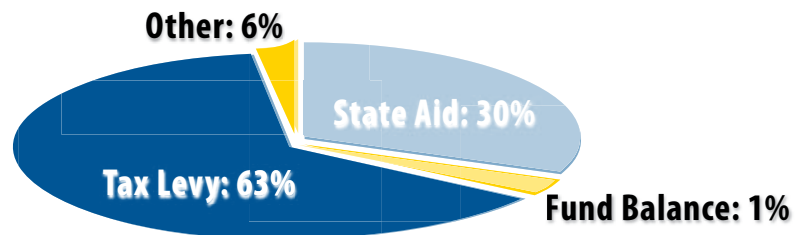
Added:

- ~ One special educator for a program for 18-21 year olds.

Victor Central School 2011-12 Budget Plan Revenues

	Budget 2010-11	Proposed 2011-12
State Aid	17,619,899	17,250,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,220,000	1,920,000
Interest and Earnings	248,000	248,000
Employee Retirement Reserve	125,000	125,000
Debt/EMP Benefit Reserve	750,000	750,000
Other Sources	195,000	195,000
Fund Balance	529,000	529,000
Tax Levy	34,288,051	35,028,881
TOTAL REVENUES	54,974,950	56,045,881

Where the Funding Comes From



Bus Purchase Proposition

School bus fleet maintenance and safety are driving a bus purchase proposition on the ballot May 17, 2011. Residents will be asked to approve the purchase of three 77-passenger buses and two 30-passenger mini buses, one equipped for a wheelchair, and one minivan.

The proposition totals \$522,500. New York State will provide 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.

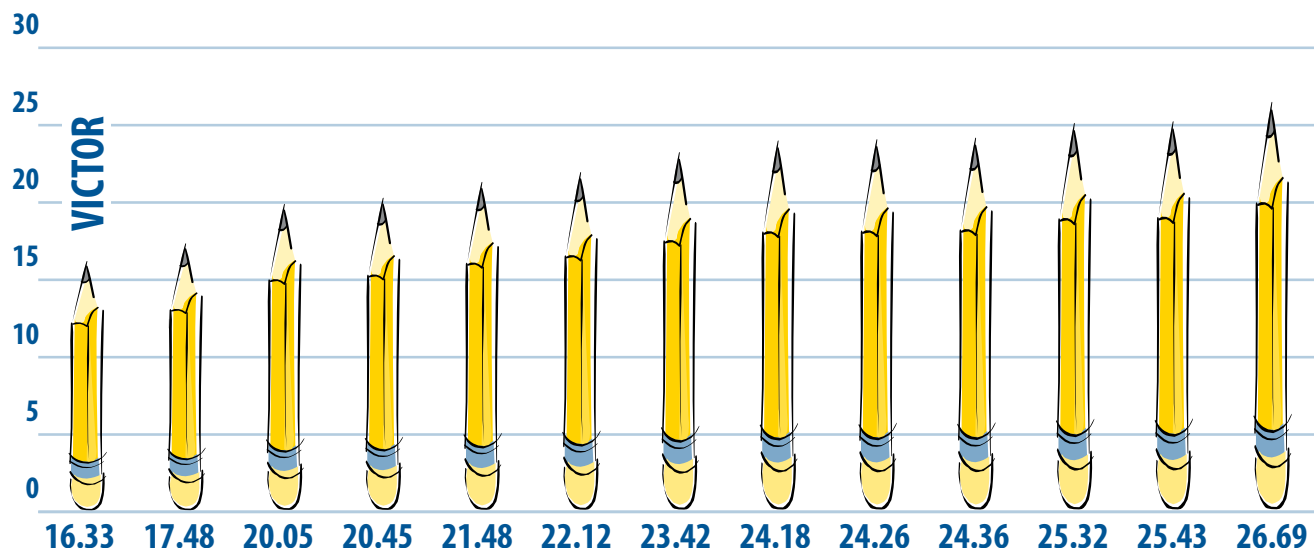
Notice is further given that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election.

Bond Proposition:

- 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 and vehicles 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 \$522,500;
- that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$522,500 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
- that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$522,500 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

2010-11 True Tax Rate Comparison

(Source: Four County and Monroe County SBA)



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 last year's 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**.

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:

	2010-11	Projected 2011-12	Contingent Budget 2011-12
Total Spending	54,974,948	56,045,881	55,955,881
Increase/Decrease for the 2011-12 school year		1,070,933	980,933
Percent Increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		1.95%	1.78%
Change in Consumer Price Index		1.60%	
Est. property tax levy for the 2011-12 school year		35,028,881	34,938,881
Administrative Component	5,335,222	5,421,489	5,411,489
Program Component	39,875,715	40,795,360	40,740,360
Capital Component	9,764,010	9,829,032	9,804,032

Should the 2011-2012 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; instructional field trips; teachers and support staff; and instructional programs. In addition, equipment purchases must be eliminated and all community groups/individuals will be required to pay for the use of school 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).

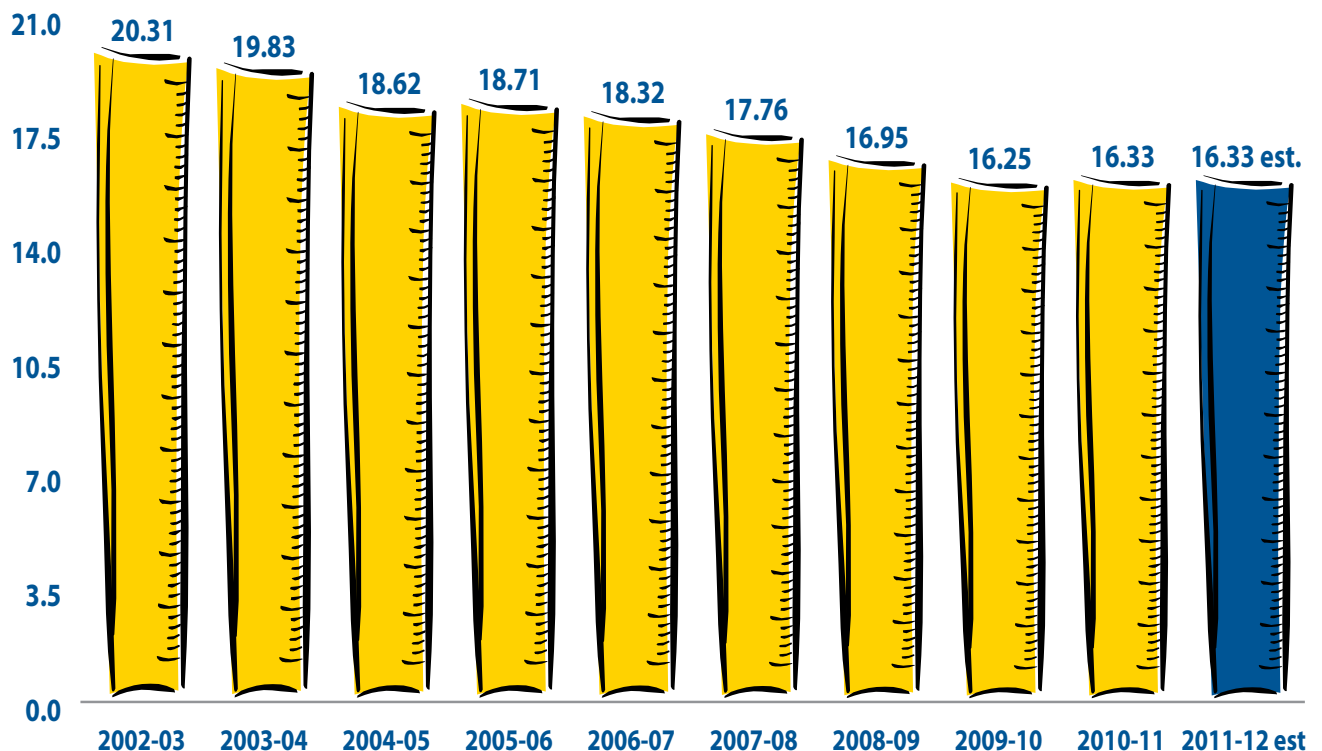
Victor Central School District Enrollment History*



* Excludes Good Start and Universal Pre-K (UPK)

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



Serving up Success for 33 Years

Meet Alberta Padden, VSH Head Cook

When her youngest child entered the first grade in 1978, Alberta Padden decided to go back to work outside of the home, so she took a job at the high school as a lunch monitor. The plan would be temporary . . . or so she thought. According to Padden, the job just kind of grew on her. "I loved the freedom and flexibility of being able to work and still be home with my children, especially during the summertime," she said. Plus, she enjoyed the work. Most of all, she said she enjoyed her co-workers, who, through the years, became much more than professional peers, but her friends, too. "We are like family. The hardest thing for me will be walking out that door in June when I retire."

Padden may be "walking out that door" in June but she won't be going alone. In addition to many irreplaceable friendships, Padden will leave with many fond memories - 33-years worth, to be exact. From working as a lunch monitor to running the cash registers, managing the lunch lines, acting as the Assistant Cook and Head Cook (the role she will retire with), Padden's time at VSH may have been a smorgasbord of sorts but the one thing that was always on her main menu was the students.

"I'll miss the kids. Victor kids are so polite, always saying please and thank you. When I hear people talk about kids not being respectful, I don't see it, not here," she said.

She would know. She has served thousands of them through three decades. Today, the senior high school cafeteria serves between 700-800 single meals per day. According to Padden, they also dish up some pretty amazing foods, thanks to the leadership of Janet Elman, Director of VCS Food Services. "Janet has transformed the way our kids eat. Lunches used to be heavy on potatoes and gravy and soups from cans. Today, the meals are so healthy with things like salads, wraps and sandwiches made to order. We do a lot more homemade foods, too," she said. Despite so many new and healthy choices, Padden says students' number one food is pizza.



From food to friendships, one thing is certain, Alberta Padden will be missed by many, especially Janet Elman, VCS Director of Food Services. "Alberta Padden has been a tremendous asset to the VCS Food Service Department and Victor Schools. For over 30 years she has given her heart and soul to the students and staff at Victor. She

demonstrates on a daily basis her care and concern for all those that she interacts with. Her willingness to continue to try new things and improve upon everything we do, has made her a perfect partner for me in taking Victor Schools Food Services to the next level as a leader among the area schools," Elman said.

Whether she is busy cooking early in the morning or cleaning up after a long day, Padden's role at the senior high school is not only the heart of a well run cafeteria, it is the heart of excellence.

Padden Points

- ~ *Hometown – Wellsville, New York*
- ~ *Mother of two children, Laura (VCS Class of '90) and Shane (VCS Class of '86)*
- ~ *Grandmother of six*
- ~ *Wife of Michael, retired from Gleason Works – currently works as a VCS bus driver*
- ~ *Loves to read, rest and relax at her home on Honeoye Lake*

"Americans are Very Happy. . . Very Kind."

Visiting Teacher, Cao (Belinda) Jing Reflects on Her Stay at VCS

When Cao (Belinda) Jing arrived at Victor Central Schools in early February from the Verakin High School in Chong Qing, China, she was not sure what to expect. While this English teacher knew the language quite well, having taught it to her own students for the past ten years, the actual culture was something she had yet to really grasp, really live. Now, thanks to her journey west, to Victor, New York, she has not only discovered a new culture in America, but shared one with our students, too.

Whether she was presenting a Power Point presentation on Chinese culture to our youngest students or engaging our older students at the high school in discussions about differences between American and Chinese students, Jing says her time at VCS has been very rewarding. "I like to be here. The people are very kind," she said.

Did you know?

- In China, the typical school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m.
- Schools in China are very strict. Students cannot wear jewelry or show any affection, such as hugging or hand-holding, in public.
- Most people in China live in apartments, not houses like here in Victor.

Back home, Belinda is not only an English teacher, she is a wife and mother, too. Belinda has been married to her husband, Xiao Peng for eight years. He works at a tobacco company nearly four hours from their home. They have a four and a half year old daughter, Xia Xihan. Her name means "gentle" and "elegant."

VCS Engages The World is an on-going feature dedicated to telling the community how VCS students, teachers and staff are connecting with the world both during and after school. If you have a story with international connections, please contact the Office of School and Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407.



VCS Bids a Fine Farewell to 2011 Retirees

This year, VCS bids farewell to 16 of our finest employees, men and women who have put their hearts and souls into their work at VCS. Whether they were teaching or training, driving or delivering, coordinating or counseling, they not only made VCS what it is today, they prepared it for what it will become. They will be missed.

Early Childhood Education Center:

Karen Fernandez, 2002-2010, ESL Teacher

Victor Primary School:

Pat Cutulle, 1977-2011, School Psychologist

Robin Gruenfelder, 1992-2010, Teacher Aide

Carolyn Harper, 1974-2011, Teacher

Victor Intermediate School:

Dianne Ferguson, 1978-2011, Guidance Counselor

Mark Behan, 1985-2011, School Psychologist

Victor Junior High School:

Diane Berube, 1993-2011, Food Service Cashier

Barb Rubenstein, 1981-2011, Band Teacher

Victor Senior High School:

Liz Ernenwein, 1978-2011, French Teacher

Alberta Padden, 1978-2011, Head Cook

Rhonda Jagnow, 1978-2011, Librarian

Bob Thompson, 1981-2011, Physical Education Teacher

Karen Ward, 1990-2011, Teacher Aide

District Wide:

Mickie Mitchell, 1983-2011, Food Service Supervisor

Dean Rice, 2003-2010, Bus Driver

Michael DeMott, 1999-2011, Director of Human Resources

Retirees as of April 20, 2011



Renowned Dermatologist Named 2011 Graduate of Distinction

On Sunday, June 26, 2011, a world renowned dermatologist, Dr. David L. Ramsay (VCS Class of 1961) will be recognized as Victor Central Schools' 2011 Graduate of Distinction. The Graduates of Distinction program was initiated in 2002 as a way to recognize VCS alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and made significant contributions to society.

Following graduation from VCS in 1961, Dr. Ramsay earned an A.B. in English (with honors) from Indiana University in 1965. In 1969, he received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Indiana University Medical School.

Dr. Ramsay's postdoctoral training includes an internship at George Washington University from 1969 to 1970, a residency in Dermatology at New York University from 1970 to 1973 and in 1973 was also awarded an NIH fellowship which resulted in a masters degree in education from the University of Illinois. From 1972 to 1975 he also served as a Commander in the U.S. Navy and in 1975, he was the recipient of the Naval Achievement award.

Before becoming a Clinical Professor of Dermatology at New York University (NYU) in 2003, a post he still holds today, Dr. Ramsay's professional journey in the field of dermatology field has spanned a variety of prestigious academic appointments. He was an Associate Faculty Member in the Department of English at Indiana University from 1965 to 1969, the First Director of Dermatology Residency Training at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland from 1973 to 1975 and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University from 1974 to 1975. At NYU, he served as Assistant Professor of Dermatology from 1975 to 1978, Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology from 1978-1995 and Professor of Dermatology from 1995 to 2003.

In addition to serving on major committees at both Georgetown University, New York University Medical Center and New York University, Dr. Ramsay has been an active member of numerous offices and committee assignments in professional societies ranging from the American Academy of Dermatology to the Association of Professors of Dermatology, the American Dermatologic Association, The Victor C. Hackney and Arthur L. Norins Society and the Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation. He has been on the Editorial Board of the American Family Physician, the official journal of the American Academy of Family Physicians since 1994.

Outside of the medical field, Dr. Ramsay has been actively involved with the Brooklyn Academy of Music since 1983 as a member of its Producer's Council, Collaborate Arts Council and Board of Trustees. From 2002 to 2010 he served as Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Brooklyn Academy of Music. From 2002 to present he has been Co-Chairperson of the Visual Arts Committee of the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Dr. Ramsay's résumé of impressive accomplishments does not end here. In 1994 he received the American Academy of Dermatology's Award for Excellence in Education for Advances in Dermatology. In 2000, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Teaching from Dermatology Residents in the Ronald O. Perleman Department of Dermatology at New York University. From 2005 to 2010, Dr. Ramsay was named Castle and Connolly's New York's Top Doctors, America's Top Doctors, New York Magazine's Top Doctors and America's Top Doctors for Cancer. From 2002 to present he has been recognized in Who's Who in America and from 2006 to present Dr. Ramsay has been recognized in Who's Who in the World.

Committee Also Awards First Ever Honorable Recognition

In addition to recognizing the esteemed Dr. Ramsay, this year, for the first time ever, the Graduates of Distinction Committee bestowed its first ever Honorable Recognition to artist, LaFayette Washington Seavey. This new designation was created to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of a person who attended Victor Schools before there was a high school.

Seavey attended Victor Schools in the late 1800's. He was born to Colonel and Mrs. William (Mary) Seavey in 1841 and died on June 18, 1901. LaFayette Washington Seavey was named after his father's two favorite Revolutionary War heroes. Records say the boy exhibited artistic talent early and began as a carriage painter in an associated business of his father's. Although his parents at first opposed his choice of a career as an artist, he persuaded them to send him to study under a Mr. Harris in Rochester, New York. His first major work was a panorama of the Civil War in 1862. He then embarked on a career as a painter of theaters and theatrical scenery and traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe. In 1864 he married his childhood sweetheart, Sarah Frances Shaw (1843-1919) of Victor and they had a daughter, Florence Demerest Seavey (1870-1919).

Seavey is cited as creating the first professional scenic studio in the United States. The owner of the LaFayette W. Seavey Scenic Studio, est. 1865 in New York City, Seavey is credited with a lot of important scenery created in New York City. According to records, the first outstanding displays in the country were arranged by LaFayette Seavey, at Macy's in New York City. He is also credited with painting a magnificent drop curtain for the Victor Town Hall which was later destroyed by a fire. Although LaFayette Seavey died in New York City, he, his wife and his daughter are all buried in Boughton Hill Cemetery in Victor. *



SAVE THE DATE

Dr. Ramsay and Mr. Seavey will be formally recognized at a special Graduates of Distinction reception on Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center at Finger Lakes Community College. Following this recognition, Dr. Ramsay will take part in the VCS Class of 2011 graduation ceremony at noon, located at the same venue.

For more information on the Graduates of Distinction reception or to register to attend this free event, contact Liz Welch or Sherri Lasky in the Office of School and Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407.

*Ontario County Historical Society

Three Residents Seek to fill Two



Kiersten Kunick

Address

6987 Hackney Circle, Victor, NY

Years of Residency

9 years

Education

B. A. in Psychology and Anthropology – Syracuse University; M.S. in Counselor Education– Canisius College

Profession

Counselor/ Child Advocate

Community activities

- Victor Girl Scouts' Service Unit Manager since 2008 and Girl Scout Leader/Advisor 2006 to present
- Parent Representative for Shared Decision Making on VCSD's District Council, 2010 to present; and Jr. High Council 2009 to present
- Served on the VCSD's Intermediate Building Council 2007-2009 and VCSD's Code of Conduct Review Committee 2011
- Victor Central PTSA Member/Volunteer PIE and VOICE Member
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Patient Advocate
- Served as a Board member for Victor Youth Football and Cheer and Victor Youth Lacrosse
- Served as Pack President for Victor Boy Scout Pack 23 and Cub Scout Leader 2002 to 2006

Family

Husband, Joe; Twin sons, Austin and Brandon-VCS grade 8; and daughter, Kelli- VCS Grade 5

Personal Statement

I have always had an interest in children's education and development as evidenced by my M.S. degree in Counselor Education. My career started as a play therapist working with at-risk youth. I continued my advocacy of children as a social worker, diligently working to protect the rights of children and the integrity of the family. I have been an active member of the Victor community, and I have worked very closely with administrators, staff and teachers, as well as parents and students, in many different educational endeavors.

I continue to be impressed with the forethought and fiscal responsibility of the Victor School Board and hope to carry on with their good work. My goal is to work to improve on communication between the school and the community,

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Deborah R. Palumbo-Sanders

Address

6310 Gillis Road, Victor, NY

Years of Residency

Born and raised in Victor. Left during the 1980's due to employment after college and returned in 1990.

Education

Public Education: K- 12 Victor

Central School; Undergraduate degree: Cornell University- Plant Science major; Masters degree: University of Arkansas- Plant Pathology major

Profession

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) coordinator for a local greenhouse operation

Community Activities

- 1997- present classroom volunteer
- 1998- present St. Patrick's Church- volunteer
- 1998-2003 Cub Scout Leader
- 2003-2005 Cub Scout Pack Chairperson
- 2001- present 4-H Leader
- 2005- present Master Gardener for Ontario County
- 2007- present Trustee Victor Free Library
- 2008- present Graduates of Distinction Selection Committee for Victor Central School
- 2010- present Parent Representative for VCS Science Curriculum Review Committee
- 2010- present Coordinator for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Camp at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills

Family

Husband: Tom Sanders; Three children attending Victor Central School: Kevin Sanders - 12th grade, Matthew Sanders - 10th grade, and Amanda Sanders - 6th grade.

Personal Statement

I am fortunate to have been raised in Victor and experienced the solid education and strong sense of community provided by the Victor Central School System. I was also extremely fortunate to have parents that were both educators (my father was a teacher and eventually School Superintendent, while my mother was a College Professor). This fostered my appreciation and commitment to education and civic involvement.

As Victor continues to grow, we will face many challenges. I enjoy working with people, take great pride in what I

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Board of Education Seats



Trisha Turner

Address

1224 Red Fox Run, Victor, NY

Years of Residency

Since June 2005

Education

Master's Degree in Learning Disabilities ~ Southern Connecticut State University

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary

Education/ Cross-Endorsement in Special Education with a Minor in Psychology ~ The King's College/ SCSU

Profession

Educator/teacher (taught various grade levels ranging from Kindergarten through Adult Education) ~ Currently at home with children/ assists individuals with specific educational needs.

Community Activities

- PTSA Budget Committee~ several years
- Victor Schools Grants Committee Co-Chair
- Victor Senior High Building Council
- Victor PTSA Building Representative for the Senior High
- Victor VOICE (Victor's Outreach in Children's Education) Vice-President
- PIE (Partners in Education), VOICE, and PTSA member

Former Positions in the Victor School District:

- Parent Representative of the Victor District Special Education Review Committee
- Victor Intermediate Schools Building Council
- ECEC (Early Childhood Education Center) Building Council
- ECEC (Early Childhood Education Center) PTSA Building Representative

Other Activities: Active Member of Victor Community Church ~ community outreach activities; Coordinator of Hochstein School of Music's end of the year celebration/ reception of the Philharmonia, Sinfonia, and Concertino Strings Orchestras

Family

My husband Mark and I will be celebrating 20 years of marriage this June. We are blessed with three wonderful girls: Brittany is in 9th grade, Grace is in 6th grade, and Lily is in 2nd grade.

Personal Statement

I am an active, engaged, and informed member of the

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Kiersten Kunick continued

and I look forward to the challenge of providing a first-class education to our students in a fiscally appropriate manner. My three children have attended Victor for their entire education, and I am committed to help provide all of the children in the VCS community with an education that will challenge them to meet their full intellectual potential and prepare them to be contributing members of our society.

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board of Education and work with the entire community to ensure that all of our children receive the exceptional education they deserve.

Deborah R. Palumbo-Sanders continued

do, and will put forth my best effort. I am dedicated to ensuring that our schools will continue to provide quality education for our children while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Trisha Turner continued

Victor School District Community. I have a unique appreciation for all parent groups, having served in all three district parent groups of PTSA, VOICE, and PIE. Having a wide range of learning abilities within my own children has given me a deep perspective on viewing each child as an individual learner, with relevant learning needs to reach their true potential and inner confidence.

I believe that children's individual needs can still be addressed while maintaining appropriate fiscal responsibility. With current budget cuts, we are living in a time where it is essential to find creative and insightful ways to meet the new challenges presented to districts. My varied background in education and my wide range of experience will add dimension to our new challenge. I have a strong passion for the students of the Victor School District, and would be greatly honored to be considered for the Board of Education position.

Budget Vote Information

*District residents will cast ballots on the proposed 2011-2012 budget at the annual budget vote and Board of Education election on **Tuesday, May 17**. Voting will take place in the Victor Junior High School Gymnasium 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 17, 2011.*

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To: Victor Central School District Residents

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Family Fun Festival

May 17, 2011, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.
VCS Campus

VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS 116TH ALUMNI BANQUET

Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14565

Sunday, June 19, 2011

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

*For more information call Ken Weigert at 924-2944
or Kathleen Brady at 924-7982*

Tenth Annual Senior Citizens' Ball

Free and open to ALL

Victor Central School District
Senior Citizens!

Saturday, May 14, 2011 — 7 – 9 p.m.

@ Victor Intermediate School Gymnasium
entertainment provided by **"For Dancers Only"**

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



VCS Class of 2011 Graduation Ceremony

Sunday, June 26, 12:00 p.m.
at CMAC

Constellation Brands
Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center

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