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EDUCATION, COMPASSION, LAUGHTER, AND EXPERIENCE AT VICTORY HIGH SCHOOL

By: Jenna Frank



Victory High Seniors are all smiles as they come to an end of their high school career.

As Graduating Seniors come to an end of their High School career at Victory High, the memories and encounters will always remain unforgettable. There are many things Seniors will miss about Victory including the specific bond our small school shares, the relaxed atmosphere, and the incredibly motivated teachers and staff.

"Everyone is nice, the classes are easy, and everybody is willing to help," student Nick Ambrose said.

Victory High School is its own little community with an indescribable support system between peers and staff.

"When I walk into my classes I feel like I learn much easier because of my teachers. They make learning new material a lot more entertaining and engaging," student Manni Atwal explained.

Many students that attend Victory High are close friends that hang out outside of school.

"I have enjoyed the connections I have made with my teachers and peers. We're like family," student Ryan Silva stated.

Victory High School is based off education and respect, as long as the work is being completed in class and respect is shown, it will undoubtedly be given in return.

"Mrs. Newkirk's class is my favorite because she makes learning fun," student Andrew Katchmar explained.

Every teacher gives so much time and effort into their students and truly seem to want the best for their future.

Both teachers and staff members are remarkably resourceful as they truly are here for the benefit of their students and getting them on their way to graduation.

"I miss the science teacher Mr. Slack, but he will always be missed, and I will miss Mrs. Newkirk," student Brooklyn Arrington said.

Earlier this year we said goodbye to two amazing teachers Chaun Emery-Slack and Jamie Handling. The students and staff members will always miss them as they continue on their teaching journeys.

"I will miss Mrs. Handlings English class because of our intellectual debates about various discussions," Rollin said.

Teachers impact each student as it radiates through their work and grades and gets recognized continuously.

"My favorite thing about Victory is how diverse the students are and even through the diversity we all got along," student Nick Zajec stated.

Passion is a trait that the Victory Family maintains in their own distinct and unique ways.

"I am going to miss Mrs. Goodnough in the front office because she is my number one supporter and also Mr. Williams for keeping me in line, giving me wisdom and great advice," Rollin explained.

As High School comes to an end for many seniors, their time at Victory High will always be acknowledged and never be forgotten.

OUR LIVES AFTER GRADUATION

By: Tyler Casey

We all know that the big question on everybody's mind right now is what they are going to do after graduation. Everyone is excited to walk across the stage in June but it's also exciting to find out what everyone has planned for after the big day of graduation.

When I asked Lukas Olson if he had anything planned to celebrate graduation he said, "I'm going to Europe for five months."

On June third at seven o'clock all VHS students, staff, and families all join together at the Sunset Center to celebrate the

accomplishments of the Senior class and the start of their lives as adults, but what will they do with their lives after high school?

Alex Sanchez replies to this question by stating, "I want to be an x-ray technician."

Lukas Olson says his long term plans are to "go to college to pursue something I love."

Graduation can be sort of a sad thought as well as an exciting one. It may very well be the last time some of the Senior class sees each other and are all in the same room. Even knowing this information the class of

twenty-fifteen is still ecstatic to be done with what seems like a lifetime long experience we call school.

I think Alex Sanchez speaks for the whole senior class by saying "Hell yeah" when asked if he's excited to finally graduate.

this whole aura of graduation even has the Junior class excited about their graduation next year.

Junior Savanah Martin said "I just want to be done with school and get my life started already."

NOT GOING TO COLLEGE? WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE SAC STATE!

By: *Bethany Byrnes*

Victory High School had plenty of seniors that were not too sure about their post-high school plans until April 22nd, 2015, when the school took a field trip to Sacramento State University. The goal of the field trip was to encourage Victory High seniors to further their education, whether it be at Sac State or another college.

The field trip let the students witness college life first hand and get a taste of the broad range of possibilities that await them in college. According to the seniors that went on the tour, it was a very eye-opening experience.

Victory High senior Jaelen Burt, would definitely say it was worth it. "Before the field trip, I wasn't sure if I was going to college, but now I'm definitely going to Sac State," Jaelen said, "... It let me get a better idea of what college is like and kind of opened my eyes to how serious it all is."

The tour of the campus was fascinating for some, mind-changing for others, but undeniably a beneficial experience for everyone. Even for those seniors who already knew which college they were going to, the trip was perfect for gaining a little more college insight. But for most, the trip to Sac State definitely increased the number of seniors considering furthering their education in college.

Sac State was a great sample college for the seniors to tour, according to the students. "My favorite thing about the Sac State field trip was the infrastructure of the school, the different curriculums and programs, as well as the diversity of cultures..." said Victory senior Jesse Rollins. "After seeing the school I would

strongly recommend it to anyone interested in going to college."

During the tour of the school, the students were told about all of Sac State's classes and programs a little more in depth. They were taught about the detailed and complex nature of the classes available and the benefits of being a Sac State student.

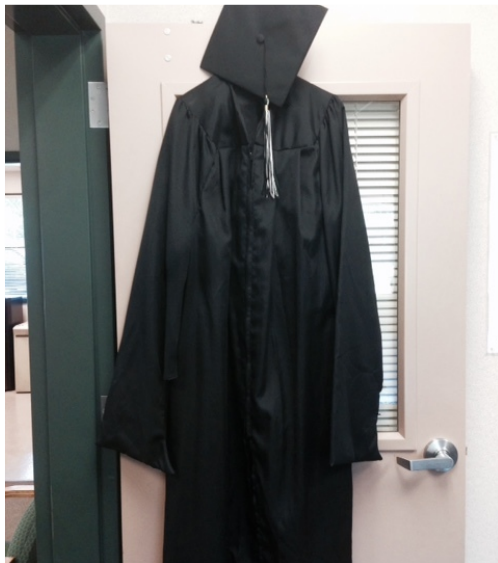
Austin Chastain was especially impressed with the school. "What stood out to me was that they had a million dollar interrogation room. Plus I thought it was pretty cool that they had a full-on entertainment room," Chastain said. "I wouldn't mind going to Sac State."



Victory High Seniors in Front of Sac State Mural

CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATION

We're Graduating!! So, lets get to the basic information about graduation that you should know if you're a senior wanting to walk during the Graduation Ceremony.



Cap and Gowns are in the office, just waiting to be picked up for Graduation Day.

On June 3, 2015 all of the Victory High School seniors are finally graduating at the Rocklin Event Center at 7:00 pm.

If you're a senior and you do not want to attend graduation you don't have to. All you have to do is just come into the main office at Victory High School on June 4 and pick up your diploma. If you are interested in attending the graduation ceremony then here are some things you might want to know.

You have to order a black cap, gown and tassel before April 24 which is a bit too late already, but you can still order them online or find some other place selling them. You can also borrow one from someone if you need to.

The dress code for all graduates are a dress or a blouse and slacks, and dress shoes for females and for males it's a collared shirt, dress pants, and dress shoes.

All seniors will be practicing for graduation on Monday June 1 from 9:00-11:00 and Wednesday June 3 from 10:00-1:00.

Graduates will be given four tickets for family members for priority seatings, the

tickets will be handed out to graduates at practice on June first.

On Graduation Day students must arrive no later than 6:15 to room 107. At 6:30 family members with priority seating tickets are allowed to enter, and at 6:45 general public and family members with priority seating tickets are allowed to enter. Then we start the party.

After asking a couple of students if they are excited to graduate, one student, Jesse Rollin replied "Yes, I'm very excited because I'm ready to see what the real world has in store for me."

Jacob Uribe commented on the Senior trip to Six Flags saying that he thinks" there are not enough sign ups." Hopefully we get enough sign-ups and can attend. Although, I won't be attending because I don't like rollercoasters.

That's all the information for you graduates. Congratulations! You have a great life ahead of you. Do what you got to do for you and live it to the fullest!

By: *Serge Lutskov*

AUTUMN IN SPRING *By: Tyler Smith*

The month has come for someone to be Senior of the month. Autumn Calvert has been elected to be Senior of the month and there couldn't be a better choice.

Autumn Calvert who is a Victory High School student was elected to be Senior of the month. She was voted because she brings in certain qualities that others didn't quite have as much of as Autumn.

Autumn has many friends that said she deserves this honor.

"She's improved a lot throughout the year because she tries very hard," Junior Sam North said.

Another person said she deserves Senior of the month because she is a great person. Everyone who knows her or even knows about her says she gives off a good friendly vibe.

Ryan Silva who is Autumn's boyfriend had

many great things to say about her. He said that she has a bubbly personality and has a great smile. It is clear that Autumn is a great person.

Everyone has said that Autumn is a great person, so they were asked if they would vote for her to be president.

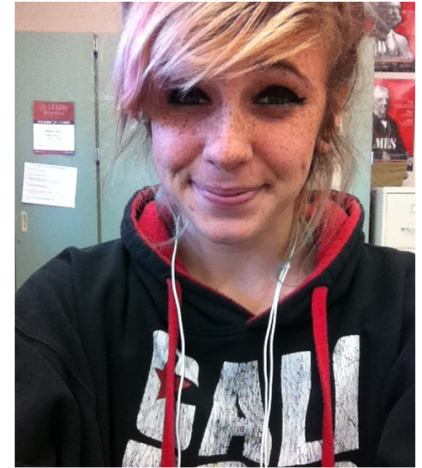
Most people said yes, but Junior Brooklyn Arrington-Diaz said "No, because she's too chill".

It's no doubt that Autumn is a great person and deserves to be Senior of the month. She's also a good person outside of school.

When Autumn gets home from school, she does chores and she does the laundry for her family. When she's done with all of her chores she hangs out with her friends and her boyfriend Ryan Silva, who is Junior of the month ironically.

Autumn has some hobbies as well. "I was

on the bowling team and I loved it." All in all, Autumn is a great, friendly, motivating person who has definitely earned Senior of the month.



Autumn Calvert is May's Senior of the Month.

NOT JUST ANY JUNIOR *By: Autumn Calvert*

Each and every student at Victory High School is dedicated, hard-working, and has a great personality, but one stood out most to us this month of May. This student has shown a great work ethic and is friendly to everyone on campus, including the staff, which is a good representation of Victory High School.

Ryan Silva has been chosen this May for Victory High School's junior student of the month because he shows qualities of a great student. Ryan has been, and continues, to work very hard here at Victory to earn his credits which has put him on track for early graduation next year.

Ryan Silva is a 17 year old junior who has five dogs, skateboards, and loves to make everyone smile. "He's always coming up to hug me or something," Junior Max Winn says.

He transferred from Rocklin High School to Victory last year due to grades and academic performance, but has been able to make a huge improvement since the move, and continues to do well. "I came here cause I needed to make a change," says Silva. He knew he was headed down the wrong path, so something was done about it.

As soon as Ryan got to Victory he started working hard to make up his lost credits from the past couple of years. He received a full 6-class schedule and even joined the bowling team for extra credit, so by his

senior year he won't need to have a full schedule and will be able to graduate early.

"Ryan performs at an extremely high level. He's constantly engaged, and I can always count on him to make sure he not only completes his work, but to give me quality work as well. From day one Ryan was one of the students who stood out to me that was determined to achieve their goal," says history teacher Mr. Baham.

The students at Victory High School all have great qualities that contribute to the school's greatness, but many people agree that Ryan Silva especially express these qualities, and more. Not only does he try when it comes to his academics, but he's also a big people person; he's very friendly with everyone and just loves to see everybody smiling.

"He's always hilarious; and he actually does try, he's a smart boy," says student and friend of Ryan, Brooklyn Arrington, "there's only certain ways to get on his bad side, and it's usually for a good reason."

Ryan dedicates lots of his time to hanging out and doing activities with his friends, including joining in some hacky-sack circles. He absolutely loves spending time with his girlfriend, Autumn, and has been teaching her how to skateboard for some time now.

"I love hanging out with my friends and my amazing girlfriend, skating, and playing

hacky-sack," Ryan says. "When I'm alone I love listening to music. It puts me in a happy place."

Ryan puts all his effort into everything from his academics to his friendships, and it really shows and pays off, which is why he was chosen as student of the month for May here at Victory High School.

"All together Ryan is a great, well-rounded guy," says student Jacob Uribe.



Ryan Silva, May student of the month, and his girlfriend Autumn Calvert together at a creek.

THE ORIGINAL G *By: Mia Coronado*

Ms. Goodnough, a very smiley and bubbly teacher, was chosen to be Staff of the Month, at Victory High School.

Goodnough is a teacher who teaches English III & IV to the students of VHS and was also a bowling coach for the VHS Bowling Team.

We have asked different students, who were close to Goodnough, what they think about her as a teacher and as a person and why they thought she deserved to be Staff of the Month.

Ms. Goodnough has taught at Victory High School for 5 years. It started out as teaching English at night school. Impressing the principle, he offered her the job to teach here at Victory High School full time.

"I always wanted to become a teacher, ALWAYS, and when I was younger I would tell people I would be a teacher during the school year and a flight attendant during the summer...but I realized later it didn't work like that," Goodnough said.

She decided to become an English teacher because she disliked History and she didn't think she would do a good enough job at teaching Math/

"I loved English. With Math, there's only one correct answer, but with English, it has multiple answers with discussion and different interpretations," Goodnough said.

Ms. Goodnough is more than just an English teacher here at Victory High School.

She is also the Bowling Coach, the ELD teacher, the Journalism and Yearbook teacher, and the Book Club Adviser.

Brysen, a Junior at VHS was on the bowling team and was also coached by Ms. Goodnough.

When asked to describe Ms. Goodnough in one word he answered,

"Joyful, because she's always smiling and is always trying to make everybody around her in a better mood, no matter what. She was a great bowling coach, and she always gave us pointers, not in the way that made us feel criticized, but in a way that made us feel good and try harder."

She is loved by her students and staff and always has the BIGGEST smile on her face that can brighten up anybody's day.

"I never thought I would teach at a Continuation School, but I have fallen in love with it."



Ms. Goodnough, smiling away like always at her podium in front of the classroom.

CREATIVE WRITING

The Mindless Soldier By: Carly Hershberger

He sits at home in his rocking chair,
His mind going off into no where.
His wife can't touch him
because he will start to panic,
his kids can't yell,
because he will start to scream
and hide under a table.
"Bodies.. Bodies everywhere!"
"BLOOD!"
"DEATH!"
"PAIN!"
He shouts at night.
Can you imagine
Living with someone who isn't themselves?
who doesn't even know themselves?
He twitches in the night next to his wife
and all she can do is hold him
until his mind is calm.
He has the mind of a lonely soldier,
but to his family, the heart of a brave man.
No one can imagine what he is thinking,
or what he has been through.
All they can do is love him,
While he sits in his rocking chair,
and his mind going off into nowhere.

The Deadly Impact By: Petyon Marvin

I never knew it could be so hard
To hurt other men
With bombs and guns
And seeing bright red blood
Running like a river on the hard dirt ground
I think to myself
What if that was me?
Getting killed and leaving the physical world
Without telling my family goodbye
And how much I love them
I see men dying right before my eyes
And body's surrounding the streets
With families at home that have no clue
That they lost a loved one
Fighting for our freedom
I think about my family every day and night
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
How I wish I can eat home cooked meals
Instead of bread and meat
And kiss my young children goodnight
And lastly, I wish to see my children grow
To grow, succeed, and achieve
Any goals they set their minds to
And if they decide to fight for our freedom
So let them be

BALTIMORE PROTESTING FOR JUSTICE

By: Rhianna Christian

Baltimore, Maryland, was shaken by the death of a 25 year old African-American man named Freddie Gray on April 19th, 2015. The cause of Gray's death was subject to injuries inflicted to his spinal cord while in the custody of the arresting officers.

The incident sparked a change in the community, many people deciding to take a stand against the injustice in their city, both peacefully and violently.

Gray had no reason to bring suspicion to the arresting officers besides the fact that he fled when making eye contact, which provoked a chase. Upon confrontation, the officers found that Gray did possess what they assumed to be an illegal switchblade, giving the officers a reason to arrest Gray.

The way they went about it, however, is what caused an ongoing roar in the city of Baltimore.

"The guy wasn't doing anything wrong, he was just running and he has the right to do that," Victory High School student Lauren Green said.

The people of Baltimore had made the choice to speak up about how they felt. Originally intending to be peaceful, the protests soon branched out into a full swing rebellion against the justice system.

As a result of the violent riots, the peace has been kept in the dark, and for a reason, too. "I'm aware of the peaceful protests. I don't think they're covering them enough, I think they're more focused on the bad things that are happening because it's good news," Victory High School student Sophie Fitzsimons said.

Gray was denied immediate medical assistance, despite notifying the officers multiple times that he was in pain.

The arresting officers damaged his spinal cord, making it difficult for Gray to breathe. "He should have been given the medical help that he needed when he asked for it, because it was their fault that they damaged him and they should have helped him," Victory High School student Brooklyn Arrington said.

In the police van in which Gray was unsecured and handcuffed, he had fallen into a coma.

The six officers responsible for the death of Gray were temporarily suspended with pay, and later charged by Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby. The charges revealed that Gray's arrest was unlawful, as the switchblade in which the arresting officers assumed to be an illegal weapon, is legal under Maryland law.

The topic of police brutality leaves many to wonder if the protection of the citizens is still the number one priority in law enforcement. "They say that they want to help the citizens of America" Victory High School student Carly Hershberger said, "but the way that police officers are acting, especially to African American people, it's just rude...and brutal."

The officers for this case may have been charged, but the fact remains that situations like these are still happening on a daily basis throughout America.

"This is real life, this is what they're getting away with, and nobody's doing anything to stop it because they won't listen," Victory High School student Jesse Rollin said.



Baltimore Peacefully Protesting in the name of Freddie Gray.

NEPAL DEVASTATED BY EARTHQUAKE

By: Rhianna Christian

The news article "More than 3,000 killed in Nepal earthquake" by the Los Angeles Times explains the earthquake that recently tore through Nepal, killing a large amount of people. The earthquake came at a frightening 7.8 magnitude, with many destructive aftershocks following behind it. "A magnitude-6.6 aftershock hit about an hour later, and at least 20 other aftershocks followed the huge quake" (8). With an already powerful earthquake roaring through the country, the aftershocks that appeared throughout created even more damage, possibly sending Nepal into a future major economic decline.

It's heartbreaking to see a country sent into such a tragic situation. "Many structures in Nepal are made of brick or rubble and stone, and people were injured by falling bricks" (17). It's going to be a struggle for the country to rebuild the torn areas, even with relief efforts from other countries. In conclusion, this earthquake has devastated the small country, leaving many to wonder how they'll survive the tragedies that have been inflicted upon thousands of lives.



The aftermath of the devastating Nepal Earthquake.

THE AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON REVIEW *By: Manni Atwal*

On May 1, 2015 the sequel to one of the biggest superhero movies of all time was finally here.

Joss Whedon, the director of the last movie has returned for this epic sequel.

The movie stars Robert Downey Jr (Iron Man), Scarlett Johansson (Black Widow), Chris Hemsworth (Thor), Chris Evans (Captain America), Mark Ruffalo (Hulk), James Spader (Ultron), Jeremy Renner (Hawkeye), Samuel L. Jackson (Nick Fury), and many more.

We also have three brand new avengers who bring something new to the team. Elizabeth Olsen (Scarlet Witch), Aaron Taylor Johnson (Quicksilver), and Paul Bettany (Vision).

Ultron is one of the most interesting yet closed villain in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. His progression in the film is very fast and doesn't seem well paced.

"I would give more of a motive to create the AI," stated Alexis Royce, a student at Victory High School.

His motive to hurt the human race seems to be rushed and not viable. Although his visuals and the way he was portrayed by James Spader gives the character more life with the way he uses his voice to scare the team.

There was so much action in this film that it never left me unsatisfied. From the beginning to the end, there was non stop action.

In this movie all of the Avengers go through things that make them question what their role is for the team.

I also went around and asked students here who their favorite avenger was. Most said Iron Man. "Iron man because he's mean, but very smart. He doesn't have superpowers; he made his own suit," stated Alexis Royce.

This movie sets up some key plot points for the next phase of

movies that Marvel is wanting to do in the future and leaves a very good easter egg at the end of the movie.

As good as the movie was there was also some problems. "I wanted to see Ultron fight more," said Alex Sanchez, a student at Victory High School.

Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch while they were acted well, their accents weren't. Throughout the movie their accents keep you out of the film because of how bad they really are

The pacing wasn't all that good either as the movie seemed very rushed and there wasn't much character progression. The new characters that we get in the film get no character development like how our other avengers did in the past.

Still, this movie is one of the best comic book movies I've ever seen and it tops any superhero movie that I've seen in the past.

Avengers was such a great movie and topped the first movie and is very enjoyable to watch with the family.

I give this movie a 4.5 out of 5. It by far exceeded my expectations and I'm happy to see what Marvel will show us next.



The Avengers: Age of Ultron hit theaters on May 1.

FEAR THE OLD BLOOD *By: Zack Forsberg*

Bloodborne is a 2015 action role-playing video game directed by Hidetaka Miyazaki, developed by FromSoftware, and published by Sony Computer Entertainment for the PlayStation 4 and was released on March 24th, 2015 worldwide.

Bloodborne's Victorian-inspired setting of Yharnam and its lands are gorgeous. It's beauty lies in its darkness, with a view of an ominous sky. The initial minutes of the city greets you with the signs of death, where coffins are strewn along the sides of the streets. This continues into the forests on the outskirts of Yharnam, where graveyards are also battlegrounds.

While not a direct sequel to "Demon's Souls" in title the fact that the game takes place in the same world which makes it feel like Demon's Souls 2.

"[Bloodborne] carries the DNA of Demon's Souls and it's very specific level design." Hidetaka Miyazaki, the director of Bloodborne said.

Upon starting the game you make your character in the usual Souls way by editing

your appearance and choosing your origin (this determines that character's base stats).

In previous Souls games when you die you leave a "bloodstain" that carries all the souls (these are what you use to buy items and level up) that you could pick up close to where you died now along with this, enemies can absorb your blood echoes if their spawn location is close enough to your death location making the enemy slightly stronger and slightly more aggressive.

Unlike the other games in the series the game feels very linear with most branching paths only leading to shortcuts.

It's ironic that a game series was able to be so successful with its main selling point being how incredibly difficult it is.

"The only reason it's hard is because the enemies deal so much damage" Jake Williamson, a Victory High Senior, said.

While not entirely false what will make you die the most is the fact that enemies are hardly by themselves almost always

attacking together making the damage stack.

"Bloodborne is brutal riposte to the player base that thinks it has seen it all before", a well known youtuber for his videos on the series, Vaatividya, said.

What sets Bloodborne apart from the Souls games is the Regain System, which gives you a brief window of opportunity to retrieve lost health. This can only be accomplished by landing attacks within seconds of losing your health. This results in two options; attack and try to get your health back and potentially receiving more damage or using multiple curative items that are harder to come by as the game progresses.

A hidden enemy in the game is complacency, a creature you've defeated 50 times can easily kill you the 51st time if you get cocky.

Bloodborne gets 9/10 if you're a glutton for punishment and tenacious enough to uncover Yharnam's secrets then Bloodborne is a game for you.