



Virginia for  
The School for  
The Deaf and  
Blind  
in Staunton  
2009-2010

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Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind  
Staunton, Virginia



# Medication



Barbara Ferguson

Barbara Ferguson's creativity and enthusiasm is evident in everything she has done at VSDB. Throughout the years, she has worked in the "junior high school"(as it used to be called), elementary, kindergarten, and high school. Her students have enjoyed trips, plays, projects, and authentic work experiences.

Barbara shined when sponsoring the Drama Club or a high school class. She always has unique approaches to competitions, plays, events, and fundraisers. The blocking, acting, humor, and costuming were always fantastic! When VSDB had a Brownie troop and an Outdoor Life Club, Barbara boldly led students through woods and down rivers.

Her work study students have also benefited from her great energy and insight as she guided them through a variety of experiences, showing students what is possible and how to achieve it.

Barbara was also a wonderful coworker. She is retiring this year, and will be greatly missed!



Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind  
Staunton, Virginia  
2009 - 2010 Yearbook

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Nancy Armstrong  
Superintendent



Tarysa Faidley  
Curriculum Coordinator



Susan Fultz  
Director of Nursing



Jack Johnson  
Deaf Department Principal



Mary Murray  
Director of Student Life



Blake Porter  
Director of Public Safety



Renee Adair  
Blind Department Teacher



Wanda Biser  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Linda Blehm  
Deaf Department Teacher



Brenda Bourne  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Frances Brooks  
Housekeeping



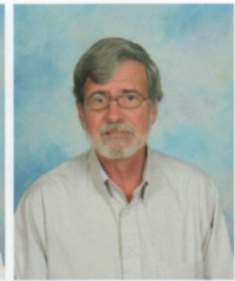
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Central Store



Lindsay Burris  
Deaf Department Teacher



Barbara Bush  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Stanley Byers  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Effie Campbell  
Housekeeping



Paula Cash  
Deaf Department Teacher



Merry-Noel Chamberlain  
Blind Department Teacher



Keturah Clements  
Deaf Department Teacher



Susan Cupp  
Human Resources



Martha Dagg  
Deaf Department Teacher



Roberta Dietz  
Deaf Department Teacher



Thomas Dumontier  
Blind Dormitory Staff



Marjorie Dornham  
Deaf Department Teacher



Deans Eickstein  
Deaf Department Secretary



Joyce Ellinger  
Housekeeping



Heather Emery-Coleman  
Deaf Department Teacher



Timothy Ervin  
Deaf Department Assistant



Barbara Ferguson  
Deaf Department Teacher



Karen Ferguson  
Housekeeping



Alisha Fisher  
Housekeeping



Mark Fletcher  
Dormitory Behavior Staff



Tonnette Garza-Fitzwater  
Deaf Department Assistant



Perry Grimm  
MD Dormitory Staff



Tammy Grimm  
Dormitory Staff



Marian Hackney  
Blind Department Teacher



Richard Haelen  
Deaf Department Teacher



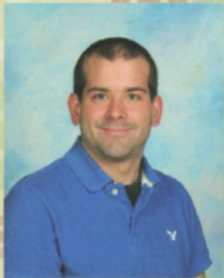
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Blind Department Assistant



Gregory Hansen  
Occupational Therapist



Penny Hertlaub  
Deaf Department Assistant



Nichole Hesel  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Evelyn Holmberg  
Deaf Department Teacher



Sam Huff  
Blind Department Assistant



Rhonda Jennings  
Deaf Department Teacher



Regina Kidd  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Anne Knopp  
Blind Department Teacher



Dawn Koonitz  
Intervener



Pattye Leslie  
IEP Coordinator



Cassandra Lucas  
Speech Language Pathologist



Barbara Mahaffey  
Deaf Department Assistant



Marvin Mahler  
Director of Facilities and Engineering



Miranda Maurer  
Deaf Department Teacher



Cynthia McAllister  
Blind Department Assistant



Gary McLawhorn  
Deaf Department Assistant



Norma Michael  
Housekeeping



Donna Middleton  
Blind Dormitory Staff



Joni Miller  
Blind Department Assistant



Michele Miller  
Deaf Department Teacher



Robin Miller  
Business Office



Marybeth Moore  
Nurse



Beth Moyer  
Business Office



Heather Nicholson  
Deaf Department Teacher



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Deaf Department Teacher



Sharon Ober  
Payroll



Deborah Oldman-Brown  
Deaf Department Teacher



Jeanie Patton  
Blind Department Assistant



Christopher Payne  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Kristin Quinn  
Deaf Department Teacher



Janice Rankin  
Director of Operations



Marleen Roberts  
Deaf Department Assistant



Faithlyn Robinson  
Deaf Department Assistant



Margaret Robison  
Librarian



Sandra Russell  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Jeremy Saling  
School Psychologist



Ashanti Samuel  
Blind Department Assistant



Alison Shaner  
Blind Department Teacher



Tammi Shook  
Deaf Department Assistant



Sarah Shreckhise  
Speech/Language Pathologist



Rebecca Sigrist  
Secretary



Emily Simmons  
Nurse



Cheryl Siron  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Jessica St. Arnaud  
Deaf Department Teacher



Tammy Staton  
Blind Dormitory Staff



Tina/Margaret Stevens  
Deaf Department Teacher



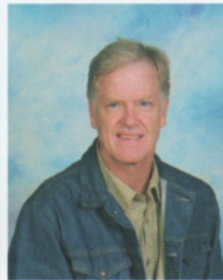
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Instructional Technology Resource Teacher



Rory Swientek  
MD Dormitory Staff



Patti Taylor  
Deaf Department Assistant



Joe Thompson  
Social Worker



Donna Wait  
Deaf Dormitory Staff



Susanne Wilbur  
Deaf Behavior Staff



Harry Wood  
Deaf Department Teacher



Erin Yanez  
Intervener







# Elementary School

# Preschool



Jennilyn Christian



Keatrina Clark



Zachary Fletcher



Michaela Mueller



Korben Sanchez



# Kindergarten



Alexander Brown



Rumi Goedhouse





Jessica Breeden



Treanna Pirrock



Junior Amaya Castro



Precious Freeman



Makayla Greeley



Wesley Lahn



Daniel Lathan



Hailey Snodgrass

# Fourth Grade



Curtis Martin



Mario Moore



Luis Ramos Galvao

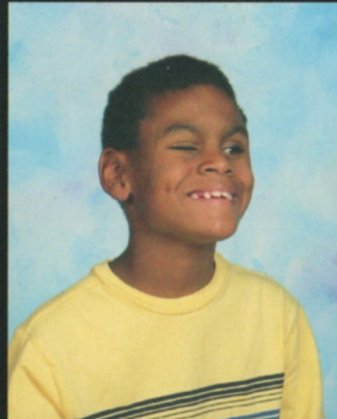
# Fifth Grade



Troy Ford



Ellie Hardwick



Cornell Izziary



Tiana Johnson



Neophen Langdon

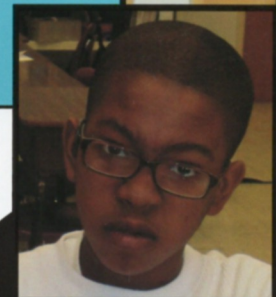
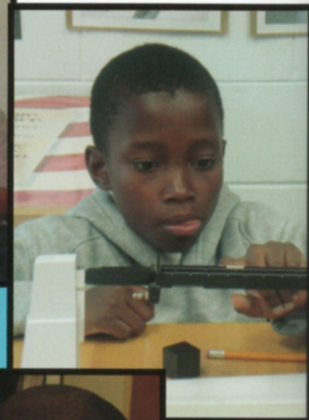


Austin Molitor



Gwynne Roney

# Middle School





Christopher Alexander



Thana Garcia Ramirez



Jeremiah Goska



LaPrecious Porter



Antwon White

# 6th grade



Wendria Brown



Ronagrick Castle



Adrian Crosby



Stephanie Ferrigno



Jacob Looney



Hannah Mills



Joli Roberts



Malik Sims



Olatunde Thom



Joyce Vines

# 7th grade



Justin Broxton



Kahlj Dabney



Ethan Dotson



Breanna Garcia



Astrin Quillen



Sariah Racey



Dorian Smith



Briani Witter

# 8th grade





**Sixth Grade  
Deaf Department**



**Seventh Grade  
Deaf Department**

# Middle School

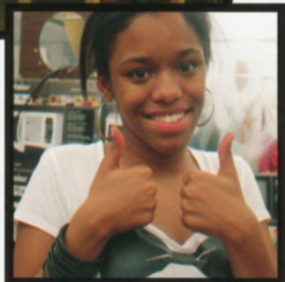


**Eighth Grade  
Deaf Department**



**Middle School  
Blind Department**

# High School



# Freshmen



Bryan Abel



Javier Abazar



Christopher Burger



Sierra Campbell



Earl Edwards



Devin Guertler



Tyler Gumm



Aaron Kinoid



Khai Llewellyn



Abigail Parsons



Alfred Proffitt



Chelsea Rush



Kelsey Ryan



Nicholas Schafer



Timothy Smith



Isaac Strosnider



Raven Turner



Stephen Wesely



Lenny Whitlow

# Sophomores



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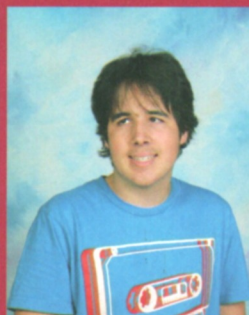
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Eunhee Cho



Mary Katherine Feehan



Ferris Haligi



Cuong Huynh



Devyn Johnson



Kendra Lewis



Mynor Moore



Desrina Mutz



Demarcusnez Sandidge



Chelsea Webb



Clara Willard



Taylor Yopp

# Juniors



Keaunna Bolden



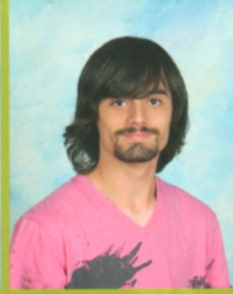
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Nathan Bullock



Shantea Callaway



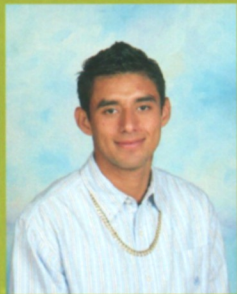
Timothy Cave



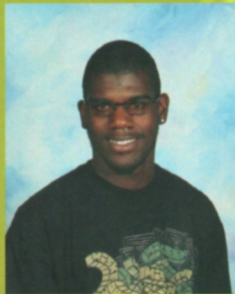
Esther Ara Cho



Allyssa Cook



Erik Corral



LaQuincy Ferrell



Kayla Foley



Shannon Hansen



Karen Hingos



Heather Jacobs



Cerra Johnson



Brittney King



Sarah Komlo



Tyler McDonald



Lisa Parker



Gabriela Romero



Justin Shade



Natalia Sosa



TaQuetta Terry



Kimberly Zepeda

# Seniors



Hope Adams



Madelyn Allen



Amber Anders



Njah Bell



D'Sam Benn



Mia Bowmaster



Robert Bradley



LaQuinta Brown



Clinton Colquhoun



Kierra Davis



Cara Eason



Shannon Franklin



Tara Frost



Jasmine Fuller



Michael Girna



Joshua Harvey



Olessa Johnson



Michael Moss



Rosa Santana



Carlos Santiago



Brittany Savage



Justin Solomon



Noah Steick



Cyron Stokes



Ahmad Subhi



**Freshmen**



**Sophomores**



**Blind Department**



**Juniors**

# High School



Last year!



**Seniors**





## Marlena Hope Adkins

Hometown: Grundy

Quote: Oh, really.

Favorite memory of VSDB: My friends teasing me. They are funny!

Sports/Activities: Throwing balls, swimming, and chatting

Hobbies: Painting and drawing, using the computer

Plans after graduating: To work after graduating and to stay at home and relax

## Madelyn Virginia Allen

Hometown: Richmond

Quote: You are beautiful. Even when you feel ugly or depressed or guilty or ashamed, there is an inner spark in you which is light. This light is your beauty. This light is your reflection of God. You are a child of God, thus you are beautiful.

Sports/Activities: SCA, Jr. NAD, Drama Club, ASL/Art Club, volleyball manager, varsity basketball player and manager, soccer

Hobbies: I'm always quiet, and I enjoy watching movies on my laptop.

I just started driving, and I just drive anywhere.

Plans after graduating: My plans after graduation are to prepare for my future. Due to my injury, it will take a little more time than anticipated.

I will be attending a local college. My love is to be an artist or pursue a job related to art or computers.



## Amber Rose Anders

Hometown: Hillsville

Quote: My advice to other students would be to help each other and have some fun joking around, too.

Favorite memory of VSDB: The best part of being at VSDB is that Teia and I have been best friends for 11 years.

Sports/Activities: I played soccer when I was little

Hobbies: I love hanging out, chatting, and having fun with my friends.

Plans after graduating: I will go straight to work and start my life with my husband. I am looking forward to starting a family.







## Najah D. Bell

Hometown: Newport News

Quote: Remember, we are behind you, always!

Favorite memory of VSDB: My best friend, Madelyn Allen, is very funny and makes me laugh. It's the best thing in the world!

Sports/Activities: Volleyball, basketball, soccer, cheerleading, Jr. NAD, Art Club, Drama Club

Plans after graduating: I want to become an artist and go somewhere for college.

## DaSam Kummain Benn

Hometown: Norfolk

Quote: Pay attention, work hard, learn  
Favorite memory of VSDB: I love playing sports! I enjoyed my classes and had fun with my friends.

Sports/Activities: Drama Club, Jr. NAD, Board Game Club, Science Club, soccer, basketball, track

Plans after graduating: I will work at Wal-Mart, but I want to be a wrestling coach at college.



## Robert Bradley

Hometown: Staunton

Quote: I'm not interested in worksheets.

Favorite memory of VSDB: At the Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament in Florida, we won 6th place, and our team was excited.

Sports/Activities: Soccer, basketball, volleyball, track, Drama Club, and SCA

Hobbies: Videogames, texting, chess, and juggling

Plans after graduating: I want to go to BBRC, Blue Ridge Community College.



## LaQuinta Brown

Hometown: Petersburg

Quote: You can't tell me what to do.

Favorite memory of VSDB: Hanging out with my favorite girls. I will never forget the SCDB basketball tournament when me and some girls were playing around in the dorm.

Sports/Activities: I love playing basketball, volleyball, rugby, and flag football, but most of the time I play basketball and volleyball. I am also in Drama Club, Dance Club, and Jr. NAD.

Hobbies: I'm a freak for shopping and hanging out with my friends. I like to text. I love playing volleyball and basketball with my friends.

Plans after graduating: I plan to go to college, take photography, do day care, and travel to some states with friends.

## Clinton Jeffery Colquhoun

Hometown: Troutville

Quote: Well, you earned it... Don't worry. You'll be fine.

Favorite memory of VSDB: In March 2009, all junior high school and high school boys were so wild and hyper in the pool at VSDB.

Sports/Activities: JV Basketball, Soccer, Varsity Basketball, Drama Club, SCA,

Varsity Letter Club, Technology Club, and Jr. NAD

Hobbies: Shopping at the mall, hanging out and chatting with my friends, chatting on VP200 and my Sidekick

Plans after graduating: I am going to community college and then straight to Gallaudet.



## Kierra Shacole Davis

Hometown: Petersburg, Virginia

Quote: "Life is what you make it."

Favorite memory of VSDB: Going on Goalball trips.

Sports/Activity: Goalball and Clogging

Favorite hobbies: Reading, talking on the phone, being on the computer, and hanging out with friends.

Plans after graduating: Going to college to major in Child Psychology



## Dear Friends Cara Jean Eason

Hometown: Troy, TN

Quote: Always be true to yourself. Be peaceful and loving. Look at people on the inside, not the outside.

Favorite memory of VSDB: Spending time with my girlfriend and good friends.

Sports/Activities: Volleyball, basketball, soccer, track, Technology Club, Drama Club, President of the senior class, SCA

Plans after graduating: Community college and relaxing

## Shannon Marie Franklin

Hometown: Warrenton

Favorite memory of VSDB: Having a lot of fun with my best friend, Tara Frost, when she was my roommate.

Sports/Activities: Volleyball manager 2008-2009

Hobbies: Texting, hanging out with friends, eating fast food, sleeping a lot, and having fun

Plans after graduating: I will go to Lord Fairfax Community College for two years, and then get a job.



## Tara Patricia Frost

Hometown: Portsmouth

Quote: Follow your heart and be proud of yourself.

Favorite memory of VSDB: Socializing with friends

Sports/Activities: Drama Club and Fashion Club

Hobbies: Listening to music, watching sci-fi on TV, watching movies, collecting pictures, and playing games on the computer

Plans after graduating: Go to Tidewater Community College or another program



## Joshua Akeem Harvey

Hometown: Norfolk

Quote: Don't blame me, but our world is not perfect.

Favorite memory of VSDB: Sorry teachers, but three years ago, I set alarm clocks in every teacher's room.

Sports/Activities: Soccer, basketball

Hobbies: Hanging out with my homie and traveling

Plans after graduating: I haven't decided yet. I am thinking of going to college or working and moving out of Virginia

## Odessa Leigh Johnson

Hometown: Fredericksburg

Quote: If I made it, I know you all can, too.

Favorite memory of VSDB: Hanging out with my friends

Sports/Activities: Volleyball and basketball

Hobbies: Talking on the videophone

Plans after graduating: Going to work then college



## Brittney Nichole King

Hometown: Pulaski

Quote: Work hard and you will be successful.

Favorite memory of VSDB: I will miss chatting with my best friends, Taylor, Lisa, and TaQuetta. We laughed a lot. We joked with each other. We went to the mall.

Sports/Activities: Baseball, basketball, and volleyball at my school in Marion

Hobbies: Cooking, housekeeping, art, sewing, going on the computer, listening to country music, and playing with my puppy

Plans after graduating: Being a married housewife



## Michael Wayne Moses

Hometown: Charlottesville

Quote: DaSam, keep playing sports!

Sports/Activities: Basketball, soccer

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, texting with friends, skateboarding, bike riding, working with family lawn cutting service/business

Plans after graduating: I plan to work with my dad in his lawn mowing business.

## Rosa Isabel Santana

Hometown: Harrisonburg

Quote: Don't Be Negative... BE Proud, Be Yourself

My favorite memory at VSDB: I never forget when I was sophomore, and I was fighting with Emylou in dorm, somehow I accidentally hit Emylou with my elbow. Then she got black eye. I told her, "You look like clown!"

Sports/Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Drama, JR NAD, SCA, Dance Club and Class of 2010

Hobbies: Chatting, hanging out with my friends, driving around, watching movies

Plans after graduation: Attend community college and NTID or work



## Brittany Elizabeth Savage

Hometown: Middlesex

Quote: Just because you do not have sight does not mean you do not have vision.

Favorite memory of VSDB: Hangout out with all of my friends at goalball games

Sports/Activities: President of Spirit Club, Secretary of NFBJ, goalball 2003-2009, chorus 2003-2009, track 2008

Hobbies: Reading, cooking, listening to music, watching movies, and going downtown with Kierra

Plans after graduating: I will go to BRCC for 2 years, transfer to Mary Baldwin to get my degree in education then go to Louisiana Tech to get my masters in Vision Impairment.



## Noah Stelick

Hometown: Portsmouth, Virginia

Quote: "My quote changes every day so ask me tomorrow."

Favorite memory of VSDB: My favorite memory at VSDB takes place ironically in my least favorite year. It was with me and about half of the dorm - we were all out on the patio eating pizza, talking, laughing and having a great time. The next day we were going to have a cookout - Poor Earnie cooked on the grill, wearing a sombrero in the pouring rain! He came in with a smile from ear to ear.

Favorite hobbies: Playing video games and pool.

Plans after graduating: I have no idea. I want to go to college and study zoology and/or computer programming in game design.

## Cyron Stokes

Hometown: Blacksburg

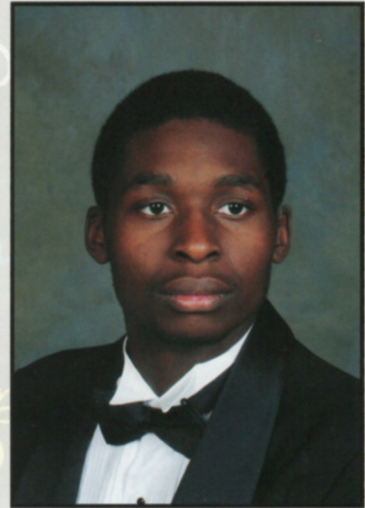
Quote: You will achieve your goal when you walk up the steps to it.

Favorite memory of VSDB: Earning 1,819 career points

Sports/Activities: Basketball, soccer, track

Hobbies: Basketball, football, flirting, sleeping, eating, wrestling, and teasing

Plans after graduating: I plan to go to Gallaudet and play on their basketball team.



## Ahmad Subhi

Hometown: Falls Church, Virginia

Quote: "Don't let the eye fool you."

Favorite memory of VSDB: Learning how to play the piano with Ms. Marshon. Barbeques at Earnie's house were always fun for me except that time a few of us got into trouble.

Sports/Activities: Track, Goalball (one year)

Favorite hobbies: Listening to music, playing video games, having fun, running, texting, and playing the piano

Plans after graduating: College to study communications

Hope Adkins



Madelyn Allen



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Tara Frost





Brittney King



Brittany Savage



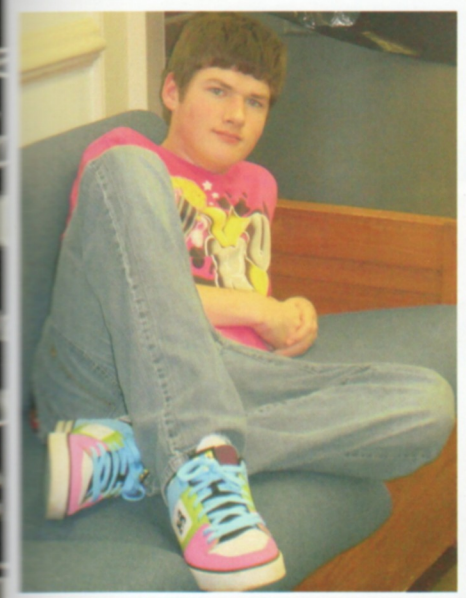
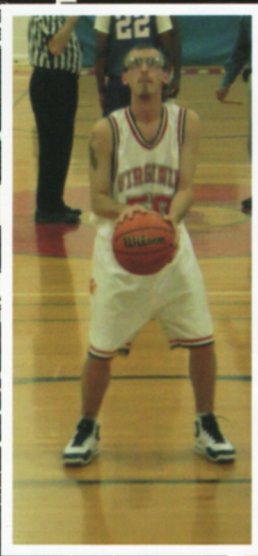
Rosa Santana



Noah Stelick



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# SENIORS

ASSES. Senior Class. FINAL YEAR. MOVING ON



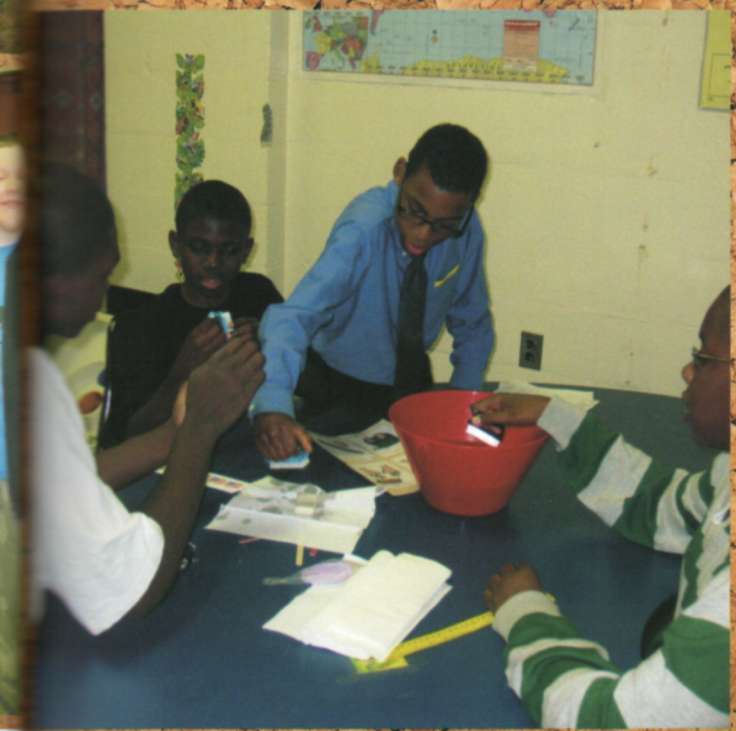


# Blind Department



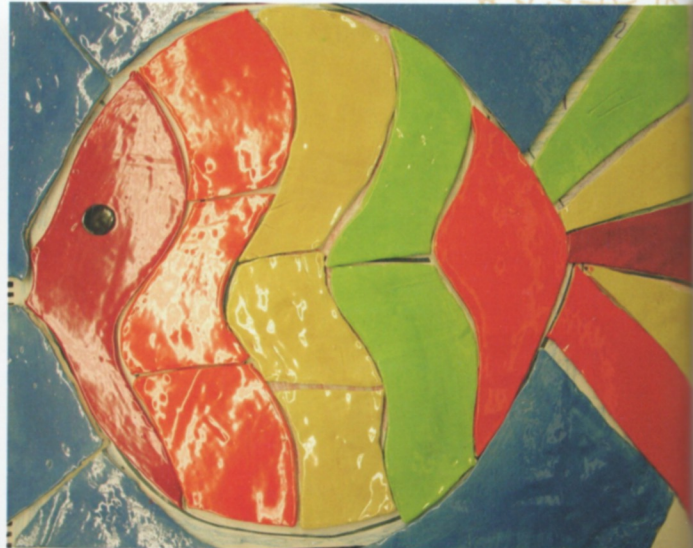
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Art Club Group - The students always come and help out with ties, sheet painting and the fashion show.  
Daryn Johnson, Ciara Willard, Tara Frost, Tessa Calloway, and Taylor Yopp



Fish tiles - In an after school clay class, Justin Boxton drew the fish and middle school boys created the tiles.



Pop Art - Primary/Secondary Paint by Chelsea Rush



Ciara Willard sews the clothes for the fashion show.



College Box  
K-3 Elementary Group Project



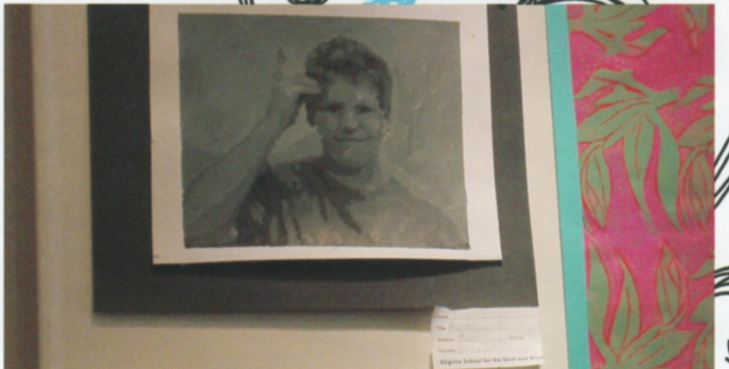
Chelsea Rush  
Self-Portrait Writing



Apple Tiles - All students helped out with the apple tiles for the machine area wall. Former VSE students and a couple of other friends met at the back machine area.



# ART





# SUPERLATIVES



**BEST DRESSED**  
Ciara Willard  
Devyn Johnson



**MOST ARTISTIC**  
Najah Bell  
Rob Bradley



**MOST FOCUSED**  
Keaunna Bolden  
Tim Cave

# SUPERLATIVES



**BEST DANCERS**  
LaQuinta Brown  
Cyron Stokes



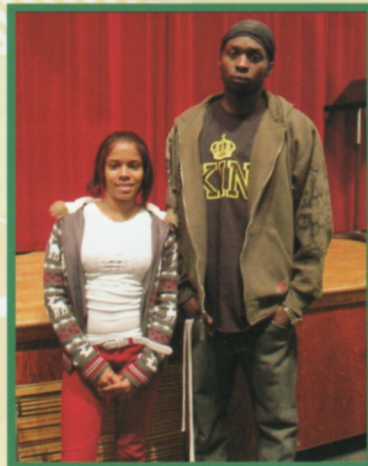
**FUNNIEST**  
Kendra Lewis  
Clinton Colquhoun



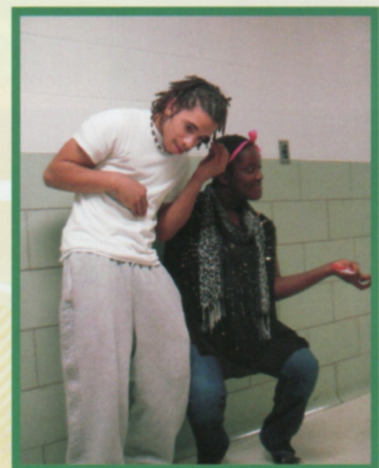
**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
Odessa Johnson  
Cyron Stokes



**MOST DRAMATIC**  
Sierra Campbell  
Devyn Johnson



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
Rosa Santana  
Cyron Stokes



**WILDEST**  
Kendra Lewis  
Justin Shade

# Math Counts

A Math Competition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students  
at RIT/NTID in Rochester, NY  
April 3 to 5, 2009



The girls with their new friends and roommates from another school.



Hannah Mills, Stephen Wessely, Tim Smith, and Ethan Dotson



Breanna Garcia, Devin Oberler, and Lindsey W. on competition day!



Lindsey, Breanna and Hannah on the 9 hour bus trip to Rochester, NY!



## *Constitution Day* *September 17, 2009*

Mrs. Dunham's United States Government class gave a short Constitution Day presentation to the 8th graders and high school students. Cyron Stokes gave the background information on the Constitution while other students in the class took turns explaining the parts of the Constitution from the Preamble to the amendments. The Constitution was then celebrated with a "birthday party". Three cakes were baked and decorated by the students.



## **Deaf Awareness Week** **September 21-24, 2009**

Monday, Opening Activities  
Tuesday, "What is DAW?"  
Wednesday, Deaf Awareness ASL Game  
Thursday, Panel of Deaf Adults



# SUCCESSFUL BLIND PROFESSIONAL CAREER EXPLORATION SEMINAR

October 23, 2009

Professionals who were blind visited our middle and high school students to share what alternative skills of blindness (Braille, O&M, technology, and positive attitudes) they needed in order for them to strive & achieve their successes. Students conducted the presentation by interviewing the presenters ahead of time. These individuals stayed for lunch where students had additional time for one-on-one conversation.



# SCIENCE FAIR

NOVEMBER 18, 2009  
COORDINATED BY KRISTIN QUINN



1st Place: (tie)

Scarlet Racey: "Colored Candle Conundrum"

Shyanne Racey: "Which Bubble Gum Blows the Biggest Bubble?"



2nd Place: (tie)

Britni Witter: "Grease is the Word!"

Taylor Yopp: "Clean Test"

3rd Place:

Shannon Hansen: "Is Permanent Marker Really Permanent?"

4th Place: (3-way tie) Heather Jacobs and Kim Zepeda: "Volume Test"

Napoleon Langston, Troy Ford, Tiona Johnson:

"How Fast Does Water Flow...?"

Mario Moore, Louis Ramos, Curtis Martin, Austin Molitor:

"How Do Sand and Soil Affect Run-off?"

# YEE HAW!

Fall Concert  
November 5, 2009





# Homecoming

January 14, 2010

hosting West Virginia School for the Deaf

Freshman Princess, Khai Llewellyn; Sophomore Princess, Lisa Parker; Junior Princess, Najah Bell; Senior Princess, Odessa Johnson; Senior Prince, DaSam Benn; Homecoming Queen, Rosa Santana; Homecoming King, Cyron Stokes







## **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

**There have been many changes around campus. The school is building a new academic building and a new dorm. A new maintenance building is already complete, and there are many more changes on the way. VSDB is getting a facelift!**

### **Shafer Maintenance Complex**

**The old maintenance building has been demolished to make way for the new academic building. The new maintenance building is complete.**





Work on the new academic building has begun on the site of the old maintenance building.



The Chapel and walkways are being repainted.



Hall's porch, stairs, and paths have been repaved.



The renovations are nearly complete on the Stuart Building which will hold the a library media center on the top floor and the Student Center on the ground floor.



The path around the flagpole was redesigned. It now widens to a circle around the flagpole.

# Library

Teen Read Week  
 October 19-23  
 Deaf Dept. "Books into Movies" contest  
 Blind Dept. "Read to the Max" contest & celebration



Both departments had GREAT Teen Read Week contests. In the Blind Dept. the theme was "Read to the MAX" – a reference to the hugely popular Maximum Ride series. The 5th book, Fang, came out in March. The grand prize drawings were for the audiobook & LP versions of Fang! During our celebration on Oct. 22 we had a bird imitation contest, won by Farris H., and a Books to Movies trivia contest, won by Brittany S.

The grand prize winners were:  
 Brittany S. – Fang audiobook  
 Scarlet R. – Fang in LP  
 Britni W. – \$10 movie gift card  
 Stephanie F. – \$10 Walmart gift card

In the Deaf Dept. 18 students participated in an online contest called "Books into Movies" where students matched movie photos to book titles. Prizes were \$10 movie gift cards.

The winners were:  
 LaQuinta (the only one scoring 100%)  
 Hannah M., Breanna G., and Kahji D.  
 Congratulations to all participants!

The libraries are moving! Next year, there will be one central library located in the Stuart Building! Work is nearly complete. Many volunteers are helping Margaret to inventory the many thousands of books.





## Dave the Pizza Man May 2009



As the culmination of the deaf dept's elementary Reading Incentive Program, Dave Moore, the Pizza Man, comes each year from Dominoes Pizza to do a hands-on demonstration on making pizzas.



## Caring About Our Community 3rd Annual Food Drive April 2009

George Payne volunteered to have himself taped to the wall in the cafeteria if we met our goal of 1,000 cans. We met and exceeded it and so, here he is!

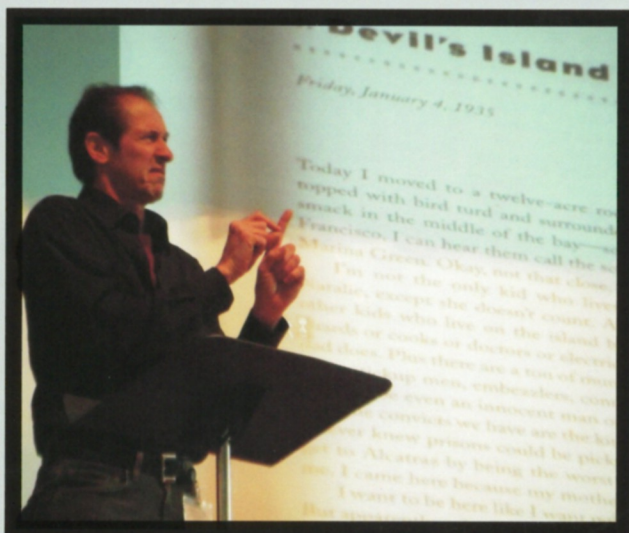


## Work Study

Shannon and Sarah worked in the library for work study. Here, Shannon was putting labels on picture books and Sarah was working with BoxTops.



# Cardinal Reading Series



Richard Haelen read *Al Capone Does my Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko.



Rachel Bavister read Chapter 10 of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

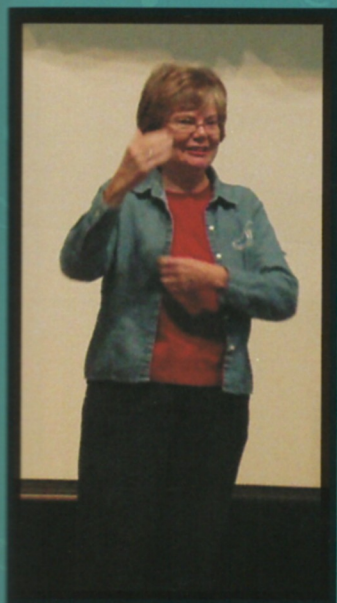


Debbie Oldman-Brown read *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson



Donna Wait read the book *Silent Observer* by Christy MacKinnon.

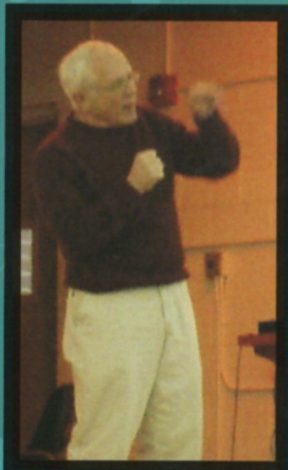
# Challenge Program Lectures



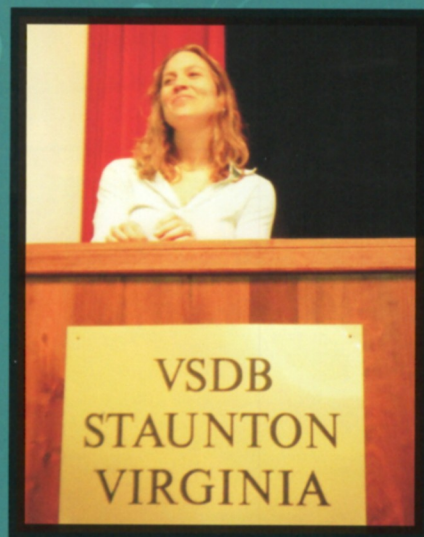
Alice Frick and Rachel Bavister inspired us to be more independent as we learned how to advocate for ourselves.



Margaret Robison spoke about the culture of countries in Central Asia and Afghanistan. Students enjoyed modeling hats and scarves from another culture.



Justin Lambert fascinated us with stories about his travels to Africa and the Grand Canyon.



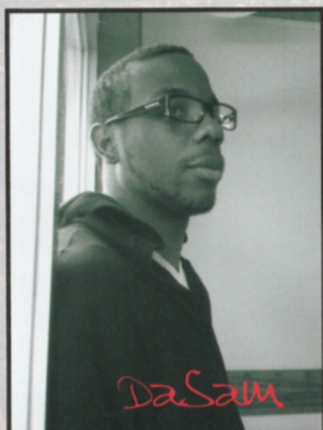
Mary Clay Thomas, a professor at Mary Baldwin College spoke about social work and Honduras

# "A Night of Style" Fashion Show

Cierra



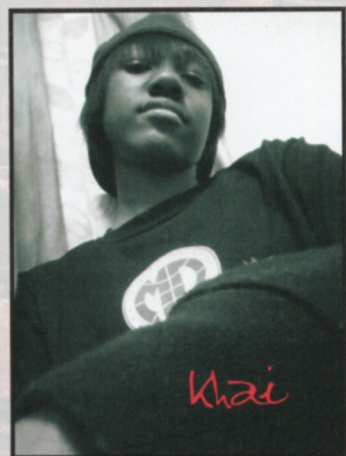
Tara



DaSam



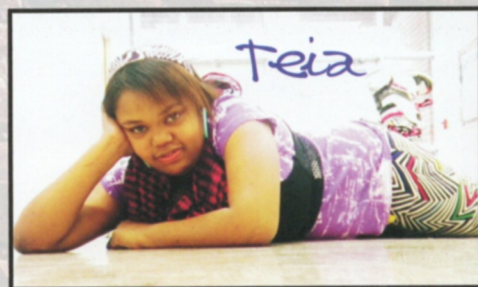
Nabaka



Khai



LaQuinta



Teia



Rosa



Clinton



Sierra

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Ciara Willard: Stage Crew Manager and fashion designer



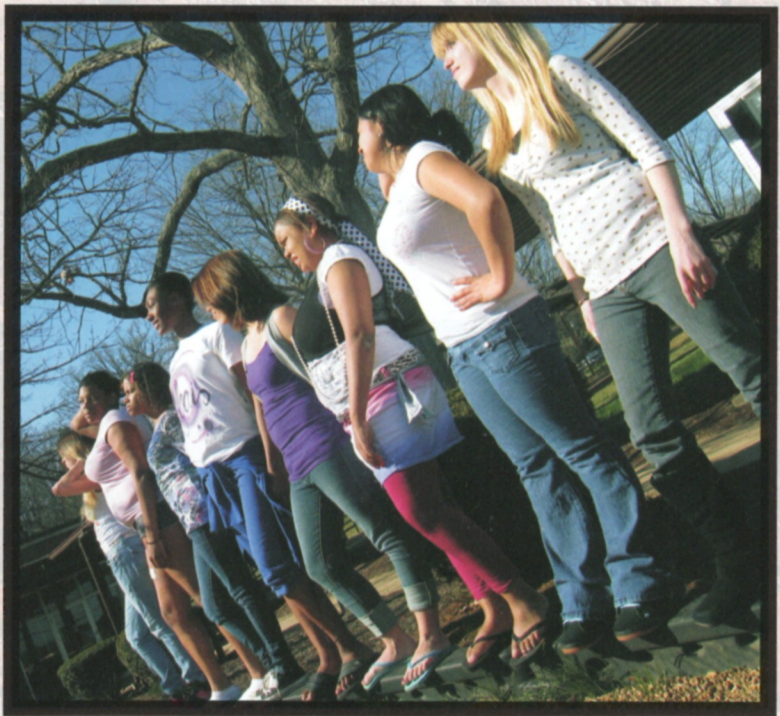
Devyn Johnson: Student Director

Hosted by the Class of 2012

Kendra Lewis and Devyn Johnson: Masters of Ceremony



Chelsea Webb: Fashion Show Photographer





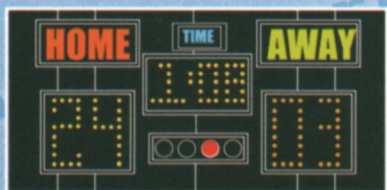
# Goalball

## Athletes

Kierra Davis  
 Shannon Hanson  
 Abigail Parsons  
 Scarlet Racey  
 Mary Katherine  
 Feehan  
 LaQuincey Ferrell  
 Demarcusnez Sandige  
 Tyler McDonald  
 Farris Hallaj



Kristy McClain: Head Coach  
 Tom Dumontier: Assistant Coach



# Volleyball

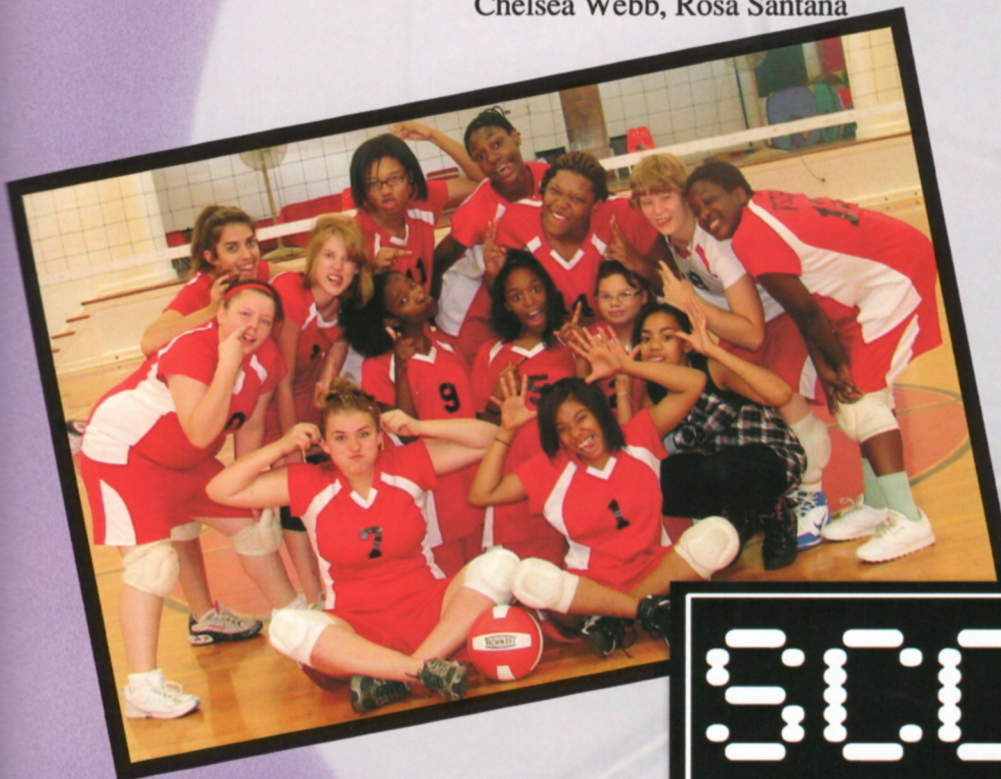


Assistant Coach: Jennifer Lawhorn    Head Coach: Kathy Campbell

Cierra Johnson, Ciara Willard, Keaunna Bolden, Khai Llewellyn, LaQuinta Brown, Cara Eason,  
Kendra Lewis

Deanna Mutz, Najah Bell, Sierra Campbell, Chelsea Rush, Manager: Odessa Johnson

Chelsea Webb, Rosa Santana



SCORE!

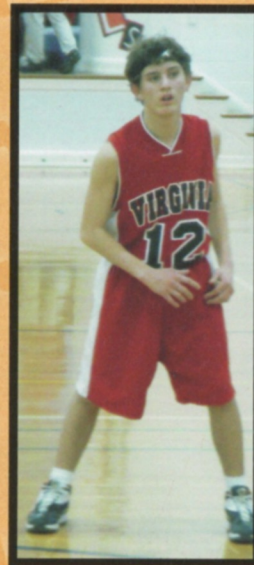
# Basketball

## Junior Varsity

Coach: Harry Wood

### Players

Christopher Alexander  
Breanna Garcia  
Nick Shafer  
Stephen Wessely  
Alfred Proffitt  
Hannah Mills  
Dorian Smith  
Aaron Quillen



Managers: Thania Garcia-Ramirez and Malik Sims

# Basketball

# BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

## Awards and Achievements

MVP: Cyron Stokes: VSDB all time leading scorer with Career Total: 1,819 points.

Coach's award: Tim Cave

Most Improved: Erik Corral

Deaf All-Star Team: Cyron Stokes



## Varsity Players

Tim Cave	Erik Corral
Justin Shade	Cyron Stokes
Joshua Harvey	Rob Bradley
Earl Edwards	Clinton Colquhoun
Mynor Moore	Timothy Smith

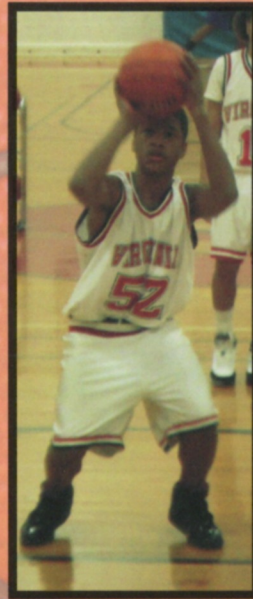
## Managers

Dasam Benn
Devyn Johnson



Cliff Watson: Head Coach

Richard Haelen: Assistant Coach



# SHOOT

oot. Score. **THE HEART OF A CHAMPION.** Slam dunk. **HOOPS.**  
 LAY BALL. Nothing but net. LIVE BASKETBALL  
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# GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



Deaf All-Star Team:  
 LaQuinta Brown  
 Rosa Santana

2009-2010 VSD GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM – Record: 9 - 8  
 KNEELING ROW: Chelsea Webb Rosa Santana, and Cara Eason  
 2nd ROW: Managers: Chelsea Rush, Deanna Mutz, and Odessa Johnson (missing).  
 3rd ROW: Coach Anita Robinson; Taylor Yopp; Heather Jacobs, Keaunna Bolden; LaQuinta Brown, Kahi Llewellyn, Cara Willard, Kendra Lewis, Gabi Romero and Assistant Coach Ronnie Knuckles.



t. Win. **BASKETBALL** Cha  
 life. Te  
**TEAM!** Live basketball. Victory. **BREATHE BASKETBALL.** Play ba  
 lay basketball. Live basketball. Fight. Win. **CHAMPS.** Give



## Awards and Achievements

MVP: Erik Corral

Coach's award:  
Demarcusnez Sandige

Most Improved:  
Clinton Colquhoun

Deaf All-American Team:  
Tim Cave and Erik Corral

Seniors: Rob Bradley, Cyron Stokes, Clinton Colquhoun, Josh Harvey, DaSam Benn

Juniors: Tim Cave, Erik Corral

Sophomores: Demarcusnez Sandige, Mynor Moore, and Taylor Yopp: Manager

Freshmen: Tim Smith, Stephen Wessely, Devin Guertler

8th Grade: Kahji Dabney, Aaron Quillen, and Justin Broxton

LindsayBurriss: Head Coach  
Debbie Oldman-Brown: Assistant Coach



# Academic Bowl



Coaches: Harry Wood and Rhonda Jennings  
Members: Tim Cave (junior), Cyron Stokes (senior),  
Stephen Wessely (freshman), and Sierra Campbell (freshman)

March 28 - 20, 2010  
Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf (NJ)

# ART CLUB



we inspired





# ASL Book Club



## Members

Odessa Johnson  
Rosa Santana  
Devyn Johnson  
Earl Edward  
LaQuinta Brown  
Tara Frost  
Sierra Campbell  
Mynor Moore  
Chelsea Webb  
Kendra Lewis

## Sponsors

Maranda Maurer  
Lindsay Burris



# Band and Chorus



Back Row: Chelsey Ballance, Shannon Hansen, Tyler Gumm, Farris Hallaj, Alyssa Cook, Scarlet Racey  
Front Row: Britni Witter, Shyanne Racey, Makayla Greeley, Ravern Turner  
Front Floor: Demarcusnez Sandidge

## ABC CAFE



# Board Game Club



# Cardinal Letter Club





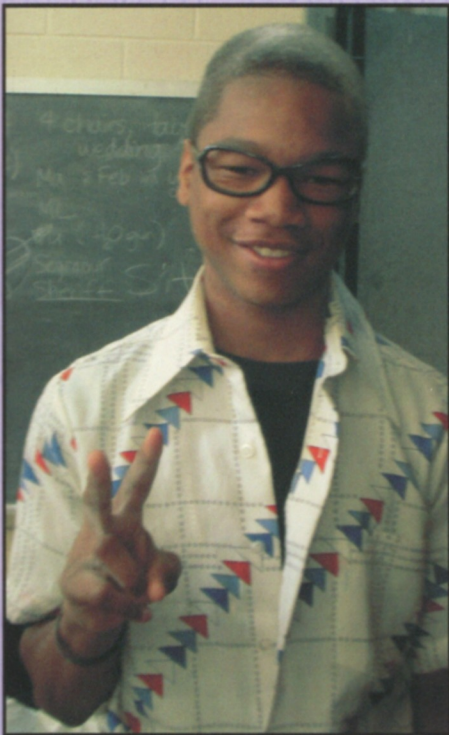
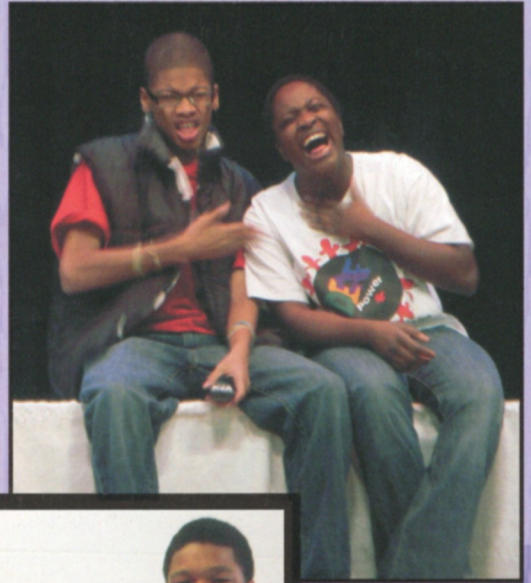
Kendra

Earl

Deryn

Heather

# Drama Club



# Jr. NAD

## Members

DaSam Benn  
 Keanna Bolden  
 Ethan Dotson  
 Cara Eason  
 Earl Edwards  
 Devyn Johnson  
 Odessa Johnson  
 Khai Lewellyn  
 Kendra Lewis  
 Hannah Mills  
 Mynor Moore  
 Kelsey Ryan  
 Rosa Santana  
 Nick Shafer  
 Taylor Yopp

## Sponsors

Bobbie Dietz  
 Marianne Dunham



## Officers

Tim Cave, President  
 LaQuinta Brown, Treasurer

Najah Bell, Vice-President  
 Sierra Campbell, Secretary



Jr. NAD teaches leadership skills. Sponsors Marianne Dunham and Bobbie Dietz, along with active members of the Deaf community such as Alice Frick, Wayne Frick, and Rachel Bavister are invaluable role models for future Deaf leaders.



# Leadership

# Middle School SCA



## BACK ROW

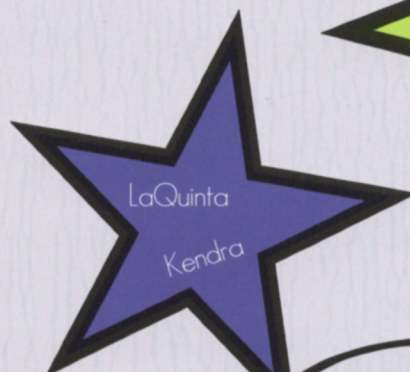
Thania Garcia-Ramires, Vice-President; Breanna Garcia, Secretary; Wayne Castle, Treasurer;  
Hannah Mills, President

## FRONT ROW

Adrian Crosby, Sergeant at Arms; Kahji Dabney, former President  
Not Pictured: Ethan Dotson, former Sergeant at Arms

# High School SCA

President - Tim Cave      Vice-President - Rosa Santana  
Secretary - Keanna Bolden      Treasurer - LaQuinta Brown  
Freshman Representative: Sierra Campbell  
Sophomore Representatives: Mynor Moore and Taylor Yopp  
Junior Representatives: Cuong Huynh and Justin Shade  
Senior Representatives: Cyron Stokes and Clinton Colquhoun



# Dance Club

Sponsors: Tina-Margaret Steel and Neida Williams

# Science Club

A molecular model with spheres in brown, orange, red, and blue connected by grey rods is on the left. On the right, a blue Bunsen burner sits on a blue base with a blue flame.

Members: DaSam Benn, Gabi Romero, Brittney Carter, and Lisa Parker  
Sponsor: Kristin Quinn

# Technology Club



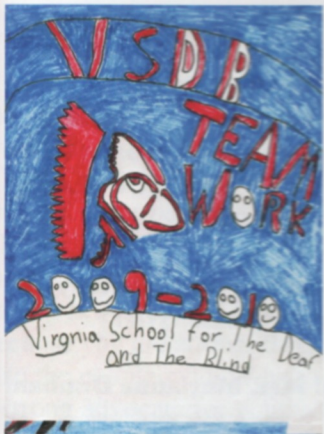
Members: Xandru Armheim, Stephen Wessely, Taylor Yopp, Tim Smith,  
Heather Jacobs, Alfred Proffitt, Javier Alcazar, and Madelyn Allen - not pictured  
Sponsor: Kristin Quinn





Spirit Week!

# Yearbook Cover Competition



Abigail Parsons



Chelsea Rush



Timothy Smith



Amber Anders



Ciara Willard

**Winner:  
Earl Edwards**



Kim Zepeda



MaryKatherine Feehan



Hope Adkins



Teia Callaway



Eunhee Cho



TaQuetta Tarry



Nick Shafer

To the Class of 2010,

As you leave your outstanding school, VSDB, I wish you all the best that life can provide. Please remember ALL of the staff who have helped you along your journey here and provided you with many many memories. In the future when you face tough times think of the advice someone gave you and allow that to strengthen you and/or comfort you. I am SO proud of each of you and your accomplishments. It has been my pleasure to work with each one of you. PLEASE come back and visit us and let us know how your life away from VSDB is progressing!

Love,  
Cheryl Siron

Congratulations to all of you who will be moving on in life. You will be missed. I wish the best for each of you. You all will be in my prayers. No matter what you do, make sure it is something you love to do and do it with all your heart! Good luck and God bless you!  
Harry Wood

**Dear Graduating Class of 2010,**

**We have enjoyed watching you grow up and being part of your lives while you were here. We hope that you will continue to learn and grow in knowledge, wisdom, and compassion and that you will make a positive difference for everyone in you path. It is in helping others that we help ourselves.**

**Battle 2 Houseparents**

The Virginia Association of the Deaf whose mission is to promote, protect, and preserve the rights and quality of life of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in the Commonwealth of Virginia, congratulates you on your graduation from the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. Your school has prepared you well, so may you go far.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Bavister, President

**To the Class of 2010:**

**You are a very special group of young deaf adults! You are beautiful, talented, smart and funny. I will always remember the good times at VSDB with you. I want you all to go out into the world and be the best that you can be. You are also very special to me because you are the last graduating class of my 33 years here at VSDB. I will be leaving with you. Best of luck to all of you!**

**Barbara Ferguson**

**To the class of 2010:  
As you look back at the happy times, the friends you've made and the things you've learned at VSDB, and as you look ahead to a future full of promise and opportunity – my very best wishes go with you all!**

**May every success be yours and may all your dreams come true!**

**Congratulations! Mrs. Marianne Dunham**


Robert,

You made it! You have made our lives so interesting. You are a "Type A" all the way: Artist, Architect, and Aviator.... Oh, and Arguer! You are such a good friend to your brother, Carroll, even as you argue with him. True brothers you are. We are very proud of you and love you dearly. You have a wonderful future ahead of you! Now go clean your room. LOL.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Carroll

Casey Morehouse, Steve Bradley, and Carroll Bradley



**Congrats!**

Seniors,  
You are graduating this June. PAH!!  
Best of luck in whatever you do with your future and make VSDB proud of you all!  
Bobbie Dietz

Brittany,

Wow! It is hard to believe that I am writing your graduation letter. It seems like just a few years ago you blessed the world with your presence. You certainly have blessed me and the people with whom you share your space in this world.

You were such a beautiful baby and have grown into a beautiful, strong, brilliant, caring, loving, independent woman. Your beauty on the outside is just a prelude to the beauty you have on the inside. The heart you have is filled with such love and caring for others. You have such an exuberant personality that exudes a liveliness that many crave.

Strong is a word that fits you in many ways. All that you have faced in this first part of your life, you have handled because you are strong. Strong individuals can face the challenges that are thrown their way and persevere. They are also the people who have the gumption to make things happen, to change things for the better. You have always been a strong advocate for yourself and others. It has not always been easy or the popular thing to do, but I am proud of you for not just being a "yes man"! It takes a strong individual to take the less popular path when it is the right thing to do.

Brittany, you have already accomplished so many things. You have been an exemplary student; you are graduating with an advanced diploma and a 4.0 GPA; you have been inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars. You have been involved in many aspects of community. You have helped build and launch a rocket successfully with NASA, you have been on Capital Hill to help inspire changes that would make many lives better, helped developers and researchers with possible new technologies that would enhance others education, been an active participant in NFB events, and helped your local community with various charitable actions. These are just a few of the things that you have done because they are important to you. You see a need or a chance to change people's perception, and you make things happen; you are strong enough to take it on.

High school may have come to an end, but you are beginning a new exciting phase of your life. You are a woman whom I think the best is yet to come. You are goal oriented and have a vision for what you want to do. I think you will exceed everyone's expectations and do things on a grand scale. I believe your name will be on the tip of many people's tongues as you make your way in the world. I could not be prouder of you. Brittany, you are the best!!!!

Love you much,  
Mom

Clinton,

I am very proud of you graduating high school. I can't believe how quickly the years have passed.

You've come such a long way since Virginia Heights Elementary School, and you should be so very proud of yourself.

I know, no matter what you do, you will be a success. You are so smart!

More importantly, I just want you to be happy.

I will always love you, no matter what.

Love,  
Dad

Clinton,

You have come so far from the boy you were when we first met. You are now a very hard-working, mature young man, and I am so very proud of you. I know you will succeed in anything you set your mind to do. Remember though, that I will be there for you, to help and guide you, should you ever need me.

I love you,  
Your step dad,  
John

Dear Clinton,

Being your parent has been one of the greatest gifts in my life.

You have exceeded my expectations in your academic progress and I am so very proud of you! Believe in yourself and you will find success.

I love you,  
Mom

**Clinton,**

**How can it be, that the years have passed so quickly? It seems such a short time ago you were a small child playing on my kitchen floor, often drawing silly pictures of grandpop and me. We laughed so much! Now here you are, a fine, young man, graduating from high school, and entering another stage of your life. I am so very proud of you! You have worked hard. Continue with your dreams. I wish most for you, a productive and happy life. With much love, Grandmom Mattie**

Brittney,

You are a miracle. You have faced many challenges and have succeeded in all of them with a smile. We are very proud of you and all you have achieved.

We love you.

PawPaw and Nanna

Dear Class of 2010,

You have made it through high school, congratulations! Find happiness in your life and pursue it. Don't forget to look back and remember good times that you had here at VSDB. There are many good times ahead, too. Good luck as you enter into the next phase of life!

Jessica Britva

Hope

Congratulations on your graduation. Donny and I are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Great Job! Remember life is a journey. Enjoy all that God has given to you one day at a time. Always put Him first in all that you do. We love you.

Danny and Suzi

Dear Noah,

You entered our world on Feb. 12, 1992. In a hurry even then, you arrived three months early, kicking and screaming with all your 2 pound twelve ounce might, as if to say, "Here I am world, deal with me!" Medicine, machines, and the expert care of many doctors and nurses, along with many prayers and the grace of God kept you alive until you could grow enough to come home. On April 12, 1992, you came home and it was up to us to keep you alive. For the first few months, it was easy. A monitor was nearby to alert us if you stopped breathing, but you soon learned to pull the leads off and set off the alarm to bring us running. We played that game for about ten months, then the medical company took the monitor away and you had to learn new ways to keep our attention - fun things like pulling hair, biting, wriggling out of our arms, and climbing out of high chairs, strollers, and carts despite several harnesses and straps designed to keep you safe.

During this time you visited many doctors and we were told that the oxygen used to keep you alive had damaged your retinas and that you were blind in your right eye and partially blind in your left eye. You were very small and not yet mobile when we first learned this so we anxiously waited for you to grow and learn to crawl and walk so we could see what you would do. You learned to belly crawl and about 12 months and you had no problems in the house or in the yard. When you were about eighteen months old you learned to walk, and shortly thereafter, to run, and this became your normal speed. At this point, keeping you alive got much much harder. We were so excited that you could move around and not bump into things that we let you lead and we followed. We followed you all over the neighborhood, the mall, the park, Walmart, and church. You developed specific routes and routines and would only enter stores thru doors that made a certain sound that only you could hear. You identified your school bus by the sound of its motor and when it broke down and they sent a substitute bus, you did not want to get on. At school you were a challenge to your teachers. You put your head down on your desk and they thought you were not listening. Then you would ask or answer a question in such a way that they knew you were very aware of everything that was going on. Your classmates loved you because you could ask questions close enough to the subject at hand that the teachers would try to answer you but far enough off the subject to derail any lesson plan. You employed this tactic at all grade levels whenever you thought the class was too quiet.

Eighteen years have gone by all too quickly. From birth to 2 years old you required round the clock care. From 2 years to 6 years old it took your sister, your dad, and me working in shifts, one on one with you to keep you safe. From 6 years to 12 years old it was down to your dad and me. These were the years when you seemed determined to crack your head open, run into traffic or fall into the moat at Fort Monroe or the alligator pit in Florida. You were never afraid of the dark or getting lost because you always trusted us to find you and we always did. About the time you turned 12 years old, we could see a change beginning. You were able to apply all the things we taught you and take care of yourself a little bit. All of the hours we spent rocking you and singing to you and praying with you, all the years of reading to you and doing homework and teaching you the things you needed to know were not in vain. You have grown into a remarkable young man. You are smart and polite and you do not let anyone tell you that you cannot do something. You just go ahead and prove them wrong. I know that you have taught us many things over the years as well and we are very proud to be your parents. By the will of God we were made a family and we have done our best to raise you according to His instructions. We were especially happy when you accepted Jesus as your Savior. And now as you take off your camouflage and put on your graduation gown and leave the guidance of VSDB and the comforts of home, all I have to say is "Look out world, here he comes!"

Love, Mom and Dad