



# VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL Alumni News

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## MEET TODAY'S VIC HIGH STUDENTS

We are delighted by the stories we read and hear about Vic High today, its programs and its accomplishments. Keith McCallion (Principal 1989-1994) recently had the pleasure of meeting with three students and finding out more about them and their busy lives. Here are profiles of Angela, Tianna and Deanna, today's Vic High students.

### ANGELA ADAMSON

Angela is a grade 12 honour roll student (4.5 GPA) who was awarded the Passport to Education Bursary in grades 10 and 11. She is "second generation Vic High" – her mother, Sharon (Dhillon), is a 1978 grad. After Vic High, Angela plans to attend UVic to pursue studies in the Faculty of Business.

Angela's teachers describe her as "highly motivated with a strong work ethic". In school, Angela is involved in many clubs and activities, including the Environment and Youth Supporting the Community Clubs, the Yearbook Committee, the dance program, choir and the Vic High volleyball and rowing teams. She has a strong interest in graphics and web design and is creating Vic High's career website. Outside of school, Angela has been involved with several non-profit organizations: the United Way of Greater Victoria, YOUCAN Canada, and the City of Victoria Youth Council and, since she was 9 years old, with Girl Guides of Canada. Angela says the teacher who inspired her most is Allen Govender at Sir James Douglas because of "he was strict but fun too". She feels that the greatest qualities about Vic High are the school's acceptance of diversity and its welcoming, caring people.

### TIANNA METZGER

Tianna is a 19 year old student who will graduate in June. She lives in Langford with her 16 month old son, Dominic. Tianna's day starts early; after breakfast together she and Dominic drive in her 1994 Dodge Caravan to the Girls' Alternative Program (GAP) on Richmond Road. Dominic goes to daycare while Tianna attends First Nations History 12. After class, she visits with Dominic and then drives to Vic High where she is enrolled in Career Preparation Automotive 11 and 12 with teacher



Mike Grew. She has always been interested in cars and says "I've learned so much in this course from Mr. Grew, a great teacher". Mr. Grew reports that Tianna is always in the shop during the lunch hour doing extra work and learning by doing.

Tianna will attend Camosun College next year and one day will open her own automotive repair shop. After Vic High classes are finished, she returns to GAP, picks up Dominic. After play time, dinner and bathtime, Dominic goes to bed and Tianna begins studying. Tianna would like alumni to know that she works very hard on her studies and is "very proud of the way I take care of my son". Before enrolling at Career Prep Automotive, she attended Wishart Elementary, Dunsmuir Junior High, Esquimalt High and Belmont High. Hopefully, she'll keep that '94 Caravan going for many more years!

**DEANNA REID**

Deanna is a grade 11 student who attended Sir James Douglas and Central Middle School before arriving at Vic High. Deanna's mother, Deborah, is one of the wonderful and capable secretarial staff who works in the school's office. Her father, Robert Reid (class of '76), Grandmother, Patricia Smith (class of '46) and Great Grand, Uncle Doug Creech all attended Vic High before her. Deanna has been an honour roll student since Grade 9 and is always striving to do her best. In December 2007, she was awarded the \$1000 Save On Foods Amazing Kids Scholarship. At Vic High, her accomplishments have been recognized by service awards and a trophy.

Deanna is the photo editor of this year's Camosun and is the grade 11 representative on Student Council. For the past three years, she has been an active

participant in the Leadership Program and is the manager of the Titans Rugby Team. She is also a school ambassador with the School District 61's International Student Program and welcomes new students.

Outside school, Deanna is a "Pedal Pusher" at Glengarry Hospital, plays soccer for Bays United and works at Starbucks. Giving back to the community is important to Deanna. She has volunteered with many groups and organizations, including at the FIFA U20 World Championships last summer. This dynamo "loves to lead, loves to plan" and will travel after graduating in 2009. Her future plans include becoming an elementary school teacher. Deanna says the best thing about Vic High is its diversity and acceptance of others. She is dedicated and will stand up for what is important. The person who has inspired Deanna the most is her mum, Deborah.