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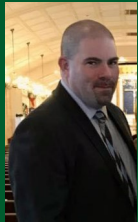
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Teacher Retirement: Let The Recess Begin!



President, Richard Adams

After 34 years in Valley Stream, VSTA President, Rich Adams, is retiring. A valued member of Central's social studies department, Rich certainly leaves a legacy behind him. Adams has a 22 year history as an active VSTA member prior to becoming the President of the organization. Like many, he began his VSTA involvement as an Executive Board Delegate and then a Teacher Unit Leader at Central for 20 years! He has served as a member of the Negotiations

Committee and spent 4 years as the Vice President of the organization. As the President, Adams worked day and night to ensure the success and forward movement of the VSTA. This included, but is not limited to, countless hours spent meeting, writing and discussing issues that pertain to the betterment of teachers and staff alike.

Adams especially worked above and beyond in this Pandemic year and a half, navigating uncharted waters with hybrid, remote and in-person learning. Never before has education seen an upheaval of this magnitude. Rich was more "on call" than ever this year, and we thank him immensely for his unwavering support and hard work.

What's next for Richard Adams? Well, for certain, he will

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Vice President - Membership

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Dear VSTA Members,

It is bittersweet to be sitting here writing my last editorial as the VSTA e-Newsletter Editor! It was during a chance English Curriculum Project that Dick Herrmann asked me to take over the VSTA Newsletter. Anyone who knows Dick, knows the Newsletter was his baby... I was a very new teacher, maybe 5 years in the District, and thus began my involvement in the VSTA. Over the years I have absorbed so much from many of the giants in Local 1633: Dick Herrman and June Innella, Pat Naglieri, Ron Rini, Rich Adams, Noele Villa, Joe Mangini, Patrice Davidson and John Reece as well as countless others who followed the calling to serve the VSTA.

I am thrilled to have been elected to be the new Vice President of Membership, following in Patrice's very capable footsteps! We have accomplished so much in my 21 years here in Valley Stream and I while I know that there is more work to be done, I am truly excited by the possibilities.

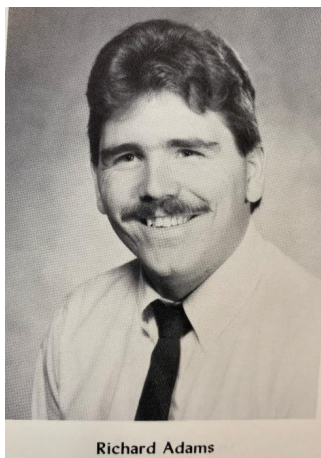
Enjoy this summer! We need it this year, perhaps, more than ever!

In Solidarity,

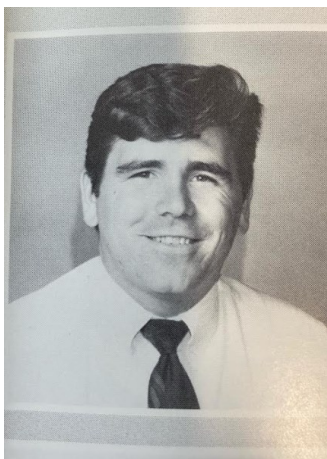
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be spending more time with his lovely wife, Lynda, whom he met at Central over 27 years ago! Together they have raised their three beautiful children, Sean, Erin and Ryan. Retirement will grant Adams far more time to enjoy his family.

Farewell, Rich! You will be missed!



Richard Adams



Patrice Davidson, Vice President—Membership

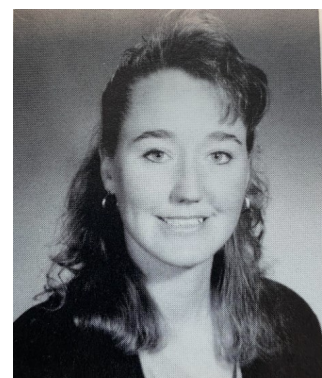
How many teachers can say they taught in three of the four schools in the CHSD? Well, Patrice Davidson can! She started her career in 1987 as a Special Education Teacher, teaching 1 year at SHS, 3 years at MJH and 30 years at Central! She also coached soccer and softball at Memorial!

In the early 2000's Davidson entered into the VSTA arena as an Exec Council Delegate and by 2009, was a co-unit leader with long-time colleague and friend, Rich Adams. Together they tackled building level issues and membership concerns for Central, so it was of no surprise that Patrice would then be appointed the VP of Membership in 2017, bring the Adams/Davidson power duo together again!

Among Davidson's proudest moments are the contracts she took part in settling during some very challenging times. She also spent years advocating for members, answering questions and educating the entire membership—all 14 schools!

Patrice Davidson reminds the VSTA to "be honest with [our]selves and with the membership—it's not about an individual's needs and wants, but the collective whole."

Enjoy this hard-earned time, Patrice! The members will always remember you fondly!



Congratulations VSTA Retirees!

VALLEY STREAM 2021 RETIREES

CENTRAL H.S. DISTRICT

Marianne Barbera (T/N)
Judith Schoenfeld (TA/S)
Carol Gresham (T/M)
Patrice Davidson (T/C)
Elizabeth DiChiara (T/C)
Deirdre McNichol (TA/C)
Patricia Hirsch (TA/N)

Salvatore Marino (T/S)
Todd Holly (T/N)
Richard Adams (T/C)
Barbara Liotti (T/C)
Pamela Franks (TA/C)
Anna Sattali (TA/C)

DISTRICT #13

Gail Shaw (T/Willow)
Michelle Vitalo (RN/Willow)
Corinne Cortes (T/Howell)
Eileen Wallace (T/Dever)

Vita Tringone (T/Willow)
Greg Hart (T/Wheeler)
Roxanne MacDonald (T/Dever)
Dorothea Cornetta (EOP/Willow)

DISTRICT #24

Carol Cannonito (T/Buck)
Jamie MacMillan (T/Buck)

Richard Kerin (T/Buck)
Ana Restrepo (T/Brooklyn)

DISTRICT #30

Donna Annunziata (T/Clearstream)
Elizabeth Sanger (EOP/Clearstream)
Dorothy Ging (T/Shaw)

Mary Hevia (T/Clearstream)
Danielle Bonoccorso (T/Shaw)

Calling all Retirees!
Please reach out and let VSTA know what
you've been up to!
Feel free to email the editor:
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Or send a letter to: