

Dr. Thomas Van Gorder

Class of 1974

A local sponsor of youth athletics whose commitment to his Vestal community is only rivaled by a strong commitment to his family, Dr. Thomas Van Gorder is a Board-certified orthopedic surgeon who also acts as team physician to the Binghamton Mets and team orthopedic surgeon to the Binghamton Senators. Professionally, he has his own thriving surgical practice with a well-respected reputation in the area.

Equally devoted to supporting Vestal youth athletics, Dr. Van Gorder has actively contributed both his time and financial resources to ensuring that the quality of these programs remains strong. He has served as Vestal Little League and Senior League Manager, All-Star Manager, American Legion Baseball Coach, Youth Hockey Coach, High School Hockey Assistant Coach and Youth Football Physician for pre-season physicals. He has also served on the Board of Directors for both the Vestal Little League and Vestal Youth Football League.

Financially, Dr. Van Gorder has allowed free use of his privately constructed baseball fields on Pierce Hill Road by the Vestal Little and Senior Leagues for their practices. He has sponsored many improvements to Town of Vestal and Vestal Central School District athletic facilities as well, including contributions to the press box, concession stand and new lights at Angelo Field, new lights for Arnold Park, new outfield fence for the Vestal High School baseball field and equipment for the modified baseball team at Glenwood Elementary School.