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The VCSU Foundation and the North Dakota Department of Transportation are pleased to provide an opportunity to show your Valley City State University Viking Pride every day as you drive your vehicle around the state and across the country. By supporting this 'pride promotion,' you also directly support Valley City State University and its V-500 Scholarship Programs.

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V-500 Makes a Special Connection

The V-500 sponsorship program is in its second year; it is an approach to connect a donor to the recipient of their gift. We've received wonderful feedback from the donors and students on the experience, and this connection is especially touching.

Rick Clark and Jackie Owen are both Valley City State University employees. Four years ago they moved to Valley City from Hemet, Calif. Rick and Jackie have supported many areas of VCSU, and in August they decided to support V-500. Jackie recalls, "I always wanted to support this program and finally worked it into the budget. It felt so good to know that I was helping send a student to college. I knew it was the right thing to do, but I had no idea it was going to make me feel this good."



In September, Rick and Jackie received a letter from our office letting them know that the student whose scholarship they were sponsoring was Anthony Necochea, also from Hemet, Calif. Owen says, "When it turned out to be a student from Hemet, I was so moved. He also sent a really touching thank-you note."

We try to match the donor with a recipient having similar interests or from the same geographic region. When Anthony was matched with Rick and Jackie, I was not aware that they were all from the same town. And even though they had not met each other in Hemet, they found that they had many connections from back home and now another—VCSU.

Anthony says that he was pleasantly surprised to be offered a V-500 scholarship, after accepting a baseball scholarship here at VCSU. He says, "It's really cool to have a hometown connection. I never expected to find someone from my hometown living here. To find out that my sponsors were from Hemet makes this world seem very small."

Rick and Jackie soon learned that Anthony wasn't the only student from Hemet. Nathan Bagby is also a VCSU student from Hemet, and Jackie taught in a classroom next door to Nathan's grandmother for many years. "Both Nathan and Anthony are invited over to our home for Thanksgiving. It feels so wonderful to play this role in their lives so far away from home," says Jackie.

Alison Kasowski
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



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Thank you for your support!

"After two years at a junior college, I had to decide where I wanted to go to further my education. Coming from a family of six children, four of whom are in college, finances were a huge deciding factor in where I was going to go. Choosing Valley City State was one of the easiest decisions I have ever had to make. The V-500 scholarship made my college career more affordable. When I chose VCSU, I knew I would be receiving a reputable degree with minimal debt. I am very thankful for the opportunities that Valley City State University has made possible for students. My experiences here have been nothing but positive and memorable."



Zachary McBeain
Shakopee, Minn.

"The V-500 scholarship is a great opportunity for students to get financial assistance here at VCSU. I was so fortunate to be one of those students! To know that my university is generously assisting me with my education is a great feeling and gives me confidence in my intellectual ability."



Allison Baasch
Valley City, N.D.

V-500 Recognition Banquet Scheduled for December 14



The V-500 Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the VCSU Cafeteria. All V-500 donors will be invited to attend the celebratory banquet, and all V-500 donors who have given or pledged to give at least \$200 since last year's banquet will receive two complimentary tickets to the banquet. The V-500 Banquet is a wonderful time to recognize all donors, especially our new and renewed members. Those who have reached a lifetime giving milestone also receive special recognition.

If you are not a current member, you can receive complimentary tickets by joining V-500 before Monday, December 2. If you are a V-500 member, expect to receive your invitation the last week of November. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Following the meal and banquet, you are invited to Vangstad Auditorium where you'll have reserved seats for the EBC's "We're in the Christmas Mood" show. This is a heart-warming evening that will inevitably get you in the Christmas mood!

Celebrate the New Year Early! Enjoy the Benefits of a Year End Gift



The end of the year is special. It is the season of tradition and spending time with loved ones. It offers moments of reflection and looking ahead to the New Year. Perhaps because of these sentiments, many people choose to make gifts to their favorite causes in this season. If you have not yet done so, it is not too late.

In the final weeks of the year you can better assess your year-end financial picture and estimate the year ahead. Your gift can still give you an income tax deduction this year and help us continue our work right now. To qualify, your gift must be post marked by December 31st.

Gifts of cash are always helpful. Whether by cash or check we can help you complete your gift by year's end. Savvy donors almost always donate appreciated assets, like stock, by transferring them to their favorite causes. By giving this year, you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid paying capital gains that might otherwise be due if the asset were sold.

Some gifts have financial rewards for you beyond the income tax deduction. Trusts and charitable gift annuities offer payments back to you for life. They also have the advantage of an income tax deduction and capital gains and other tax savings. There are also attractive tax advantages for rolling over your IRA. It is easy to do. The rollover provides us with immediate support of our scholarship programs while benefiting you with a nice tax deduction.

Join with other friends of our organization who find this season a perfect time to give back. Not only will you be saving taxes and perhaps starting a lifetime stream of income, but most significantly, you will be helping the causes that are important to you.

Make a year-end gift before December 31st to receive a charitable tax deduction.

2013 VCSU Rendezvous

The second annual VCSU Rendezvous was held on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Valley City Eagles Club. This year's entertainment was comedian Chad Daniels, who kept the room roaring in laughter. Proceeds from this event benefit the V-500 Scholarship Program.



V-500 Membership Application 2013-14

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Email _____

Annual Commitment:

- \$250 per year for 4 years
- \$625 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$2,500 scholarship
- \$375 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$1,500 scholarship
- \$1,250 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$5,000 scholarship
- Other (Please specify: _____)

Payment Frequency:

- Annual
- Quarterly
- Semi-Annual
- Monthly

If you would like to make your payment during a specific month, please list:

Method of Payment:

- Check:** Payable to VCSU Foundation/V-500
- Credit Card:** MasterCard Visa Discover Check here to automatically charge this credit card when payments are due.

Card #: _____ Signature on Account _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Validation Code _____

- Automatic Withdrawal:** Enclose voided check.
I authorize the VCSU Foundation/V-500 to withdraw \$ _____ on the 15th of the month to begin in _____

Signature on Account _____ Date _____



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