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New Campaign Kicks Off

The V-500 Board of Directors recently held their annual kick-off meeting. This is the meeting that marks the start of a new campaign and election of officers. Katie Sather was elected President, with Jenny Enger accepting the position of Vice President. This year, the board has set a goal to raise \$75,000. The Board of Directors are hard-working volunteers that care about what VCSU has done for them and the community. If you are not a current member of V-500 or your membership has expired, you may be contacted by one of our volunteer board members. V-500 Board Members also sell tickets for the VCSU Rendezvous (October 19) and the Scholarship Auction (April 19). You can contact a board member for tickets or to pledge a gift to V-500.

V-500 Celebrates 40 Years

V-500 is celebrating 40 years of its organizational existence. This is a great time to reflect on how this organization has evolved and shaped the success of Valley City State University. In 1972, visionary members of the community united to originate the first merit-based scholarship program at VCSU. Modeled after Concordia College's C-400 program, V-500 was born to assist quality students entering Valley City State University. The exemplary founders or members were President Howard Rose, Director Jim Martin, Orville Barber, John Carlisle, Art Dafoe, Calvin Foss, Bob Ingstad, Dorothy Langemo, Dean Lenaburg, Neil Macdonald, Curtis Olson, Carol Peterson, Willard Richman, Dale Sorenson, Jim Swanke and Janet Wick. Carol Peterson remembers, "It was an exciting and fun time (to launch the program). Concordia's C-400 members came to share their ideas with us, which was a big help. Janet Wick was the first to write a check to V-500! I was second. I had to run down to the chapel to ask Ty to write the check." she laughs.



Dr. Howard Rose discusses the problems/challenges of the future and the role of the college in the community while addressing those who attended the formative banquet to launch the V-500 campaign. At his right are Mr. and Mrs. James Martin.

The first year's pledges were structured in the amount of \$500, paid over five years. Scholarship awards were in the amount of \$75-\$125 each. Scholarship awards are now in the amount of \$1,500-\$5,000, while pledge levels range from \$1,000-\$5,000 over 4 years. The first year's total allocation reached \$5,000, which seems minimal compared to the \$250,000 allocation V-500 covered last year.

Since the birth of V-500, over 100 volunteers have come forward to serve on the V-500 Board of Directors. They have been prominent residents of Valley City and the surrounding area who share a common desire to support VCSU in time, talent and treasure. These volunteers have had strong leadership in Jim Martin, Bob Horne, Luther Skogen and Larry Robinson, respectively. Volunteer efforts, coupled with the generosity of V-500 members have made this scholarship program strong, stable and recognizable. However, there is always room to expand. As VCSU's enrollment continues to grow, we are faced with challenges of increasing funds for V-500.

I am privileged to lead this historic program and carry on the legacy of V-500. The founders should be extremely proud of their far-sighted initiative that has flourished into a critical program for the success of recruiting quality students to Valley City State University.

Alison Kasowski
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



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The Impact of Your Gift

We have all been asked to make a donation to multiple causes. On each request, we contemplate whether it's a cause we wish to support; if it is, we will pull out our checkbooks, are thanked for our gift and have a "feel good" moment. In most cases, that is the last we hear about our donation. If you are giving to V-500, you deserve to know what impact your gift is making. If you aren't giving to V-500, I hope that seeing the impact of your dollar will compel you to become a member of this essential scholarship program.

- V-500 Scholarships are awarded in amounts of \$1,500, \$2,500 and \$5,000 (\$2,500 renewable over 2 years)
- Full-year cost (ND residents) of tuition, fees, room and board exceeds \$11,000. This does not include books or personal costs.
- 96% of first-time freshmen qualified for financial aid last academic year
- 123 VCSU students benefited from V-500 scholarships in the 2011-2012 year
- It is no accident that record-breaking enrollment occurred the same year as record-breaking scholarship allocations (2011)
- The impact of your gift is best conveyed through the stories of our recipients



"I was recruited by a few schools to play football. The V-500 scholarship gave VCSU the edge in my decision. I'd like to thank everyone who gives to V-500 so that students like myself are given the opportunity to succeed at VCSU with less financial burden. I am continuing my family's tradition as a Viking."

Jake Bushaw
Bismarck, ND

VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY V-500 PRESENTS

1st Annual
VCSU Rendezvous!
Friday, October 19, 2012

Come out for a night of FUN!*

What: The *River Rats Dueling Pianos* will be setting up their baby grand pianos

Where: Valley City Eagles Club

When: Friday, October 19th - The fun starts at 7pm

Tickets: \$25/each
Only 300 tickets available

COMEDY
Enjoy comic performances by our very own VCSU Students as the opening act!

VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

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***21 and Over Only**

For Tickets Call:
701-845-7203

The VCSU Rendezvous is a brand new event intended to entertain the community while raising money for V-500 scholarships. This year's headlining talent will be the River Rats dueling piano show. A \$25 ticket will provide admission to an evening of laughter and fun! You will not want to miss this event. Gather your friends and buy your tickets TODAY, as there are only 300 tickets available! Tickets can be purchased from the Foundation Office at 845-7203 or from any V-500 board member listed on the front of this publication. Tickets are also available at the Valley City, Jamestown, Carrington and New Rockford Bank Forward branches. V-500 would like to thank Bank Forward, Invest Forward and Insure Forward for sponsoring the VCSU Rendezvous.

Mineral Interests, Your Legacy and V-500

The V-500 Scholarship has benefited over the years from your generous support. That support has been a key factor in allowing numerous students to experience Valley City State University and to obtain a college degree. Those students have graduated and have moved on with their careers in teaching, business, coaching, financial services and a wide variety of other occupations. They are now raising their families and contributing back to society. Your support of V-500 has made a difference in their lives!

Your support will be missed when you are no longer with us. We will be charged with finding someone else to step to the plate and support this important program. But you can change all of that by acting now! It is important to know that through careful planning, you can put in place a plan that will provide ongoing support to the V-500 program from your estate. You can do so in a variety of ways. The simplest and most often used is a simple bequest in your will and/or estate plan. A designation of a percentage of an asset, such as mineral or wind interests may look small today, but it can have a significant impact to our scholarship program long after you are gone. This is a process called Planned Giving.

We would encourage you to consider an estate gift to the V-500 Scholarship Program. You can do so through a simple addendum to your will. By doing so you will have the peace of mind that your gift will impact future generations of students for years and years to come. It will clearly become a Gift That Keeps on Giving. What a wonderful legacy!

As always, we encourage you to consult with your tax accountant and/or attorney to insure that the language is drafted correctly and it reflects your wishes. Any and/or all gifts should be earmarked to the Valley City State University Foundation/V-500 Scholarship Program. Send notification of your gift to Larry Robinson, Executive Director of Advancement, VCSU Foundation, 101 College St. Valley City, N.D. 58072.

Questions regarding Planned Gifts should be directed to the VCSU Foundation Office at 1-800-532-8641 or email larry.robinson@vcsu.edu.

On behalf of these 2011-2012 V-500 recipients, THANK YOU!

Anderson,Darius	Kapolei HI	Flores,Austyn	Waipahu HI	Lautt,Courtney	Alice ND	Pederson,Courtney	West Fargo ND
Anderson,Shane	Valley City ND	Foster,April	Enderlin ND	Lee,Danielle	West Fargo ND	Perkins,Jason	Shakopee MN
Andress,Nikiesha	Hutchinson MN	Foster,Carmeille	Aberdeen SD	Lemar,Michelle	Rugby ND	Petersen,Kathryn	West Fargo ND
Bichler,Michael	Ashley ND	Freitas,Landon	Mililani HI	Lemer,Deven	Valley City ND	Popp,Joseph	Milnor ND
Blackburn,Conner	Lake Havasu City AZ	Garvis,Daron	Minneapolis MN	Lindahl,Grant	Cando ND	Pritchert,Ross	Valley City ND
Blandford,Ashlee	Golden CO	Gilbertson,Emmy	Binford ND	Lutjens,Erika	Valley City ND	Ralston,Katelyn	Dahlen ND
Boeddeker,Jacob	Dillon CO	Gilbertson,Joshua	Valley City ND	Manley,Allison	Velva ND	Reiersen,Andrew	Coon Rapids MN
Botner,Kelsey	Litchville ND	Gjerding,Danika	Grand Forks ND	Manock,Derrick	Horace ND	Reisenauer,Kathryn	Elbow Lake MN
Brandvold,Paige	Valley City ND	Grenz,Sebastian	Jamestown ND	Manske,Tyler	Hankinson ND	Rench,Skye	Wasilla AK
Briss,Krista	McHenry ND	Hager,Lyle	Moorhead MN	Martinez,Margaret	Valley City ND	Ripplinger,Dylan	Lisbon ND
Brockopp,Seth	Valley City ND	Hahn,Rebecca	Pierre SD	Masloski,Garrett	Pembina ND	Romine,Summer	Mohall ND
Brown,Kody	Gillette WY	Hansen,Tysen	Gwinner ND	Matzke,Susan	Bismarck ND	Ruzicka,Shayna	Fordville ND
Brown,Stephen	Lake City MN	Hecker,Garret	Belfield ND	McCoy,Matthew	Fairbanks AK	Sanderson,T'Yanna	Portland ND
Bruns,Jerilyn	Valley City ND	Heuring,Kaitlyn	Winnipeg MB	Merfeld,Kevin	Park Rapids MN	Scherr,Allison	Mohall ND
Bushaw,Jacob	Bismarck ND	Hinrichs,Ashley	Harvey ND	Meyer,Tyler	Lidgerwood ND	Schindele,Evan	Stephen MN
Carlson,Andrew	Nuevo CA	Hoggarth,Cody	Jamestown ND	Miller,Melissa	Valley City ND	Schuld,Jesse	Valley City ND
Chuba,Kirsten	Andover MN	Hook,Alyssa	Hannaford ND	Mittleider,Brent	Jamestown ND	Seafoot, Jordan	Carroll MB
Churchill,Josiah	Winnipeg MB	Hotten,Tyler	Underwood ND	Mittleider,Jordan	Carrington ND	Sharpe,Christopher	Hardin MT
Colemer,Cody	Gwinner ND	Hummel,Alyssa	West Fargo ND	Nelson,Lacey	Lidgerwood ND	Shonoiki,Jelani	Minneapolis MN
Cruff,Callie	Oriska ND	Hunter,Kelsey	Miller SD	Nelson,Shandy	Viking MN	Steffen,Christian	West Fargo ND
Cumber,Kaylee	Jamestown ND	Illies,Kellan	Lidgerwood ND	Noot,Bryant	Marion ND	Streifel,Austin	West Fargo ND
Diemert,Jamie	Ellendale ND	Jihad,Sadiqah	Minneapolis MN	Oak,Steven	Lake Park MN	Swanson,Hayden	Valley City ND
Doll,Amy	West Fargo ND	Kaim,Michaela	Buffalo ND	Oberlander,Alysha	Valley City ND	Tarmann,Kinsly	Nevis MN
Dorado,Jesse	Perris CA	Kietzman,Matthew	Minneapolis MN	Oksendahl,Brandon	Rugby ND	Torgerson,Liza	Elbow Lake MN
Dyregrov,Morgan	Stonewall MB	Kilthau,Emily	Mililani HI	Oliveras,Lisa	San Jose CA	Vierria,Alexander	Rio Linda CA
Eli,Tyson	Binford ND	Klayson,Jennifer	Langdon ND	Olson,Jacob	Valley City ND	Walsh,Bridget	Big Stone City SD
Enderson,Phillip	Gwinner ND	Koch,Daniel	Kasilof AK	Orth,Ryan	Lidgerwood ND	Werk,Andrew	Alexandria MN
Erby,Jermaine	Sacramento CA	Kolosky,Jenna	Minneapolis MN	Paient,Megan	Jamestown ND	Wieland,Luke	Spiritwood ND
Erickson,Andrew	Bottineau ND	Kuehn,Ariel	Valley City ND	Partridge,Stephanie	Jamestown ND	Wilson,Shayvis	Ewa Beach HI
Even,Sierra	Windom MN	Langan,Brady	St. John ND	Paul,Conner	Pelican Rapids MN	Winzenburg,Daniel	Bowbells ND
Farris,Jodi	Dillon CO	Langdon,Kaitlyn	Winnipeg MB	Pedersen,Stephanie	Mandan ND		

V-500 Membership Application 2012-13

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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on our web page at
<http://alumni.vcsu.edu>.

Thank You V-500 Supporters!



Luke, Loni and Simon Trapp

Trapp's are donating time, talent and treasure to V-500. Loni is a new addition to the V-500 Board of Directors.

Why Support V-500?

"We both attended VCSU for our general education before transferring out of state to continue our chosen majors. Even though neither of us graduated from VCSU, we both feel it is very important to give back to the university through V-500. Our education at VCSU played a very important role in shaping our lives and careers. VCSU is such an important asset to the city of Valley City, as well as the state of North Dakota. It is our hope that by giving back through V-500, more students will be able to have the opportunity to pursue their dreams!"

**Luke & Loni Trapp
Valley City, ND**

*Join V-500 today or renew your membership.
Enlist a friend, ask them to join our V-500 family.*