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U.S. News 'Best College'

Valley City State University has been ranked the No. 1 public regional college in the Midwest in the 2016 U.S. News and World Report Best College Rankings. VCSU has been ranked a U.S. News "Best College" for 18 consecutive years, and it has achieved the No. 1 or No. 2 ranking among public regional colleges in the Midwest each of the last seven years and no other college or university can make that claim. This category includes 96 colleges or universities with 14 public institutions, in 12 states.



Sponsor a Student, Make a Difference!

Hannah Colemer is a freshman at Valley City State University. She grew up in the small town of Forman, N.D., and graduated from Sargent Central with her class of 22 students. In high school she participated in keeping stats for the boys and girls basketball teams, volleyball team, and track and field team. She also participated in speech, choir, Student Council, and National Honor Society, and she attended North Dakota Leadership Seminar and Girls State, where she was elected state auditor. Hannah enjoys spending time at the lake with her family, hanging out with friends, watching her brother Matthew participate in high school sports and playing with her dog Chester. Hannah is majoring in human services with a concentration in criminal justice.



Hannah chose to attend VCSU for a few reasons. The first being she had many family members, including her uncle and two cousins, who attended VCSU and enjoyed their time here. However, the main reason was the smaller size and not being "just a number" at the school. "Attending a school of a smaller size is very important to me because of my need for accommodations." At the age of three, Hannah and her family were in an automobile accident, leaving her paralyzed and permanently in a wheelchair. "Everyone at Valley City State has been nothing but accommodating and so helpful. Anything I have asked for or needed help with, VCSU has provided" said Hannah.

Upon receiving the V-500 hundred scholarship Hannah, was notified that her scholarship was sponsored by Dean and Betty Pedersen. She would like to thank them for the support provided to her through this scholarship and for their support to VCSU. Hannah is truly grateful for the scholarship because it provides the help she needs to achieve all of her academic goals.

After Hannah graduates she plans to stay close to her hometown of Forman. She aspires to work with children and adults with disabilities similar to her own. Working with an organization such as Freedom would be the ideal job for Hannah.

You, too, can sponsor a student at VCSU through the V-500 Scholarship program. If you want to make your gift to V-500 even more personal, the sponsorship program is a great way to see the impact of your generosity.

Jeremy Wiebe '08
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



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What V-500 Means to Me

I chose to attend VCSU for a couple different reasons. First, I was given a scholarship to play volleyball here but mainly because I felt a great connection with the campus. I love everything about VCSU. As a health science and chemistry double major, I love the new Rhoades Science Building. What a great place to study! The V-500 Scholarship helped offset a portion of the cost to attend college and allowed me to concentrate on my degree. I can't even begin to explain how much that means to me. A big THANK YOU to all those making my scholarship possible!



Megan Olson

VCSU Student and V-500 Recipient

V-500 Kicks off 2015-2016 Campaign

V-500 officially kicked off the 2015-2016 campaign on Wednesday, August 5th. This year, we welcomed new members Erica Bunn (VCSU), Kelli Heath (VCSU), Bill Mason, and Laurel Westby (VCSU) to the board. "We are very excited to add these incredible individuals to our board," says Jeremy Wiebe, assistant director of annual giving at the VCSU Foundation. "Year after year this group commits a large portion of their time, talent and treasure to V-500 and they cannot be thanked enough."

The board elected Erica Bunn as President and Steve King as Vice President. We are fortunate to have Erica and Steve lead our Board and we are very appreciative of their willingness to assume these positions. The board agenda's main topics included campaign calls and VCSU Rendezvous planning. The 4th Annual VCSU Rendezvous will be held on Friday, October 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Valley City. This year's entertainment is Black & Whyte Dueling Pianos. 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. But don't delay, there are only 300 tickets available. V-500 would like to thank Bank Forward, Invest Forward, Insure Forward and Ingstad Family Media for sponsoring the VCSU Rendezvous. The board plans and hosts the event with proceeds from ticket sales benefitting V-500 scholarships.



Back l-r: Dean Pedersen, Adele Smith, Erica Bunn, Kelli Heath. **Front l-r:** Jeremy Wiebe, Nicole Swenson, Loni Trapp, Tom Glandt.

Not pictured: Tommy Bergan, Steve King, Tyler Marthaler, Bill Mason, John Monilaws, Trent Moritz, Casey Stoudt Jr., Kara Wiebe.

Continue the Viking Family Tradition!

Valley City State University will be awarding a \$1,000 Alumni Scholarship to FIVE freshman students attending VCSU because it's their parents' *Alma Mater* – and what an Alma Mater it is!

Continue the VCSU Viking Family Tradition and get paid for it!

For information on the Alumni Scholarship application, contact Enrollment Services at 701.845.7101 or refer a student at alumni.vcsu.edu/tradition.



“For it is in giving that we receive.” - St. Francis Assisi

On behalf of these 2014-2015 V-500 recipients, THANK YOU!

Andel, Paula	Valley City	ND	Hendricks, Joshua	Laveen	AZ	Pavlenko, Samantha	Richardton	ND
Anderson, Chandler	Reiles Acres	ND	Hicks, Mackenzie	Fargo	ND	Piehl, Tasha	Marion	ND
Arp, Devin	Cogswell	ND	Holmes, Krystal	West Fargo	ND	Poitra, Devin	Belcourt	ND
Barron, Breion	Hemet	CA	Horn, Cody	Jamestown	ND	Pommerer, Jacob	Oriska	ND
Berg, Austin	Valley City	ND	Huber, Luke	Valley City	ND	Pritchert, Brenna	Valley City	ND
Berquist, Morgan	Watford City	ND	Ingstad, Isaac	Valley City	ND	Rayford, Marquise	Anchorage	AK
Boettger, Elizabeth	Zumbrota	MN	Irish, Michael	Jamestown	ND	Reidburn, Cassandra	Jamestown	ND
Bredeson, Lane	Oakes	ND	Kessel, Tanner	Steele	ND	Rinas, Austin	Bisbee	ND
Brodgon, Christopher	Valley City	ND	Komrosky, Emmarie	Valley City	ND	Roos, Jordan	Paynesville	MN
Brown, Emily	Jamestown	ND	Kosse, Katie	Bismarck	ND	Schmidt, Zackary	Bismarck	ND
Bruce, Mackenzie	Valley City	ND	Krabbenhoft, Jonathon	Watford City	ND	Smethers, Ashley	Grass Valley	CA
Buderus, Savannah	Bertha	MN	Krueger, Isaac	Reiles Acres	ND	Smith, Lillian	Fredonia	ND
Bullock, Kaylee	Montpelier	ND	Kuhn, Jordan	Reiles Acres	ND	Spanier, Kelly	Jamestown	ND
Burns, Jessica	Valley City	ND	Lindgren, Dustin	Valley City	ND	Steiger, Courtney	Valley City	ND
Cardwell, Charles	Fargo	ND	Machado, Daniel	Baldwin Park	CA	Suhr, Allyson	Gwinner	ND
Carlson, Courtney	Lamoure	ND	Martin, Nicholas	Saint John	ND	Svare, Kyle	Audubon	MN
Chapman, Samantha	Finley	ND	Masat, Tyler	Redfield	SD	Tabatt, Thomas	Little Falls	MN
Coenen, Tanner	Warwick	ND	McCann, Stephanie	Verona	ND	Talley, Robert	Bismarck	ND
Colemer, Hannah	Forman	ND	McCloud, Trenton	Rolla	ND	Theademan, Breana	Oakes	ND
Cortez, Johnny	Laveen	AZ	McCulloch, Eli	Valley City	ND	Veit, Patrick	Lidgerwood	ND
Cramer, Mikayla	Amenia	ND	McGough, Dacotah	Oriska	ND	Velure, Tiffani	Kathryn	ND
Davis, Dani	Fargo	ND	Meyer, Paige	Fairmount	ND	Villanueva, Yaritza	Minto	ND
Ealey, Tramari	Peoria	AZ	Meyer, Austen	Valley City	ND	Von Hagen, Tara	Valley City	ND
Engelhard, Kayla	Valley City	ND	Miller, Dustin	Valley City	ND	Webb, Shawn	Sanborn	ND
Erickson, Austin	Devils Lake	ND	Moore, Kelli	Valley City	ND	Weismann, Donald	Dickinson	ND
Fetting, Blake	Ada	MN	Morstad, Kaisa	Hampden	ND	Wendel, Jacob	Valley City	ND
Fischer, Mikaela	Goodwin	SD	Munoz, Jesus	Valley city	ND	Winchester, Beau	Mililani	HI
Frey, Jacob	Jamestown	ND	Myhre, Nicole	Wahpeton	ND			
Gensler, Heather	Valley City	ND	Olmstead, Teanna	Carberry	Mb			
Graves, Darius	Valley city	ND	Olson, Emily	Bottineau	ND			
Haakenson, Samantha	Marion	ND	Pacheco, Alfonso	Tucson	AZ			

V-500 Membership Application 2015-16

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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**Giving Opportunities
 with Tax Incentives**
 on our web page at
<http://alumni.vcsu.edu>.

VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY V-500 PRESENTS

44th Annual

VCSU Rendezvous!

Friday, October 23, 2015



Come out for a night of FUN!*

What: *Black & Whyte Dueling Pianos* will be setting up their baby grand pianos

Where: Valley City Eagles Club

When: Friday, October 23rd - The fun starts at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$30/each

Only 300 tickets available



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