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U.S. News 'Best College'

The 2014 US News & World Report's "Best Colleges" annual rankings were recently released. VCSU has been ranked as the #2 Public Regional College in the Midwest this year. This is VCSU's fifth consecutive year being ranked either #1 or #2 in this category, and no other college or university can make that claim. VCSU also remains the highest-rated North Dakota university ranked in the "Public Regional College in the Midwest" category for the fifth straight year.



V-500 Makes a Difference to Mayson

On Friday, August 23, new students and their families were excitedly moving into their dorm rooms, buying books and locating their classrooms. It's an exciting day for faculty and staff on campus, too, as we know these students are the next group of alumni and professionals to enter the workforce.

Many of these students were offered a V-500 scholarship as an attractive incentive to choose Valley City State University. For many of those, the financial assistance was the deciding factor that brought them here. And for others, it's the only way they could get here. Mayson Taylor is one of those students in the latter group.

Mayson moved here from Lake Bronson, Minn. where she graduated from Tri-County High School of Karlstad. She has always known that she wanted to be a teacher, following in the footsteps of her father. Not only does she want to be a teacher, she also wants to teach future teachers and professionals in the area of English education, professor track.



The first question I asked Mayson was how she heard about Valley City State University. She replied, "My counselor suggested only VCSU, as many teachers in my school are alumni of Valley City State. They were excited that I was coming here. VCSU has a really good reputation where I live, so I didn't consider another school."

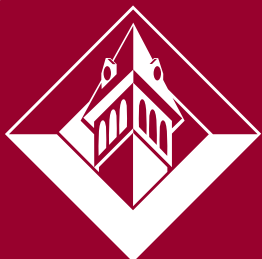
Mayson was also excited to learn that she can continue on to receive her Master's degree in English Education from VCSU as well. I felt

compelled to write an article about Mayson because of how she felt about the V-500 scholarship. "I wouldn't have been able to come to VCSU without a scholarship, as I come from a single-parent household where the budget is tight," explains Mayson.

This is what it's all about. V-500 supports students that otherwise may not be able to come to this high-quality institution. Meeting students like Mayson makes my job so fulfilling.

Mayson wants to get involved with theatre, music and English Club. V-500 certainly brought a quality student to our campus, and VCSU is lucky to have her. Welcome, Mayson, and the class of 2018. Thank you, V-500 donors, for changing the life of students like Mayson and giving them the opportunity to succeed.

Alison Kasowski
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



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Why Do You Support?

“My wife and I give to the VCSU Foundation because we believe in the mission of VCSU and the faculty and staff that work hard every day to carry it out. The relationships that I have developed with colleagues, fellow alumni, students and their families affirm that teaching at VCSU is very meaningful. I appreciate the heritage handed down to us by committed men and women over the years to help make this a great university. Having been a part of that legacy now for over ten years, I feel responsible to support and continue that legacy for the next generation. Knowing that I have had a small part in the educational opportunity of some of the students that walk our halls is very rewarding. *What better legacy is there than helping our youth reach their true potential? Finally, it is our way of saying thanks for the opportunity to be part of this great institution of higher education as well as our contribution to the well-being of VCSU.*”



Steve King
VCSU Associate Professor

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V-500 Kicks off 2013-2014 Campaign

V-500 officially kicked off the 2013-2014 campaign on Wednesday, August 7th at the historic VCSU President’s House. This year, four new board members were welcomed: Steve King (VCSU), Tyler Marthaler (Dacotah Bank), Nicole Swenson ’05 (AgCountry Farm Credit Services), and Mary Moore (John Deere Seeding Group). “We have a strong board of directors, comprised of both alumni and friends of the university. It’s heartwarming to see all of these volunteers giving their time and talent to an organization so critical to the success of VCSU,” says Alison Kasowski. “Board involvement is a selfless act, and I commend each of these individuals for stepping up for their university. They feel a connection to VCSU whether they attended or not and are inviting others to join them by donating to this important scholarship program.”

President Katie Sather and Vice President Jenny Enger were re-elected for another term. The board agenda’s main topics included campaign calls and VCSU Rendezvous planning. The 2nd Annual VCSU Rendezvous will be held on Friday, October 18th at 7:30 at the Eagles Club in Valley City. This year’s entertainment is comedian Chad Daniels. The board plans and hosts the event, which sold out its first year. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit V-500 scholarships.



Back l-r: John Monilaws, Steve King, Tom Glandt Middle l-r: Kara Wiebe, Rhonda Fairfield, Dean Pedersen, Tommy Bergan, Katie Sather Front l-r: Adele Smith, Loni Trapp, Alison Kasowski, Nicole Swenson
Not pictured: Jenny Enger, Susan Jorissen, Tyler Marthaler, Mary Moore, David & Marie Piper, Ross Powell, Rick Ross, Casey Stoudt Jr.

How will you plan for your future?



What happens in the future will impact your loved ones and your estate in countless ways. This is why careful planning is important to ensure that your loved ones are well cared for and your estate is not subjected to unnecessary and burdensome taxes.

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Boychuk,Katarina	Portage La Prairie	MB	Gerntholz,Katherine	Sanborn	ND	Lee,Nicholas	Valley City	ND	Schmitz,Holli	West Fargo	ND
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Chiabotti,Anthony	Benicia	CA	Hager,Jessica	Pembina	ND	Mikulecky,Taylor	Arthur	ND	Sorenson,Ben	Valley City	ND
Christofferson,Haley	Lisbon	ND	Halvorson,Michaela	Millnor	ND	Miller,Stephanie	Esko	MN	Stender,Sadie	Virginia	MN
Coghlan,Jenna	Valley City	ND	Hamre,Kayl	Leonard	ND	Mitchell,Christopher	Saint Paul	MN	Stock,Anthony	Belgrade	MT
Croy,Jennifer	Cooperstown	ND	Handgis,Christopher	Phoenix	AZ	Mueller,Mitchell	Cold Spring	MN	Straw,Haley	Wheaton	MN
Dalench,Christopher	Saint Francis	MN	Hertz,Bernae	Carson	ND	Nguyen,Dong	Colorado Springs	CO	Tarafa,Gianesi	Valley City	ND
Delosoul,Mitchell	Hutchinson	MN	Hilhorst,Cejay	Killarney	MB	Olson,Alexis	Kindred	ND	Teske,Darrin	Stirum	ND
Demers,Joseph	Grafton	ND	Hiltner,Michael	Jamestown	ND	Olson,Nicholas	Karlstad	MN	Toay,Brock	Fargo	ND
Diaz,Danial	Soldotna	AK	Hilton,Ashley	Watford City	ND	Ost,Shane	Valley City	ND	Tray,Alexander	St Joseph	MN
Dixon,Courtney	Casselton	ND	Hintz,Natasha	Tappen	ND	Otterson,Jacey	Kindred	ND	Van Bruggen,Janessa	Sanborn	ND
Dockter,Coleman	Fargo	ND	Hovland,Riley	Buffalo	ND	Pankow,Mara	Hankinson	ND	Venaas,Bryce	Fargo	ND
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Edinger,Ashten	Valley City	ND	Jackson,Malik	Las Vegas	NV	Pergande,Justin	Fargo	ND	Williams,DeAndre	Saint Louis	MO
Elijah,Weston	Lisbon	ND	Jellum,Matthew	Marine on Saint Croix	MN	Phillips,Alyssa	Monticello	MN	Wright,Forrest	Kansas City	MO
Engler,Krista	Valley City	ND	Johnson,Caitlin	Valley City	ND	Poitra,Terry	Belcourt	ND	Wright,Joseph	Leonard	ND
Enstad,Tori	Dazey	ND	Johnston,Madison	Welwyn	SK	Pugh,Jawuan	Surprise	AZ			

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Mailing Address _____

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Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

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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 _____

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Date



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