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V-500 Recognition Banquet

While it was a difficult decision, our team decided to cancel the 2020 V-500 Banquet because we care about your safety and wellbeing. We look forward to other avenues of fellowship and mutual encouragement throughout the year.

Members who would have been recognized for reaching a milestone in their lifetime commitment to V-500 at this year's banquet will now be honored at our December 2021 V-500 Banquet at your lifetime giving achievement level.

The V-500 Scholarship Program has been a tremendous success because of loyal and generous donors. The founders of this important program clearly had a vision and commitment to Valley City State University. Several thousand students have benefited from V-500 scholarships over the years, and we greatly appreciate the support you have given the V-500 Scholarship Program.

Row-it-Forward

Our annual V-500 scholarship drive is well underway. We are currently at 70% of our campaign goal.

The Foundation Office's yearly commitment to new scholarship dollars to VCSU continues to grow as the University experiences enrollment growth. It's a great problem to have but we cannot do it without expanding our giving base.

If a four year pledge does not meet your preferred giving, we encourage you to consider recurring monthly giving.

Recurring giving through our 'Row-it-Forward' program is a convenient and financially friendly format for those who prefer monthly giving.

As an every month hero, your gift along with others like you, will impact our scholarship base.

Enrollment Growth Shows Impact of Scholarships

Valley City State University has set spring enrollment records for the sixth consecutive year, according to official spring term 2021 numbers released by the university.

VCSU reports a total headcount of 1,632 students this spring, including 1,501 undergraduates and 131 graduate students. Both the total headcount and undergraduate headcount are spring enrollment records, surpassing the previous highs of 1,622 and

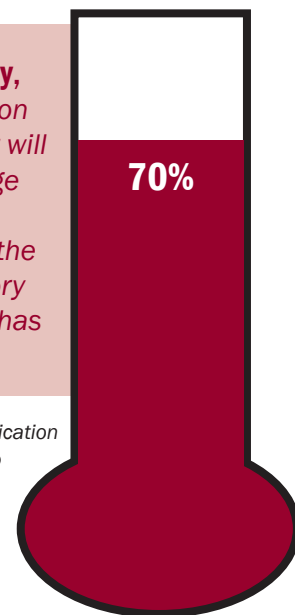
1,491 set last year. The full-time equivalent (FTE) of 1,119 students is also a new record for the spring.

Over the past decade, VCSU's total headcount in the spring semester has increased by 25 percent, growing from 1,306 students in 2012 to 1,632 students this spring. Likewise, VCSU has set fall enrollment records for the past six years.

**\$ 90,000
GOAL**

*For .83/day,
your donation
for the year will
make a large
impact on
continuing the
success story
that V-500 has
on VCSU.*

Complete the application on the last page to Row-it-Forward for VCSU.



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VCSU Named a ‘Hidden Gem’ in the Plains region by College Raptor

Valley City State University has been named one of the 2021 “Hidden Gems in the Plains Region” by College Raptor, a college search platform that serves students, parents and counselors.



VCSU is one of 21 Great Plains schools selected as a “Hidden Gem.” College Raptor uses publicly available data to evaluate each college. Factors include first-year retention rate, median ACT/SAT scores for incoming freshmen, average faculty salary, student-to-faculty ratio, admission selectivity, endowment per student and four- and six-year graduation rates.

VCSU Ranked by U.S. News for 23rd Consecutive Years

Valley City State University has been ranked fourth among public regional colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report in its “2021 U.S. News Best Colleges” guidebook.

VCSU has now appeared in the U.S. News “Best College” rankings for 23 consecutive years, and the university has been ranked in the top five Midwest public regional colleges each year since 2010.

Viking Day of Giving Raises \$22,000 for Scholarships

The VCSU Foundation announced that more than \$22,000 was raised for VCSU student scholarships during the first Viking Day of Giving on Nov. 12.

The 24-hour fundraising blitz included contributions from 133 donors that totaled \$22,400. All money raised goes directly to student scholarships at Valley City State University.

The VCSU Foundation has committed to fund \$1.86 million in student scholarships this year. The Viking Day of Giving originated to replace some fundraising dollars lost during the COVID-19 pandemic due to cancellation of events like the VCSU Scholarship Auction and the Viking Golf Scramble

Thank You V-500!

I am Allie Critchley, a sophomore from Dilworth Minnesota majoring in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Special Education

My time at VCSU has been nothing but enjoyable. I have met lifelong friends and the community is so welcoming. The professors

want us to understand and learn the material so we can be experts in our profession when we do graduate. Being a member of the women’s basketball team, I have had the opportunity to continue my

love for the game and represent a college that I am proud to be a part of. It truly feels like my second home here, and I am grateful that I have been able to spend my college experience at such a wonderful place.

Receiving a scholarship has helped me further my education and obtain my goal of becoming a special education teacher in the future. I am so appreciative of this financial assistance as it has made college much more affordable. To be

selected for a scholarship is an honor that will have a long-lasting effect on my life.

My mom went to VCSU, and she still stays in contact with her friends that she made here! My family is full of educators, my mom is a middle school principal, my dad is a special education



teacher, and my two older sisters are teachers as well. I am an Irish twin, my sister Rae and I are only 11 months and 12 days apart! I am also a resident assistant on campus and a member of the student senate!

Robinson Wins Respected Fundraising Professional Award

Valley City State University’s Larry Robinson has been named the Respected Fundraising Professional of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Northern Plains Chapter.

Robinson, the executive director for advancement at VCSU, received the award during a virtual National Philanthropy Day celebration on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Robinson was one of two North Dakota recipients of the Respected Fundraising Professional of the Year award, presented by the AFP.

The distinction celebrates a passionate fundraising professional who exemplifies the highest standards of ethical practice and who effectively champions the cause of a nonprofit mission.



Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director, VCSU Advancement

THANK YOU V-500 MEMBERS!

These donors are making a difference in the lives of VCSU students.

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V-5,000 +

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Foundation, Inc.

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V-500
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SINCE 1972

“To add value to others, one must first value others.”

— John Maxwell

Recognition of V-500 Lifetime Giving

The pandemic has delayed our recognition of the V-500 Lifetime Giving members at our annual banquet but we want to share presently those who have attained new levels. They will be honored at the December 2021 Banquet.

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V-5,000

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V-2,500

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Dacotah Bank Donation

Dacotah Bank of Valley City has renewed and expanded their commitment to Valley City State University through continued support of the V-500 Scholarship Program, Century Club, Viking Scramble and as the sponsor of the Annual VCSU Scholarship Auction.



Dacotah Banks loyalty and generosity to our programs enables VCSU to remain a viable commodity in the Valley City community. As our enrollment continues to grow and set records so does our need compete for deserving students. Dacotah Banks impact is noticeable in all areas of our campus and community

V-500 Membership Application 2020–2021

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Email _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Annual Commitment

- Recurring \$ _____/month
- \$375 per year for 4 years
Support a \$1,500 scholarship
- \$750 per year for 4 years
Support a \$3,000 scholarship
- \$1,500 per year for 4 years
Support 2–\$3,000 scholarships
- 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
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