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Each fall, 13 VCSU students and Gary Ketterling, assistant professor of science, make the monumental drive from Valley City to Yellowstone National Park to spend several days exploring the interconnectedness of the Yellowstone ecosystem and marveling at the wildlife and sights in the world's first national park. Here's a glimpse into their experience.



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11 Republican alumnus Pollert serves N.D. District 29

Since 1999, Chet Pollert '77 of Carrington has served in the North Dakota Legislature, representing District 29 in the House of Representatives. A brief profile of Pollert, an alumnus with multiple VCSU connections, provides biographical information on this public servant and grain business owner.



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12 President Mason receives two honors

VCSU President Tisa Mason has recently received two awards that recognize her leadership and achievement: the Pillars of the Profession Award from the NASPA Foundation and a place on Prairie Business magazine's Top 25 Women in Business list for 2016.

15 STEM Education Center hosts Valley City 4th graders

Nothing like combining LEGOs, robots and soccer to engage all of Valley City's fourth graders in a hands-on activity that immersed them in the engineering design process—that's one of the many ways VCSU's Great Plains STEM Education Center lives out its mission to equip students with 21st century skills.

17 Vikings make history with 2nd-ever national tournament victory

Coach Kaminsky called the 2015–16 Viking men's basketball team "a work in progress," and they worked hard enough to progress to the NAIA National Tournament, where they won an exciting opening-round game.

Cover photo: Yellowstone field experience 2015 participants included (l to r) Michaela Halvorson, Lane Dahl, Cole Marvel, Daniel Tuhy, Marissa Kirby, Gary Ketterling, Eric Schauer, Alicia VanSweringen, Morgan Berquist, Yari Villanueva, Alexis Getzlaff, Jon Krabbenhoft, Lex Tande and Levi Fettig. Photo by Levi Fettig.



Distinctively VCSU!

President Tisa Mason, Ed.D., CAE

Distinctively VCSU! That is how I opened the all-campus meeting this year and it is a phrase that continues to strongly resonate in my thoughts and observations. Here are just a few examples which I believe make us "Distinctively VCSU!"

- We were recognized as the No. 1 Public Regional College in the Midwest by *U.S. News* and named a *U.S. News* "Best College" for the 18th consecutive year.
- This fall we registered a record headcount of 1,422 very distinct VCSU students followed by spring all-time highs for total student headcount (1,345) and full-time equivalent (FTE) students (977).
- We've been working hard to improve our retention rate, and in the last four years we've raised it from 64 to almost 71 percent—and we're not done yet!
- We've strengthened the residential life experience through improved residential facilities and programming; we're bringing more students back to live in the residence halls.
- The visit team for our teacher education program review this fall—by NCATE/CAEP (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education/Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation)—were glowing in their praise for the way we prepare our future teachers! This was followed by the Higher Learning Commission underlining our quality with their approval of our fourth-year Assurance Review and an equally successful visit from the Athletic Training accreditation visit team. Consistent praise from peer reviews is indeed distinctively VCSU.
- The Great Plains STEM Education Center at VCSU received nearly \$300,000 from the Department of Public Instruction.
- This fall, our student-athletes, who develop character and competence in the classroom and on the field, received a host of honors: 3 NAIA National Championship qualifiers in cross country, 9 NAIA Scholar-Athletes, 1 NAIA National Player of the Week, 14 NSAA (North Star Athletic Association) All-Conference athletes, 8 NSAA Players of the Week. Spring sports look equally promising.
- The State Board of Higher Education approved a second master's degree at VCSU—the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT).
- Our Valley City Health, Wellness and Physical Education Center is under construction; it's a very visible symbol of our strong town-and-gown relationship.
- We will break ground for our new heating plant late this spring.
- Facilities Services staff member Drew Storbeck embraced our commitment to strong financial stewardship by saving VCSU more than \$10,000 on the purchase of floor coverings for Graichen Gym. Our employees look out for our best interest—and that is distinctively VCSU.

Even in the face of challenging times, our community, as it always has, comes together, focuses on our mission, and continues to create strong teaching and learning environments where students thrive. As we traverse the state budget challenges, we are positioning ourselves for growth by investing in rapid academic growth areas (fisheries and wildlife, and health sciences); continuing to explore additional sources of revenue; and finding new strategies for student recruitment, retention, and completion. I am so proud of the exciting, thoughtful work our community is undertaking.

As always, I encourage you to share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with me. It takes all of us to continue to strive for excellence. I would also encourage you to help us share the good news about Valley City State University. "Word of mouth" is powerful. Sharing your stories makes a difference. Thank you for all you do to lift up your alma mater and help us celebrate Viking Pride!

We are collectively engaged and "Distinctively VCSU!"



Alumni Association Get-Togethers Spring/Summer 2016

Please put these dates on your calendars, and if you are in the area, please join us (and bring other alumni with you).

A RSVP is requested. Please contact Kim Hesch at 800-532-8641 ext. 7403 or kim.hesch@vcsu.edu.

- **April 26**VCSU Tuesday Social in Jamestown (TBD)
- **August 10**VCSU @ FM Redhawks Game

Watch for more VCSU events on our Facebook page or at alumni.vcsu.edu.

leave a *Legacy* for V-500 at VCSU



The VCSU Foundation Leave a Legacy program is designed to encourage alumni and friends who have supported the university while they were living to continue to have an impact on VCSU after the time of their death. They can do so with a charitable bequest, which can be in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, life insurance, or a percentage of their estate. More often than not, attractive tax benefits are associated with such a bequest.

For further information on the Leave a Legacy program, contact the VCSU Foundation Office at 701-845-7217 or email Larry Robinson, executive director of university advancement, at larry.robinson@vcsu.edu.



Thank You to Our Directors!

by Kim Svenningsen-Hesch '91

I would like to highlight a group of 16 volunteers who work behind the scenes on behalf of the VCSU Alumni Association. This group is the VCSU Alumni Board of Directors.

The Alumni Board's main focus is to assist the Foundation and Alumni Office in coordinating events at Valley City State University and around the country.

Let me give you some examples of their dedication to VCSU. The Alumni Board meets three times throughout the year right on campus. They come early for two of their meetings and help our Enrollment Services Office with Viking Visit Days. The campus holds several Viking Visit days during the academic year giving prospective VCSU students a chance to hear all the great things the university has to offer along with an opportunity to tour campus.

At these events, the Alumni Board members visit with the prospective students and their families during registration time and also attend an academic session. We have found that helping with Viking Visit Days is a very rewarding experience and that the prospects in attendance are impressed with our alumni taking time out of their busy schedules to visit with them.

A major event for the Alumni Board is planning our Homecoming activities. Homecoming 2016 will be Sept. 23-24. Activities will kick off on Friday evening with the Viking Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony (see p. 18 for a list of this year's inductees). On Saturday we'll have our annual Alumni Honors Breakfast, Homecoming Parade, tours of Vangstad, and Viking football and volleyball games, followed by a post-game social.

The board is also looking at inviting all our alumni who served as RAs (resident assistants) and/or on the Program Board/Viking Campus Activities Board

back for a reunion on Friday night.

Homecoming is about having fun, but most importantly it's about connecting and reconnecting. Watch your mail, email and Facebook for further information!

In addition, the directors help out off and on during the year with other socials and events sponsored by the VCSU Foundation and Alumni Office. We travel across North Dakota throughout the school year hosting VCSU Socials. These are always fun gatherings where we visit with our alumni and provide updates on the latest news at VCSU. We also hold a number of other events to get our alumni together, including a Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks baseball game, a riverboat cruise in Bismarck, and activities in Arizona. Please join us for any of these activities, and please share any suggestions you might have for other group outings.

Finally, last summer the alumni board started work on creating a mission statement. In January the board approved the following:

The mission of Valley City State University Alumni Association is to enhance the relationship between Valley City State University and all of its alumni. We inspire lifelong loyalty and pride through programs, activities, and events for those that are forever Vikings.

We are excited about the mission statement and continuing the Viking Tradition. Stay tuned as the board begins implementing the new mission!

Our past and present alumni board of directors have done an outstanding job of helping with the advancement of VCSU. We don't say it often enough, but we think it often and will say it now—thank you! Thank you for being *forever Vikings*, we couldn't do it without you.

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Creating a Sunrise at Sunset

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

Each and every year, we receive news of a “sunrise” created by an alumnus or friend of the university through thoughtful planning to include the VCSU Foundation in their will or estate plan. These bequests appear on the horizon as beautiful expressions of a new day for the VCSU Foundation.

Consider, for example, the donor who made arrangements in her will to create an endowment fund at the time of her death. As soon as the funding reached the VCSU Foundation, we established an endowment in memory of this forward-thinking woman.

An endowment fund is a special fund that provides a payout every year to support the purposes of the endowment. The main body of the endowment is kept intact, and only the interest, or a portion thereof, is available for use. For example, an endowment fund established to fund an annual scholarship allocation uses only the earnings on the fund to make the annual award.

An endowment, like an artesian well, never runs dry. Each year it provides a financial gift to the VCSU Foundation. Endowment funds may be created during a person’s lifetime or at death through a will bequest. Some donors combine the two. They create a fund during their lifetime and add to it at the time of their death.

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Endowments are indeed like sunlight to the VCSU Foundation. They provide the warm and comfortable knowledge that financial resources will be available for generations to come. As a result, folks who plan for the future can count on the ongoing support of a strong endowment program.

There is no better time than now to establish an endowment fund. The North Dakota Legislature has created the Challenge Grant Program. We have been allocated up to \$1 million dollars to match on a two-to-one basis. For example, should you elect to establish a \$10,000 endowment, the Challenge Grant Program would add \$5,000 to your fund, making your endowment \$15,000!

The Challenge Grant, coupled with the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit, provides an exciting opportunity to create an endowment. Under the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit an individual may receive up to a 40 percent tax credit for contributions of \$5,000 or more (lump sum or aggregate in one year) to a qualified North Dakota Endowment. This is a very attractive tax benefit.

For more information, contact the VCSU Foundation Office at 701-845-7203 or visit us on the web at alumni.vcsu.edu.

ATTENTION N.D. TEACHERS: TEACHER SHORTAGE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The North Dakota University System (NDUS) is accepting applications for the 2015–16 Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program. The application process closes May 16, 2016.

Applicants may be eligible if they held a full-time teaching contract in North Dakota for an entire academic year and are teaching in a teacher shortage area. The debt forgiveness program is available to teachers who teach at a public or private school in North Dakota in a grade level or content area identified as having

a shortage by the Department of Public Instruction. In addition to teaching full-time, applicants must have a qualifying student loan, and be current on the payments to that loan.

In 2014, nearly 400 applicants were awarded loan forgiveness through this program and, in 2015, that amount increased to 426 teachers. Over the past two years, teachers received nearly \$800,000 to apply to their student loan debts.

Teachers who are eligible for the program may receive up to \$1,000 per year, with a maximum benefit of \$3,000 over three years.

To apply, download the Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness application at www.ndus.edu/students/paying-for-college/grants-scholarships/#TSLPF.

The program is administered by the State Board of Higher Education through NDUS.



EXPLORING THE YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM

More than a walk in the park

Gary Ketterling, assistant professor of science at VCSU, considers himself a lucky man in that each fall he gets to visit his favorite place on the planet, Yellowstone National Park.

Ketterling, who also serves as educational coordinator at VCSU's Great Plains STEM Education Center, describes traveling to Yellowstone as "a spiritual journey about wilderness, nature, and respect for many things I may not understand."

Best of all, Ketterling takes 13 VCSU students with him on the annual trip to the world's first national park. Founded in 1872, the park covers 2.2 million acres, includes 10,000 geothermal features (with more than 300 geysers), and serves as home for bison, elk, gray wolves, bears (grizzly and black), antelope, foxes, badgers and bighorn sheep.

It's also home to smaller species, like the Clark's nuthatch—key to distribution of the whitebark pine—and the pika, a small member of the rabbit family which is a harbinger of climate change.

All living in one of the most majestic environments imaginable.

It's the interplay of all that fauna, flora and unique geologic features that serves as the subject of Ketterling's biology special topics course at VCSU, "Exploring the Yellowstone Ecosystem."

Ketterling—who holds a Ph.D. in science education from the University of Iowa and came to Valley City State in January 2011—completed his fifth trip to Yellowstone with VCSU students in October 2015. In a previous position at North Dakota State University, he took students to the national park on four occasions.

Altogether Ketterling has visited the park 25 to 30 times, beginning with trips with his aunts and uncles. Watching a National Geographic special on the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone sparked the idea for bringing students to the park, and a three-day workshop with the wildlife biologist who reintroduced the wolves cemented the notion in his mind.

Ketterling gives credit to then-VCSU-president Steve Shirley for supporting the course and the outing, along with the cooperation of faculty colleagues who've also lent their support to the field trip.

The trip is just one part of the class; classroom instruction covers a variety of topics, including the wolf reintroduction, evidence of climate change in the ecosystem, trends in wildlife populations, National Park Service management, current research, the public's impact on the park, and especially stakeholder dynamics (for instance, park policies affect ranchers and others outside the park when Yellowstone ani-

mals move beyond park boundaries).

Those themes are followed up in the park itself. Over the years, VCSU students have had opportunities to visit with experts through efforts coordinated through the Yellowstone Association Institute, the educational partner of Yellowstone National Park. They've met with the likes of Kerry Gunther, who leads Yellowstone's bear management program; Doug Smith, who led the wolf restoration project (wolves were reintroduced to the park in 1995); Dan Stahler, a wildlife biologist; and Todd Koel, supervisory fisheries biologist.

Bob Landis, an Emmy-winning cinematographer, and Brad Orsted, a wildlife photographer, have also shared their expertise with the VCSU contingent.

Although often literally a walk in the park, the trip and its logistics are anything but the figurative sense of the phrase. Typically, Ketterling and the students make the 12-hour drive to Gardiner, Mont.—just north of Yellowstone Park headquarters in Mammoth Springs, Wyo.—in one day, spend four days in the park, and then spend another day driving back to Valley City.

Using the Best Western in Gardiner as their base of operations (which provides wireless access so the group can maintain a blog during the trip), the VCSU group visits the Yellowstone

Heritage and Research Center in Gardiner and meets with experts at the Yellowstone Center for Resources in Mammoth Hot Springs, but most of their time is spent in the field.

Days start early with breakfast at the motel at 6:30 a.m. Snacks and lunches are packed for consumption in the field; the evening meal comes at day's end about 7:30 p.m. upon the return to the cooking suites in the motel.

The group members hike each day to acclimate themselves to the altitude and prepare for a day-long trek, taking in a variety of activities such as locating a wolf's den, checking on recent kill sites, viewing wildlife in the Lamar Valley, searching for game tracks at the confluence of the the Yellowstone and Lamar rivers, studying vegetation along Blacktail Pond, hiking Beaver Ponds Trail, taking a soak in the Boiling River (where a large hot spring enters the Gardner River) and visiting a host of sites, choosing from a list that includes the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Norris Geyser Basin, the Fountain Paint Pots, Grand Prismatic Pool and even Old Faithful.

And what they take in can be amazing—see-

ing a wolf pack “meat drunk” after feeding on a kill, watching a grizzly feeding on an elk carcass, viewing the alpha male wolf 50 feet away on a butte calling to a female with pups across the road, sighting bighorn sheep coming down to the river, and hearing a male elk bugling in an attempt to collect his harem at the start of rut.

Although close to four million people visit each year, only one percent hike more than a

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—Michaela Halvorson

mile in off the roadways. For Ketterling, that's an important concept as he tries to move his students beyond taking selfies and off the beaten path into a greater appreciation of the interconnectedness of all they're seeing and experiencing.

Michaela Halvorson, a VCSU student from Milnor, N.D., picked up on that notion this past fall on her first visit to the park in Ketterling's class. “The geysers and the geology of the ecosystem, how the wildlife relates to it and

utilizes it to their benefit truly sinks in once you see the physical place with your own eyes,” says Halvorson. “I learned so much from the professionals we met, the places we saw, the monster road trips to get out there and back, and the classroom portion. I would do it again in a heartbeat!”

That's something that Levi Fettig, a VCSU student from Bismarck, N.D., can relate to; he's now done the trip on three separate occasions. For Fettig, the “Yellowstone class is an adventure itself.” As a fisheries and wildlife major, he appreciates seeing “biological research and techniques we learn in the classroom being implemented in the field.”

For Ketterling, the annual trip serves to answer a fundamental question: “What will this wilderness and nature allow me to experience and add to my understanding of such a grand place and life in itself?”

That's a question he'll keep asking of himself and 13 VCSU students each fall at Yellowstone, one of the most intriguing ecosystems on earth.



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Gymnasts gather with Coach Corwin

Valley City State alumnae gymnasts gathered at the lake home of their former coach, Terry Corwin, on Saturday, Dec. 5, to share laughter and stories.

Team members back for the reunion included (l to r, from top of staircase) Kelly (Haggerty) Keidel (1984–85 team), Rhonda (Harvala) Fode (1984–85 team), Sara (Goffe) Schafer (1987–88 team), Jill (Enstad) Nustad (1984–85 team), Deb (Todd) Mergner (1984–85 team), and Coach Terry Corwin.

Keidel, Fode, Nustad and Mergner all competed on the 1984–85 team, and Schafer competed on the 1987–88 team.

Pedersen named V-500 Volunteer of Year

Dean Pedersen received the V-500 Volunteer of the Year award at the V-500 Banquet at the Valley City Eagles Club on Dec. 12, 2015.

The award is given to a V-500 board member who has extraordinarily given back to the program and received the most enlistments during the recent campaign drive.

Pedersen, now a four-time winner of the Volunteer of the Year award, has served on the V-500 board for over 13 years, including five years as president, and has personally raised over \$224,000 for the V-500 scholarship program.



Lebahn receives music educator award

Tricia (Brandt) Lebahn '98, LaMoure (N.D.) High School band and choir director, received the 2015-16 North Dakota NFHS Outstanding Music Educator award this past October.

Lebahn has served in her current position in LaMoure for the past seven years, conducting eight concerts and leading students through NDHSAA large and small groups music contests yearly.

Previously, she taught in the Maple Valley School District in North Dakota and in Bristol, S.D. She was nominated for the North Dakota Music Educators Association Music Teacher of the Year in 2013.

Lebahn graduated from VCSU in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in music education and elementary education, along with a minor in piano pedagogy.

While in college, Lebahn taught piano lessons to students through the Community School of the Arts and served as a Viking Ambassador, a freshman orientation leader, and an accompanist for college vocalists and instrumentalists. She participated in band, choir and percussion ensemble.

In addition to her teaching duties in LaMoure, Lebahn serves as choir director at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Valley City. She is also one of two organists for the church.

She and her husband, Neil Lebahn '96, are the parents of two children, Dane, a sixth grader, and Alana, a third grader, at LaMoure Elementary School.



Gym named after Steen

Norman County West Public Schools in Halstad, Minn., honored Ruth (Langemo) Steen '45 on Sept. 24, 2015, by naming the West High School gym the "Ruth Steen Gymnasium."

A longtime physical education teacher and coach in the Norman County West District, Steen was recognized for her passion and devotion to athletics.

Steen was previously honored in 1993 when West High established the "Ruth Steen Athletic Award" for the school's top female athlete.

VCSU First Fridays

VIKING PRIDE DAY!

Join alumni, friends and students in showing your passion as a Valley City State Viking by wearing your Cardinal or Viking attire the **FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH** to show your support for your alma mater.

We ask that you wear VCSU Viking apparel to your place of work, at home and/or around town to help promote your school pride and to celebrate our great university on the first Friday of every month.

Email your pictures to alumni@vcsu.edu, and we'll post the photos on our VCSU Alumni Association Facebook page and, of course, put your name in a drawing for VCSU gear.

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Winter Alumni Socials



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Fargo Force Game, January 22, 2016

- 1) (front) Amanda Valenta '15 and Alex Beach '12
(back) Travis Albrecht, Alyssa Sorensen '07, Susan (Rambaugh) '72 & Bruce Larson
- 2) (l to r) President Tisa Mason, Bill Mason, Greg Vanney, and Kyle & Kathy (Ringdahl) '92 Marquette
- 3) (front) Tony Trautman '14, Lindsey Lagodinski '14, and Chelsea Gentzkow '15
(back) Colby Forsgren '13 and Erin Edinger '14
- 4) (l to r) Maryellen (Vandrovec) '75 and JT '74 Homan, Kim Svenningsen Hesch '91, and Tristan Ross '08 with his nephew Landon

Bismarck Social, January 27, 2016

- 5) (l to r) Ronda (Carlson) Moszer '83, Kim Kuhlman '04, and Wendy (Reidman) Hogue '85
- 6) (l to r) Dale Nelson '57 and Joan (Kruger) '56 & Maynard Dahl '57

Arizona Alumni Gatherings 2016 Mesa (photos 1-4) and Sunrise (photos 5-8)

- 1) (front, l to r) Mona Kelsch, Ruth McMillan '52, Gloria Glandt, Mary Wendel '68, and Sharon Anundson (back) Jerry Kelsch, Harvey Peterson, Terry Glandt, Ron Wendel '67, Dennis Anundson
- 2) (front) Eva Lehman, Marge Sogn '61, Bill '59 & Pat '59 Thomas, Laura Olson (back) Robert Sogn '61, Charles Lehman '61, Jim '74 & RaeAnn '75 Vandrovec, Arnie & Nancy '73 Leno, Terry Anderson '74, Kurt Olson
- 3) (front) Deanne Horne '60, Meg Pederson, Mary Bock, Jan Eggert, and Margie Eggert (back) Leland '68 & Diane '67 Decker, Bob Horne '59, Jerry Pederson '60, Duane Bock '63, Al Eggert, Buzz Eggert, Jane & Don '58 Lemnus
- 4) (front) Linda Skogen, Mary Schroeder, Judy Dosch, Dee Hillstrom, and Jeannice Sommerfeld '67 (back) Bob King '55, Jerry Olson, John Ostlie '60, Luther Skogen '68, Al Dosch '55, Dale Hillstrom '69, and Myron Sommerfeld '62

- 5) (front) Bill Thomas '59 and Bob Griffin (back) Dan O'Connor '61, Bob '68 & Linda '70 McKenzie, Coke Aafedt '52, Pat Thomas '59
- 6) (front) Peggy Bultema, Karen Krause '69, and Phyllis Boatman '68 (back) Harlan Bultema '72, Gary Krause '67, Judy '60 and Loren '60 Koppelman, Roger Boatman '68
- 7) (front) Mary Schroeder '65, John Ostlie '60, and Howard Rassmusson '71 (back) Connie Seaborn '61, Kay Holm '67, and Pat '67 & Dan '65 Parish
- 8) Jack & Vi Eagan and Marie '74 & Jerry '74 Topp



VCSU alumni showing their Viking Pride

A goal of our office this year is to promote VCSU Viking Pride across the country. Please join other alumni, friends and students in our VCSU First Fridays and show your Viking Pride. (See ad on page 7.)

We ask that you wear VCSU Viking apparel to your place of work, at home and/or around town to help promote your school pride and to celebrate our great university on the first Friday of every month.

Email your pictures to kim.hesch@vcsu.edu, and we will post them on

our VCSU Alumni Association Facebook page and, of course, put your name in a drawing for VCSU gear.

If you don't have any gear, go online to the VCSU Bookstore at bookstore.vcsu.edu/merchandise.aspx.

Other ways to promote Viking Pride

Display a Viking Pride poster in your classroom, at work or at home.

To request a Viking Pride Poster, email kim.hesch@vcsu.edu.



1) VCSU alumni teaching at Rugby High School: Kyle Vareberg '12, Jessica Fritz '03, Denise Myhre '75, Brenda Olsen '90, Bill Jansen '90, Mike McNeff '04

2) VCSU alumni teaching at Enderlin Elementary School: (front) Dana (Svenningsen) Nelson '92 and Faith (Lueck) Friedrichs '02; (back) Jordan Finger '14 and Jessica (Lemna) Mark '13

3) VCSU alumni teaching at Maple Valley Public Schools: (front) Alecia (Stark) Killoran '10, Jenine (Olson) Lysne '75, Jessica (Dimmer) Theurer '06, Kirci (Phillips) Wagner '13, Brooke (Carlson) Devitt '04, Cindy (Morth) Kapaun '87 (middle) Sue (Kronebush) McClafflin '74, James Hanse '14, Tom Milbrandt '05, Jody (Schwab) Johnson '89, Diana (Anton) Kuznia '98, Adele (Moug) Smith '85, Sue (Hannig) Baumgartner '78, Jerrilyn (Brown) Coghlan '81, Cheri (Didier) Anderson '80 (back) Jeff Miller '07, Jay Kocka '04, Dan Johnson '85, Brett Kapaun '83

Republican alumnus Pollert serves N.D. District 29

VCSU alumnus Chet Pollert '77 of Carrington represents District 29 in the North Dakota House of Representatives. A Republican, he was elected to the House in November 1998.

Originally from Pingree, N.D., Chet is part of a Valley City State family—his brother and two sisters: David Pollert '83, Linda (Pollert) McIlonie '76 and LeAnn Pollert '90—all attended the university. Chet majored in business administration and minored in economics and political science. In addition, he was a charter member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

After graduation, Chet went to work in the grain industry with Peavey. He spent 19 years (1977–96) with the company, continuing with the firm after its acquisition by ConAgra in 1982.

In 1996, Chet began managing G & R Grain and Feed in New Rockford, N.D., and in 2001, he bought the business, which handles feed, fertilizer and grain.

He and wife, Jo, have three adult children, one of whom—Erica Pollert '11—earned a VCSU degree in elementary education in its cooperative program with NDSU.

Elected to the legislature in November 1998, Chet serves on the House Appropriations Committee and has chaired the Human Resources section of House Appropriations for the last eight years. He also serves on the Veterinary Medical Education Program Admis-



Chet Pollert '77

sions Committee.

This year, when the legislature is not in session, he serves on Interim committees: Budget Section, Government Finance, and Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review, the latter as vice chair.

Chet first had thoughts of political service while he was in high school, but he honestly

didn't realize they would come to fruition. "I feel a strong purpose to serve," he says. "I think people should spend some time in public service, whether it's at the local, county or state level."

Despite sitting on opposing sides of the aisle, Chet and Senator Larry Robinson, VCSU executive director of university advancement, enjoy each other's respect. "Representative Pollert and I have worked together on a number of issues in the legislature," says Robinson. "We have much in common and have a great relationship. He is a good friend and a great ambassador for Valley City State University."

In 1999, Chet started in the legislature with two Valley Citizens—District 24 Democratic representatives Ralph Metcalf and Chet's fellow VCSU alumnus Phil Mueller '68, who had directed the VCSU Student Center when Pollert was a freshman in college. Neither are in the legislature now, but Chet has fond memories of serving with them and respects them both.

Part of serving in the legislature is dealing with the North Dakota economy. "I've witnessed cycles of ups and downs," Chet says. "In the early 2000s, there wasn't much money." That contrasts with the boom years of late, but now again there's an economic downturn. In the legislature, he says, political action needs to serve both the up and down times—"The challenge is in finding the balance."

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President Mason receives two honors

VCSU President Tisa Mason recently received two distinct honors—a Pillars of the Profession award from the NASPA Foundation and recognition as one of *Prairie Business* magazine's Top 25 Women in Business.



President Mason received the Pillars of the Profession award at “Common Purpose,” the 2016 annual conference of NASPA: Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Edu-

cation, held in Indianapolis, Ind., March 12–16. The Pillars of the Profession award recognizes outstanding members of the student affairs and higher education community who have served as teachers, leaders and scholars in the field. Award winners are selected based on their sustained professional distinction in higher education; service in regional or national NASPA leadership roles; extraordinary service as recognized by colleagues, friends, students, and student organizations; and significant lifetime contributions to higher education.

As part of the Pillars award, a gift of \$2,500

in President Mason's name was made to the NASPA Foundation to further research and scholarship in student affairs.

President Mason was named one of *Prairie Business* magazine's 2016 Top 25 Women in Business. She is profiled in the March 2016 issue of the magazine.

Prairie Business annually recognizes successful businesswomen in the northern plains region—North Dakota, South Dakota and western Minnesota—who have made significant impacts in their chosen professions, industries and communities.

One of 25 honorees selected from 150 nominations received, President Mason was chosen on the basis of a process that emphasized professional achievement, community contributions and work-life balance. The magazine is available online at prairiebizmag.com.

A native of Massachusetts, Tisa Mason came to Valley City from Hays, Kan., where she served as vice president for student affairs at Fort Hays State University. President Mason previously served as dean of student life at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater in Whitewater, Wis.; executive director of the Sigma Kappa Sorority and Foundation in Indianapo-

lis, Ind.; director of student life and assistant professor at Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Va.; and assistant dean of students, Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.

A frequent speaker on leadership, student involvement, adult learners, and fraternities and sororities on college campuses, she is a NASPA member and former president, treasurer and board member of the Center for the Study of the College Fraternity.

In 2013, Mason received the Robert H. Shaffer Award from the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors for her long-term commitment to fostering positive change in fraternities and sororities. She received the Excellence in Service to Students Award from the National Society of Leadership and Success in the same year.

Her academic credentials include a Doctor of Education degree in higher education from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.; a Master of Science degree in education from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill., and a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology/anthropology from Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky. She has also earned the professional credential of Certified Association Executive (CAE).

VCSU celebrates first winter commencement

VCSU celebrated its inaugural winter commencement exercises with a ceremony held the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 17, in Graichen Gymnasium.

Eighty candidates for degrees—including 9 Master of Education candidates, 44 Bachelor of Science in Education candidates, 26 Bachelor of Science candidates, and 1 Bachelor of University Studies candidate—were eligible to participate in the ceremony.

President Tisa Mason led the event, providing remarks along with Emma Tufte, M.Ed. '14, staff adviser to the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education. VCSU student Jessica Sanden presented the undergraduate reflection, and Alan Olson, associate professor in the VCSU School of Education and Graduate Studies, presented the faculty reflection.

Sanden, an elementary education major with a minor in library media and information

science, served on the Viking Campus Activity Board, Student Senate and the Teacher Education Committee. She also was a Learning to Live mentor and Homecoming co-chair. Sanden challenged her fellow graduates to become difference makers—"to stand up, to speak up, to make something of yourself" and to enjoy "the beauty of the journey we were challenged to begin at Valley City State."

Olson received the 2015 Teacher Excellence Award for Senior Faculty. He reassured the degree candidates that they had learned critical-thinking skills and "were graduating with more than just knowledge in [their] program area." Olson also reminded them that the VCSU community shared in their accomplishments—"We'll be delighted to celebrate your successes today and in the future as well," he said.

Spring commencement exercises will be held in W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse on Saturday, May 14.



Spring enrollment sets records

Valley City State University achieved record spring enrollment according to its official Spring Semester 2016 census figures released Tuesday, Feb. 9.

VCSU enrollment numbers for Spring 2016 show all-time highs for total student headcount (1,345) and full-time equivalent (FTE) students (977).

These numbers represent the high point of an enrollment growth trend achieved at Valley City State in recent years. Since 2009, VCSU's spring headcount numbers have grown more than 40 percent (from 959 to 1,345), while FTE over the same period has increased 27 percent (from 767 to 977).

"Our spring enrollment figures are validating," said VCSU President Tisa Mason. "The numbers indicate that more students and families are recognizing the value of a Valley City State education and making VCSU their college choice. The numbers also tell us that we're doing a better job of helping students succeed at VCSU. We had our largest graduating class ever in 2015; that we're seeing record numbers now on campus indicates that more students who start here are staying here, and that's good."

"I give credit to our faculty, staff and students," added President Mason. "Their work in creating and maintaining a quality teaching and learning environment is what keeps us strong."

VCSU online programs nationally ranked by U.S. News

VCSU's online degree programs—both its Master of Education (M.Ed.) and Bachelor's Degree programs—have been nationally ranked in the 2016 *U.S. News Best Online Programs*.

VCSU's online M.Ed. is ranked 83rd among 263 programs listed in the Graduate Education rankings, and in the Best Online Bachelor's Program category, VCSU is ranked 143rd of 297 listed programs.

No other North Dakota schools were listed in the Graduate Education rankings; in the Best Online Bachelor's Program lists, Minot State University (191st), Mayville State University (205th) and the University of North Dakota (208th) were ranked along with VCSU.

U.S. News surveyed colleges and universi-

ties with online programs to obtain data for the rankings. Graduation rates, class sizes, retention rates, student indebtedness, technological infrastructure, support services, and percentage of faculty with terminal degrees and with tenure were among the many factors that were considered in ranking online programs.

More information on the rankings is available at www.usnews.com/education/online-education.

In the 2016 *U.S. News and World Report Best College Rankings*, Valley City State University was ranked as the No. 1 public regional college in the Midwest; VCSU has been named a *U.S. News* "Best College" for 18 consecutive years.

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VCSU group attends ITEEA conference in D.C.

For the third year in a row, VCSU was well represented at the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) conference March 4–6 in Washington, D.C.

The annual conference provides a unique opportunity for technology and engineering educators to gain comprehensive professional development and networking experiences, choosing from dozens of interest sessions, workshops and social events.

James Boe '91, VCSU associate professor and director of graduate studies, transitioned off the board of directors after his three-year term as president and was recognized for his service. During the conference, he hosted the association strategic planning sessions and the governance session.

He also recognized outstanding individuals at the Spirit of Excellence and Program Excellence breakfasts and the Special Recognition and International luncheons. At the board of directors meeting, Boe was appointed to continue his role as supervisor of the strategic planning task force committees during 2016–17.

VCSU Department of Technology faculty members Lana Fornes, M.Ed. '09, and Peder Gjovik '77 co-chaired the ITEEA Teacher Excellence Awards. Fornes was unable to attend the conference, but Gjovik and fellow VCSU faculty member Ron Holten facilitated the 2016 Teacher Excellence Awards, recognizing technology and engineering educators selected within their state or province.

VCSU alumni Tracy Foss, M.Ed. '14, who teaches at Central Valley Public Schools in Buxton, N.D., and Mariano Buttita, M.Ed. '14, who teaches at North Brunswick Township High School, N.J., received this award.

In addition, programs from across the nation received Program Excellence Awards recognizing outstanding programs in technology and engineering education. VCSU alumnus Justin Foss '10 was recognized for his outstanding program at Hatton–Northwood (N.D.) public schools.

Holten and Gjovik participated in several workshops pertaining to the ITEEA Engineering by Design curriculum. Holten attended workshops on Foundations of Technology,

Inventions and Innovations, and Technological Design. As North Dakota's affiliate representative, Gjovik attended workshops on Focal Points, Advanced Design Applications, and Technological Systems.

Misty (Ross) Lindgren '91 attended as a representative of the VCSU Graduate Program. She met with prospective students and promoted the graduate concentrations during the exhibitor sessions and assisted with the Teacher Excellence Awards ceremony.

Attendees with ties to VCSU in Washington, D.C. included (front, l to r) Peder Gjovik '77; Natalie (Wolf) Boe '91, M.Ed. '07; James Boe '91; Justin Foss '10; Andy Rohwedder '77; (back) Ron Holten; Don Fischer '79; Cory Booth, M.Ed. '10; Tracy Foss, M.Ed. '14; and Darwin Potter, M.Ed. '11. Also attending but not pictured were Blaire Booth, M.Ed. '10; Brian Drelick; Shaun Downey, M.Ed. '14; Jean Melton-Koch, M.Ed. '09; and Aleksandr Sadwnyk, M.Ed. '14.

STEM Education Center hosts Valley City 4th graders

The Great Plains STEM Education Center (GPSEC) at VCSU hosted all four sections of Valley City's Washington Elementary fourth grade students for an integrative STEM lesson, LEGO Soccer, at the end of January 2016. Students engaged in the engineering design process to build and program LEGO WeDo robots to simulate a soccer match between an offensive player and goalie.

"The students were excited and engaged from the start," said Jamie Wirth, Ph.D., GPSEC director. "Most of them were disappointed when it was time to leave."

VCSU alumna Natalie Boe '91, M.Ed. '07, one of the fourth grade teachers at Washington, reported that her class really enjoyed working with the LEGO robots and being on the VCSU campus. "LEGO WeDo Robotics enables students to work as scientists, engineers, and mathematicians by providing them with settings, tools, and tasks for completing cross-curricular projects," said Boe. "What I really like about this program is being able to differentiate for various ability levels of my students. It's just awesome to watch the kids' excitement as they think creatively to make a working model

and then reflect on how to find answers and imagine new possibilities."

According to Wirth, the LEGO soccer lesson is just one of the many projects GPSEC coordinates for students and teachers to emphasize 21st century skills in the classroom. "The designing, programming, and testing of the robots requires students to engage in creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration; all valuable skills for students," said Wirth.

A two-minute highlight video of the sessions is available online at youtu.be/TJP33YKObws.





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by Mark Potts, sports information director

Reliving history: 1987 Men's Basketball

As you will read in this edition of The Bulletin, the 2015–16 VCSU men's basketball squad became just the second team in Viking basketball history to win a game at the NAIA National Tournament. The Vikings defeated No. 12-ranked Tennessee Wesleyan 65-64 in the opening round before falling to IU East, 81-69 in the round of 16.

As we wrapped up that season and wrote the 2015–16 Vikings into the pages of school history, I became curious to learn more about the first Viking men's basketball team to succeed at the national tournament level. A quick look through our record books and a trip to the Barnes County Museum gave me a chance to relive that postseason run, which happened almost 30 years ago.

That first national tournament victory happened in March 1987 as the 1986–87 men's basketball team, coached by Bob Parker, completed a memorable postseason with a win at the NAIA National Tournament.

In 1987, the NAIA was still just one division, meaning more teams were competing for the same 32 spots. It wasn't until 1992 that the NAIA divided basketball into two divisions and two 32-team national tournaments.

VCSU ended the 1986–87 regular season with a 19-5 record and won the NDCAC title with an 8-2 conference record. VCSU defeated Minot State and Mayville State in the NDCAC playoffs, and then went on to defeat Carroll College and Huron College to win the NAIA District 12 Tournament and qualify for nationals.

The 1987 NAIA National Tournament featured 32 teams from around the country and was played in Kansas City. The Vikings were unseeded and faced No. 5 seed Wisconsin–Eau Claire in the opening round. Trailing 61-59, the Vikings used late-game heroics to pull out a 63-61 upset for the first national tournament win in program history. After scoring to tie that game at 61-61, VCSU's defense forced a turnover with six seconds remaining that led to a game-winning breakaway layup for Steve Bartow '89 in the final seconds.

In the round of 16, VCSU's postseason run came to an end with a tough 86-84 loss to Waynesburg (Pa.), which was also an unseeded team that pulled a first-round upset. According to the *Valley City Times-Record*, the Vikings trailed 80-63 with four minutes remaining, but rallied to within two points. VCSU had the ball with four seconds remaining but was unable to put up a shot before time expired.

Led by Bartow—an NAIA All-American—VCSU ended the season with a 24-6 record, tying the school record for wins in a season. The team became known not only for its wins, but also for its attitude and hard work on the court. As *Times-Record* sports editor Kevin “Lefty” Blaskowski '86 described at the time: “Many of the fans enjoyed not only the basketball played by the Vikings, but also the never-say-die blue collar attitude that they have instilled in many of our hearts.”

Bartow had an outstanding season, averaging 23.8 points per game and setting a new single-season school record with 715 total points. He also earned All NDCAC honors, All District 12 honors and was the District 12 MVP. Bartow stepped his game up even more in the postseason, averaging 30 points per game in four games at the District 12 Tournament and National Tournament.

VCSU's Team MVP was Bartow; Most Improved was Jeff Powers '89; Best Freshman was Mike Nelson '93; and Leading Rebounder was Chris Griffin.

Team members included Bartow, Tim Beck '88, Jim Bugner '87, Val Finley '90, Griffin, Brian Hanson '90, Kent Harding '88, John Holmes, Troy Metzger, Nelson, Powers, Kelly Raymond '90 and Perry White Owl. Head coach was Bob Parker and assistants were Monte Johnson '74 and Sonny St. Clair '88.

Curiosity satisfied.

As always, for the latest news in Viking Athletics, check out our website and social media.



1986–87 MEN'S BASKETBALL

District 12 Tournament Box Scores

VCSU	47	41	-	89
Carroll College	38	44	-	82

VCSU: Bartow 32, White Owl 16, Griffin 14, Beck 8, Holmes 8, Powers 4, Nelson 4, Bugner 3

VCSU	41	42	-	83
Huron	47	23	-	70

VCSU: Bartow 38, Holmes 12, Bugner 11, Griffin 10, Powers 6, Nelson 4, Finley 2

NAIA National Tournament Box Scores

VCSU	36	27	-	63
UW–Eau Claire	33	28	-	61

VCSU: Bartow 24, Griffin 12, White Owl 8, Beck 6, Holmes 6, Bugner 4, Finley 2, Nelson 1

VCSU	31	53	-	84
Waynesburg	38	48	-	86

VCSU: Bartow 26, Griffin 18, White Owl 15, Finley 9, Bugner 7, Holmes 4, Powers 3, Nelson 1, Raymond 1



Vikings make history with 2nd-ever national tournament victory

The 2015–16 season was one for the record books for the Valley City State men’s basketball team.

The Vikings, led by head coach Jeff Kaminsky, won a share of the regular season conference championship, advanced to the NAIA National Tournament for just the fifth time in history, and then won their first round game at the national tournament for just the second time in program history.

Valley City State returned six players from last year’s squad, integrating seven new guys on the fly this season. There were challenges, but the influx of talent also led to more success as VCSU went 22-11 overall and earned a share of the North Star Athletic Association regular season title—the 30th conference championship in program history.

“I’m certainly proud of what we were able to accomplish this year, especially with a bunch of new faces,” said Kaminsky. “It’s not always easy to gel together, and we had some challenges during the year. I always said we were a work in progress, and to be a work in progress and end up in the second round of the national tournament is pretty special.”

VCSU was ranked in the NAIA Top 25 every week beginning in early December after starting the season with a 12-2 record. VCSU ended the regular season ranked No. 23 in the nation. That earned the Vikings an at-large bid to the 32-team NAIA Division II National Tournament where they upset No. 12-ranked Tennessee Wesleyan 65-64 in the opening round. VCSU closed the game on a 14-2 run to rally from an 11-point deficit. Ellwood Ellenson made two free throws with 1.9 seconds left to give VCSU the victory.

In the second round, Valley City State ran into a hot Indiana University East team, which ended VCSU’s season in an 81-69 contest. IU East

advanced to the final four teams before being eliminated.

It was just the second time in program history that the Vikings made the round of 16 at the national tournament. The first appearance came in 1987, which you can read more about on p. 16 of this *Bulletin*.

Viking sophomore Jayden Ferguson earned honorable mention NAIA All-America honors after his standout year this season. A 6-foot-5 forward from Williston, N.D., Ferguson averaged 16.9 points and 4 rebounds per game. Ferguson scored his 1,000th career point in VCSU’s victory at the national tournament. He is believed to be the first Viking to reach 1,000 career points as a sophomore at VCSU. For the season, Ferguson shot 51 percent from the field and 37 percent from 3-point range. He was also named first-team all-conference.

Darryl Howell, a 6-foot-1 guard from Peoria, Ill., was named second-team all-conference for the Vikings, averaging 15.1 points, 2.7 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.3 steals.

Another standout for the Vikings was junior guard Justyn Galloway, who was named the NSAA Conference Defensive Player of the Year. A native of Kenosha, Wis., Galloway was VCSU’s lock-down defender this season, consistently guarding the other team’s best player each night. He averaged 11.2 points, 5.8 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.3 steals per game.

Junior forward Nygel Drury from Madison, Wis., rounded out VCSU’s top line of scorers, averaging 9.8 points and 5.4 rebounds. He led the team in shooting percentage at 56 percent.

The 22-11 record marks the fifth time in the last nine seasons that VCSU has finished with 20 or more wins. For Kaminsky, in his 11th season as head coach, it was the second time in the last four years that he’s led VCSU to the national tournament.

Women's Basketball

The Valley City State women's basketball team posted an 18-10 overall record during the 2015-16 season, tying for second place in the North Star Athletic Association regular season standings with a 10-3 conference record.

VCSU, seeded No. 3 for the conference tournament, advanced to the NSAA semifinals before falling to No. 2 seed Dickinson State to end the season.

The Vikings started the season 4-5 in October and November as they worked several new players into the rotation, but closed the season with a 14-5 record in the final three months.

Junior guard Georgia Williams was named first-team all-conference after the season. Williams, a 5-foot-10 junior from Townsville, Australia, averaged 14.5 points, 3.4 assists, 2.9 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game this season. She shot 49 percent from the field, 38 percent from 3-point range and 76 percent at the free throw line. It is the second straight season that Williams was named first-team all-conference in the NSAA.

Sophomore guard Lexi Lennon averaged 10 points and 4.3 rebounds per game as the Vikings' second leading scorer. Junior Sara Schwanke, a transfer from Lake Region State College, scored 8.8 points per game. Courtney Dixon, one of two seniors on the roster, averaged 8.1 points and led the team with 5.6 rebounds per game.

Several freshman played key roles for the Vikings, led by center Mackenzie Huber who started 23 games and averaged 7.8 points and 5.0 rebounds per game. Freshmen Alli Vandal, Hannah Schlecht, Nya Chakin and Kaitlin Connor played key roles at times during the season, as did junior transfer Nisja Bass, who started 12 games at guard.

VCSU graduates just two seniors from this year's team: Dixon and guard Tracie Boehmlehner. Dixon and Boehmlehner, along with Williams and Lennon, were named Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes following the season. To be nominated for the award, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved at least a junior academic status.



Georgia Williams

Softball off to strong start

Under new head coach Michael Mook, the Valley City State University softball team has started strong in 2016.

The Vikings had posted a 20-5 overall record through the month of March—including an early win over No. 12-ranked Dickinson State—and were receiving votes in the NAIA Top 25 Coaches' Poll.

April features North Star Athletic Association conference play for the Vikings, and the NSAA Postseason Tournament is scheduled for May 6-9 in Aberdeen, S.D. Check out our website, www.vcsuvikings.com, for the latest results and an up-to-date schedule.

Three new teams have joined the NSAA conference this season: Bellevue University, Waldorf College and Viterbo University. The Vikings were picked by coaches to finish fourth in the nine-team league this year. Dickinson State is the favorite to win the title, followed by Bellevue, Jamestown, VCSU and Waldorf College.

Valley City State is led by a strong group of returners on the dirt this season. The Vikings returned starters from last year at every infield position.

Seniors Cejay Hilhorst and Katie Cameron are returning all-conference players for the Vikings this season at third base and second base, respectively.

The Vikings feature two other seniors this season: returning starting shortstop Katarina Boychuk and Taylor Schroeder, starting at catcher this season. Sophomore Kelli Moore is back and anchoring first base for her second season at VCSU. Junior Cassie Pautz is also back to anchor a young outfield.

Morgan Nalley has emerged as VCSU's top pitcher in March, posting a 14-3 record with a 2.91 ERA through the first 25 games. Ashley Metcalf and Kathleen Galtais are also returning pitchers eating up innings this season.



Morgan Nalley

2016 Viking Hall of Fame Inductees

The Valley City State University Athletic Department has announced the addition of six new members to the Viking Hall of Fame. These six individuals will be honored with a banquet and induction ceremony during Homecoming Weekend, Sept. 23-24, 2016.

Leroy Anderson '66 — Men's Basketball

A two-time all-conference selection, Anderson currently ranks ninth all time in scoring at Valley City State University. He wore the Viking uniform from 1961-66 and finished his career with 1,271 points.

Dwayne Smith '97 — Men's Basketball

Smith was a standout on the basketball court from 1994-97 at VCSU. He earned All-American honors during his senior year of 1996-97 and finished his career on both the scoring and rebound Top 10 lists. Smith currently ranks fifth all-time in scoring at VCSU with 1,509 points. He also ranks ninth all-time with 615 rebounds.

Lori (Johnson) Pederson '96 — Women's Basketball

A three-time all-conference selection on the basketball court, Johnson ended her career near the top of the scoring and rebounds lists at VCSU. She is currently 10th all-time in scoring with 1,200 points and ranks fourth all-time with 716 rebounds. She attended VCSU from 1992-96.

Kathy (Mans) Nielsen '93 — Women's Basketball/Volleyball/Softball/Track & Field

Kathy Mans was a four-sport standout at VCSU, participating in women's basketball, volleyball, softball and track and field during from 1989-93 at VCSU. She had her most success on the courts, earning all-conference honors in both women's basketball and volleyball.

Kendall Railing '93 — Cross Country/Men's Basketball/Track & Field

Kendall Railing was another multi-sport standout at VCSU, participating in cross country, men's basketball and track and field. Railing was a three-time national qualifier in cross country and won an individual conference championship in 1992. On the track, Railing still holds three outdoor track school records in the 800, 1,500 and half-marathon.

Lloyd Joseph '92 — Football

Joseph, a terror on the defensive line, is one of just two Viking football players to be named All-American three times. Joseph earned those honors while competing at VCSU from 1987-90. Named a first-team All-American in 1990, he still holds the school record with 36 career sacks.

Viking baseball finding its way



Andrew Frank

A veteran infield has returned this season for the Valley City State baseball team, which is coming off its best season under head coach Casey Olney.

The Vikings, who posted a school-record 32 wins last season, returned its entire starting infield this season to anchor the 2016 squad.

The fall and early spring started slow for VCSU, which was 3-12 to start the season. Since then, VCSU has posted a 6-7 record, including four wins over some very solid competition in Tucson, Ariz.. One of those wins came against Wayland Baptist, which was ranked in the NAIA Top 25 Poll.

Valley City State ended the month of March with a 9-19 overall record and a 2-2 mark in conference play.

April will be full of North Star Athletic Association conference games. VCSU is scheduled to co-host the NSAA conference tournament with the University of Jamestown on May 6-9. For the latest results and up to date schedules, check out our website, www.vcsuvikings.com

Infield/Outfield

The Vikings return the core of a record-setting offensive lineup from 2015, including the entire starting infield. Joe Demers (junior/Grafton, N.D.) is back at first base; Jake Rambow (senior/Willmar, Minn.) returns at second base; Nate Bagby (junior/Hemet, Calif.) continues to anchor third base; Jared Meiklejohn (junior/LaMoure, N.D.) and Xavier Padilla (sophomore/Hemet, Calif.) both return at shortstop, although Meiklejohn has transitioned to center field for the 2016 season.

The outfield will see new faces this year taking over for a veteran group from 2015. Competing for time in the outfield are returners Mitch Scheer (junior/Casselton, N.D.), Emmanuel Leyva (sophomore/Hemet, Calif.), Tyler Ukestad (sophomore/Jamestown, N.D.), and several freshman.

Pitching Staff

The 2016 pitching staff returns half of the weekend rotation and several key relievers. Senior pitchers David Whitaker (La Crescenta, Calif.) and Alan Sandoval (Tucson, Ariz.) will anchor the staff. Other returning pitchers are Jordon Roos (sophomore/Paynesville, Minn.), Andrew Hirsch (sophomore/Mountain Lake, Minn.), and Tyler Olson (junior/ East Grand Forks, Minn.) Key additions to the staff this season include Andrew Frank (sophomore/Romoland, Calif.), Justin Lawler (junior/Nuevo, Calif.), Steven Velarde (junior/San Jacinto, Calif.), and Jonathan Vance (sophomore/Claremont, Calif.)

Designated Hitter

Tom Houdek (Grafton, N.D.) returns for his senior season and has been the main designated hitter in 2016.

Catcher

Brady Anderson (junior/Jamestown, N.D.) and Ben Bruenjes (sophomore/West Fargo, N.D.) return and will be the primary catchers this year. They will be supported by Brock Powell (sophomore/Bend, Ore.), who could also see time on the mound and at DH.

Expanded Conference

The North Star Athletic Association has expanded to 10 teams this season with the additions of Bellevue University, Viterbo University, Waldorf College and the University of Winnipeg. The expansion means the NSAA will have two automatic qualifying spots for the NAIA National Tournament opening round.

Track and Field finished strong indoors

Valley City State won one individual title and had nine all-conference performances Feb. 20 at the NSAA Indoor Track and Field Conference Championships in Brookings, S.D.

The Vikings broke three school records at the meet and had 22 season-best performances.

“To say that I am incredibly proud of this group of student-athletes is an understatement,” said head coach Chris Johnson. “The past several weeks, we have had one goal of competing our best and our hardest at the conference meet. For the overwhelming majority of the team, this occurred today. We benefited from great competition, a fast track, and the drive to succeed. I’m thankful to have student-athletes who have bought into the system this year and have reached heights because of their commitment and dedication.”

VCSU’s nine all-conference performances—top three finishes—at the meet included eight different athletes.

Seri Geisler took home the conference championship in women’s shot put with a throw of 41 feet, 8 1/2 inches (12.71m), which was almost three feet better than the second-place throw. She advanced to the NAIA National Championships, where she placed 21st.

At the NSAA meet, Alexandra Cardenas placed third in the 3,000 meter run, rounding out the all-conference performances for the Viking women.

Malik Jackson had a strong day for the Viking men with three all-conference performances. Jackson placed second in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:22.53—a new school record—and just missed qualifying for nationals by less than a half second. Jackson added a third-place finish in the 800-meter run and was part of the VCSU 4x400 meter relay team that placed second.

The relay team of Jackson, Lenzel Koskela, Niklas Ernst and Oscar Suniga shattered the old VCSU school record with a time of 3:27.23.

Andrew Hanretty had a pair of all-conference finishes in the jumping events. The freshman placed second in the long jump with a mark of 21 feet, 10 1/4 inches, missing first place by less than two inches. Hanretty added a third-place finish in the triple jump.

DaMario Fair set a new school record with a time of 7.05 in the 60-meter dash and placed second, earning all-conference honors. Niklas Ernst added a third-place finish in the 400 meter dash in another all-conference performance.

The Vikings are currently in the midst of the outdoor season, which includes the NSAA Outdoor Conference Championships on May 12-13 in Forest City, Iowa.





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The endowment credit makes it possible for individuals, businesses and financial institutions to give more, and through their contributions, have a greater impact on the state's quality of life. An endowment is a fund held by a tax-exempt organization where the principal of the fund is not wholly expendable. Only the interest and appreciation earned in an endowment fund can be used for current operations.

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YOUR GIFT AMOUNT	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
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NET COST TO YOU	\$1,600	\$8,000	\$16,000

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The 2015 North Dakota legislators have once again created the North Dakota Challenge Fund Matching Grant Program. VCSU has been allocated up to \$1 million of matching dollars if we can raise \$2 million in private dollars. The VCSU Foundation is using this program to enhance more than 170 scholarship endowment funds. It is important to note that time is running out. We have until December of 2016 to match these dollars and there is no guarantee the program will be funded again by the 2017 legislature. We also have the option of setting up a multi-year pledge. To learn more, please contact the foundation office at 701-845-7203.

YOUR GIFT AMOUNT	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
State Match	\$2,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
TOTAL GIFT TO VCSU	\$7,500	\$37,500	\$75,000

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"We were pleased to use the North Dakota Challenge Grant Program to establish an endowed scholarship at VCSU. This 'Gift of Education' will impact students for generations to come. It is a great feeling to give something back for such a worthy cause."

~James '59 & Mary Keiley

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VCSU music goes on tour

by Deborah Haley

The VCSU Concert Choir and Concert Band, comprising 83 students, traveled around North Dakota and down to Wyoming this spring on a March 9–12 tour.

The choir and band performed six concerts on the tour. Five of these concerts were for high school music programs, including concerts at Jamestown High School and three Bismarck schools—Bismarck High School (two concerts) St. Mary's Central High School and Century High School. The last concert was performed at Casper College in Casper, Wyo.

The choir's set of songs included gospel-oriented spirituals such as Paul John Rudoj's arrangement of "Yonder Come Day" and Paul Rardin's arrangement of "Walk in Jerusalem." Gregorio Allegri's "Miserere Mei Deus" and

Charles Villiers Stanford's "Justorum anime" were also included.

The band's set included Rossano Galante's "Resplendent Glory," Jim Curnow's arrangement of John William's "Olympic Fanfare and Theme" (performed originally at the 1984 Olympics), Eric Ewazen's "A Hymn for the Lost and the Living" (a tribute to the victims of 9/11) and Samuel R. Hazo's "...Go."

"The choir and band performed well over our three-day tour," said Christopher Redfearn, director of the Concert Choir and chair of the music department. "It was a grueling schedule, with six performances during those three days at five different venues and two long bus rides. Each performance was better than the previous one. I'm very proud of their efforts."

"This tour was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the quality music program at VCSU," said James Adams, director of Concert Band, "and through their diligent efforts, the band was more prepared to perform than on any previous tour in my past eight years. I had full confidence that they would represent the university well."

In addition to the band and choir, two small ensembles from VCSU music program—University Singers and the Brass Quartet—also performed.

The tour was enjoyed by the audiences and participants alike. "We enjoyed the opportunity to represent VCSU and the music program," said Sammi Hintz, choir and band member. "We all love sharing our passion for music and showcasing our abilities."

Students, alumni exhibit at Jamestown Arts

"The Proofs," an exhibit of works by Valley City State students and alumni at the Jamestown Arts Center opened March 3 and ran through April 2.

Featured artists included Michael Birchler, Katarina Boychuk, Brock Drenth, Megan Fuller, Cassy Gilbertson, Kaitlyn Huss, Kaylee Johnson, Esther Keeling, Ashley Smethers, Hayden Swanson, Megan Trautman, Hailie Wilds and Brenna Winters.

In an effort to engage more college students in their programming, the Arts Center approached VCSU art faculty to consider mounting a student art exhibition. This is the first time the Arts Center has opened the gallery exclusively to students—the educational opportunity provides students a taste of what is required when mounting an off-campus gallery exhibition and gives them a helpful addition to their résumés.

The VCSU arts students were also involved in designing sculptural bike racks for the Arts Center's Hansen Arts Park and teaching classes for Artful Happy Hour and at the Anne Carlsen Center. These collaborations are essential, providing the Arts Center with needed help and creativity and the students with "real world" experience.



▲ Katarina Boychuk



Megan Trautman ►



Ramos piece featured in Kansas City exhibit

A ceramic sculpture by Armando Ramos, assistant professor and chair of the Department of Art, is featured in the exhibit "Chromaphilia/Cromaphobia" held at the KCAI Gallery at the Kansas City Institute of Art in conjunction with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) 50th annual conference in Kansas City, Mo., March 16–19.

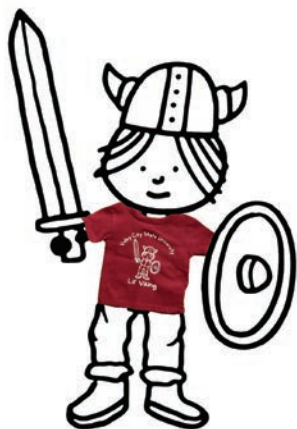
Ramos's "Portrait of Puissance" was recognized as the "Outstanding Single Piece in an Exhibition" in Cfile's "Top 10 Guide to NCECA Kansas City." The piece was also featured on the "Chromaphilia/Cromaphobia" exhibit card. The "Chromaphilia/Cromaphobia" exhibit runs through June 3, 2016.

Just Married



1. **Brittany Olson '09** and Mike Peschel were married Nov. 12, 2015, at Moon Palace in Cancun, Mexico. Mike is a realtor with Lexstar Commercial Realty, and Brittany is a physical therapist at ProRehab. They live in West Fargo, N.D.
2. **Erica Bunn '10** and Casey Buchholz were married on October 17, 2015.
3. **Becky Sundstrom '13** and Andrew Gubrud were married on November 28, 2015.
4. **Jerilyn Bruns '15** and Brady Beckman were married on September 12, 2015.





Lil' Vikings

Have you had an addition to your family within the last six months? We want to know!

Contact Kim Hesch at kim.hesch@vcsu.edu to receive a free t-shirt for your new Lil' Viking. Please be sure to tell us your baby's name and birthdate. After you have received your baby's Lil' Viking shirt, send us your baby's photo so we can include it in the next issue of *The Bulletin*. Email the photo to kim.hesch@vcsu.edu.



Charlotte Mae Sather

May 7, 2015
9 pounds 7 ounces,
21 inches
Andy '03 and Katie
(Heath) '15 Sather



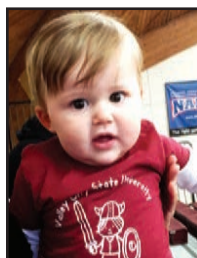
Emery Jane Wiebe

September 7, 2016
7 pounds 11 ounces,
21 inches
Jeremy '08 and Kara
(Wendel) '08 Wiebe



Amyah Kay Lewandowski

October 27, 2015
8 pounds 13 ounces,
21 1/2 inches
Brittney Hamilton '15
and Jordan Lewandowski



Baker Sussex

July 24, 2015
9 pounds 3 ounces,
21 1/2 inches
Jackson '08 and Valerie
Sussex



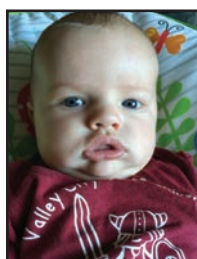
Laura Barbara Anderson

May 22, 2015
7 pounds 10 ounces,
21 1/2 inches
Joel and Lisa (Gader) '12
Anderson



Jett Arthur Horsager

June 25, 2015
6 pounds 8 ounces,
21 inches long
Joins brother Jaxon
Justin and Sherri (Senne)
'01 Horsager



Eli Joseph Ostgarden

July 12, 2015
8 pounds 2 ounces,
22 inches
Joins brother Nathaniel (2)
Joseph '12 and Theresa
(Foertsch) '11 Ostgarden



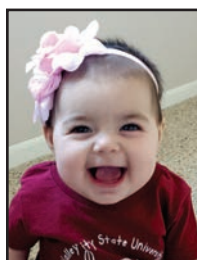
Lucas Nyles Hrdlicka

November 23, 2014
6 pounds 3 ounces,
19 inches
Michael '00 and
Leisa (Clarys) M.Ed. '15
Hrdlicka



Wyatt George Bollingberg

August 25, 2016
6 pounds 13 ounces,
19 1/4 inches
Ross and Tonia
(Christiansen) '06
Bollingberg



Charlotte Grace "Charlie" Bischof

June 4, 2015
7 pounds 10 ounces,
21 inches
Joins brother Ryan
Levi '11 and Samantha
(Bartholomay) '10
Bischof



Abigail Rose Lunneborg

July 13, 2015
7 pounds 5 ounces,
20 inches
Joins brother Henry (4)
Melissa (Rasmusson) '03
and David Lunneborg
Grandparents Olive
(Berntson) '70 and
Howard '71 Rasmusson



Ada Lynn Blanchard

July 12, 2015
7 pounds 2 ounces,
20 3/4 inches
Joins sister Harlie
Brodie and Sheena
(Hamilton) Blanchard '06

Vikings on the Move

1950s

Roland Peterson '51 was honored to be invited to attend the WDAY Honor Flight for World War II veterans in October 2015. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943–45 and was discharged as a Disabled American Veteran. Roland continues to play golf.

Mary (Menke) Wiens '53 lives in Livingston, Mont., where her husband, **Roland '54**, taught math at Park High School from 1959–80. Roland passed away in 2002. Mary enjoys her 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Her youngest daughter teaches kindergarten in Belgrade, Mont., carrying on the heritage of teaching that began with Mary's mother, **Faith Nichols Menke**, a member of the Valley City Normal School (now VCSU) class of 1927.

Arvid Homuth '52 enjoys keeping up with VCSU news and events. He turned 87 this past February. Arvid had surgery on his right knee and is undergoing rehab. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Saint Charles, Ill., where Arvid stays busy drawing.

Francis Dahl '54 and his wife, Joyce, moved to Billings, Mont., three years ago. He enjoys playing golf with two of his sons. Francis and Joyce travel to the East Coast to visit one of their sons, and they try to attend the 35th Infantry reunions throughout the United States.

Mildred (Book) Thomas '56 lost her husband, Vern, in August 2015, so she is coping with retirement alone.

Eugene "Whitey" '57 and **Lois (Gilbert) Larsen '57** are retired and living in Port Angeles, Wash. Whitey golfs once a week year-round, and Lois plays bridge weekly at the local senior center. They also play bridge together.

1960s

Irene (Langdahl) Visby '60 resides in her home near Hope, N.D. She retired from substitute teaching this year. Irene enjoys going to her grandchildren's sporting events and their school activities.

Beverly (LaPlant) Kelly '63 moved into the Heritage in Glendive, Mont., after her husband passed away.

Iva (Hoefs) Prudlik '64 taught in elementary schools for 45 years before retiring in the spring of 1993. She has enjoyed 22 years of retirement thus far. In November 2015, she moved into a retirement center, Dakota Estates, in Lidgerwood, N.D.

Eugene '68 and **Merrily (Hyde) Henne '65** have moved to a year-round lake home in Ottertail, Minn. They retired 13 years ago after 32 years of teaching in Argyle, Minn. On Sept. 11, 2015, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are enjoying the sunrises and sunsets across Portage Lake.

Bill '68 and **LuAnn (Albrecht) Bond '68** retired in 2003 after 35 years of teaching in Prior Lake, Minn. Snowbirds in Mesa, Ariz., they enjoy Harley riding, hiking and gardening.

Myron Loberg '68 enjoys traveling and is taking a group, including some VCSU alumni, to Australia.

1970s

Craig Sturlaugson '70 was inducted into the Centennial (Minn.) School District Hall of Fame; he taught at Centennial for 33 years and coached there for 45 years. He is still involved year-round with the behind-the-wheel portion of drivers ed. He and wife, **Pam (Stockland) '69**, live in Coon Rapids, Minn.

Rod Olin '71 retired and lives in Jamestown, N.D., with his wife, Judy. He enjoys visiting his grandchildren in Loveland, Colo., and Minneapolis, Minn.

Bill '72 and **Jan (Hins) Mimnaugh '72** of Breckenridge, Minn., have 4 grandchildren. Bill retired 10 years ago after a bad bout with West Nile virus. He continues to operate the migrant summer school program, which he has done for 42 summers. In her 43rd year of teaching, Jan teaches middle school special education at Breckenridge Public Schools.

Barbara (Stein) Moser '72 does substitute teaching in Jamestown since taking early retirement. Barbara and her husband enjoy traveling and visiting family. They welcomed their fifth grandson in October 2015.

Dan Schlecht '72 has retired after 36 years of teaching science in Parker, Ariz., and 1 year in Bridlington, England. His son, Donald, flies a helicopter for the local sheriff. His daughter, Kristy, is a flight medic in Parker. Marion, his wife, still works part time, and they are able to help with a couple of great-grandkids. They sneak out to travel when possible so they are never bored.

Janet Simon '75 wishes "Happy Trails" to all of her friends from 1971–75.

Boyd '75 and **Kathy (Shape) Sussex '74** are still teaching in Milbank, S.D., and living on Big Stone Lake. They were blessed with the birth of their first grandchild this past summer. Baker was born to their son, **Jackson '08**, and his wife, Val, who reside in Grand Forks, N.D.

Paul Sandness '76 has retired as general counsel and secretary of MDU Resources Group Inc after 35 years with the company. His wife, **Patty (Herzberg) Sandness '77**, retired 9 years ago as Horizon Middle School librarian and media specialist. They are looking forward to spending more time at their Arizona home and with their two grandkids in Bismarck.

Tim Jacobson '77, girls basketball coach at Shanley High School in Fargo, N.D., was named Class A Coach of the Year after leading the Shanley Deacons to a third consecutive state tournament championship and an undefeated season. The Deacons have now won 70 consecutive games, the longest active winning streak in the state.

David Katzenmeyer '78 is retiring this June after 38 years of teaching—"a great run" as he describes it. He will become chief cook and bottle washer for his wife and the taxi driver for their 14- and 15-year-old boys. David wants to thank VCSU for preparing him for his career; he says VCSU is a great place and prepares you well.

1980s

Davy '80 and **Sheila (Lindeman) Zinke '80** live in Valley City where Sheila teaches choir at Valley City High School. Davy is recently retired from the classroom but still assists with football coaching at VCHS. In February 2016, Davy was inducted into the North Dakota Wrestling Hall of Fame with his 1975 Bismarck High School wrestling team.

Dianne (Winter) Graff '82 retired from teaching as of June 1, 2015. She taught her entire career in the North Central/Barnes County North School District. Presently, she is focusing on building "The Wedding Planner" into a full-time business.

Kevin Froeber '83 is in his 33rd year of teaching and coaching. He has taught and coached at Hanaford, N.D., and Glyndon, Minn.; he is currently at West Fargo, N.D., where he has been since 1989. He and his wife, Michelle, have two sons: David is a freshman at West Fargo High School, and Michael is a seventh grader at Cheney Middle School. Kevin keeps busy with extracurricular and outdoor activities.

Jane Radig '84 works part-time at Lee's Hallmark in Fargo's West Acres Mall. She also volunteers at her church and at Bethany on 42nd.

Laurel (Ploium) Westby '84 is in her second year as an instructor of elementary education at VCSU. She is very happy to have the opportunity and pleasure of being part of the VCSU community. She has enjoyed teaching such awesome students and working with so many wonderful people on campus. She is also grateful to her husband and family who support her goals in life.

Laurie (Zimmerman) Matzke '87 has been promoted to the job of assistant superintendent for student support and innovation with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. She will supervise the department's divisions for academic support, federal title programs, teacher and school effectiveness, and American Indian and multicultural education. Matzke previously was manager of the DPI's student support and innovation division and its director of federal title programs.

1990s

Ken Aune '91 won the Favorite Music Educator category in the 2016 North Dakota Music Awards. He has taught music and band at Jamestown Middle School since 1999.

Ellen Musgrave Berg '91 and her husband, Don, are enjoying their new home on the edge of Brookings, S.D. They especially like the fact that they no longer need to shovel snow or mow the lawn, but they do need to have their binoculars handy as they have seen deer, pheasants, jackrabbits, raccoons, muskrats, and geese and other birds in the corn fields at the back of their

property. They are both retired but keep busy with family and grandkids. They hope to visit Texas in a few months to see their first great-grandchild.

Mike Lovstrand teaches students with special needs in St. Paul Public Schools. He is thankful for the tutelage and care of Jim Dew, Larry Grooters, Dave Bass, John Reed and Kathryn Holleque.

Bryan Schumacher '97 moved to Strasburg, N.D., in the fall of 2015. He is the principal at Strasburg High School. He previously taught physical education and business classes at Wishek Public School.

2000s

John Lindstrom '11 is the new Ducks Unlimited (DU) biologist for the state of Minnesota. John will deliver on-the-ground habitat conservation activities as part of DU's shallow lakes and prairie pothole programs in Minnesota. He is currently completing his master's of science degree in zoology with an emphasis on wildlife ecology.

In Remembrance

Milson Ball '37, Grand Forks, N.D.

Ramona (James) Baldwin '41, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Everett McKay '45, Longmont, Colo.

Esther Birkmaier '48, Seattle, Wash.

Lloyd Nelson '50, Galloway, N.J.

Bruce Large '51, Mahanomen, Minn.

Erling Dahl '53, Hettinger, N.D.

Ruth (Stoll) McKay '55, Longmont, Colo.

Jean (Leach) Parrow '55, Ada, Minn.

Mildred (Koskiniemi) Berge '58, Grass Valley, Ore.

Mae (Newman) Howe '59, Grand Forks, N.D.

John Leininger '62, Binford, N.D.

Eddy Nystrom '64, Surprise, Ariz.

Donald Roesler '64, Bismarck, N.D.

Timothy Zollar '69, Owatonna, Minn.

Don Waggoner '70, Sutton, N.D.

Gary Bitz '71, Jamestown, N.D.

Kent Hart '73, Belfield, N.D.

Betty (Fintoski) Pound '80, Binford, N.D.

Duane Brown, Valley City

Del Creviston, Valley City

Jake Dosch, Valley City

Perry Grotberg, Valley City

Robert "Buck" Hoerling, Centralia, Wash.

Arthur Kirschenmann, Valley City

Arthur McFee, San Antonio, Texas

Ethelyn McKay, Valley City

Raymond Morris, Sunnyvale, Calif.

Charles Stowman, Valley City

Jim Ziemba, Valley City

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Marlene Bodell
Bernard Collins
Kathleen Flados
Carol Halvorson
June Johns
Violet Johnson
Anna Johnson
Marlyce (Widener) Miller
Alvin Odegaard
Beverly Smith
Isadora Sosalla
Lilly Swenson
Betty Walby

1960

Dale Cameron
Dale Christiansen
Isabella Huson
Eugene Johnson

1961

Kirker Clark
Janet Delvo
Dale Gayer
Marcella Gilk
Linda (Anderson) Greer
Arlene Johnson
Connie Lund
Isabel Prescott
Delores Schwengler
Patricia (Bell) Tomlin
Janice Williams
Robert Woods

1962

Jacqueline Dunphy
Judith Ensrud

Florence Gryth
Janice (Kruse) Guck
Emilie Halvorson
Douglas Kessler
Sharon Lee
Edythe Mittleider
Caroline Sundstrom
Charlotte Tolton
Lillian Wagner

1963

Jerome Anderson
Margaret Anderson
Elizabeth Barnett
Donald Brandt
Darlene Buelow
Irene (Aslakson) Johnson
Wesley Lines
1965
Beverly Anderson
Margaret Corrigan
Gary Glaser
Kenneth May
Brenda (Carter) Shaw

1966

Kenneth Hanson
Phyllis Huber
Janet (Fitzgerald) Hunter
Lloyd Lorenz
Susan (Lloyd) Pederson
Deloris (Beauchamp) Schindler
Kathy (Harvey) Schwartz

1967

Arla Johnson
Delores Rodman

1968

Betty (Salzwedel) Anderson
Gwen (Berger) Arnold
Shirley Jorgensen
Alan Lindemann
Joyce Rice

1969

Carol (Joyce) Haag
Robert Hall
Dennis Haugen
Peggy (Lipp) Larson
Roland Loney
Becky (Ortiz) Olson
Judy (Torson) Olson
Lucille Olson
Orville Olson
Glen Roberts
Victor Wolter

1970

Marilyn Brooks
Donald Bruce
Gerald Bryn
Bernadette (Heidrich) Durette
Dexter Ertelt
Jane Harris
Diane (Peterson) Huffman
Ellen (Robinson) Larson
Patricia (Heggen) Moe
Dorothy (Roll) Rayburn
Gary Zimmerman

1971

William Albert
Phyllis (Hanson) Christianson
Ruth (Anderson) Goll
Larry Hehr
Laura Jacobson

Kathryn Jones
Bonnie Keena
Astrid Mills
Glende Olson
M. Pederson
Richard Pederson
Albert Ruckaber
Marland Sarles
Mari Shaw
Jane Thoemke
Linda Thompson
Barbara (Bunney) Van Enk
Glenn Van Enk
Jane Vander Voste
Barbara VanVugt
Daniel Welander
Judi (Anderson) Welsh
Joel Zimmerman

1972

Kory Austin
Linda (Evanson) Blasczyrk
Doris Dahl
Susan Ferguson
Dennis Frisch
James Friskop
Phyllis Gaspers
Steven Hoffer
Muriel King
Sandra Kutz
Bill Martell
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