

# V-500 Visions

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The VCSU Foundation and the North Dakota Department of Transportation are pleased to provide an opportunity to show your Valley City State University Viking Pride every day as you drive your vehicle around the state and across the country. By supporting this "pride promotion," you also directly support Valley City State University and its V-500 Scholarship Program.

To get your VCSU license plate, apply online at http://www.dot.nd.gov/ and click on the "Forms" button on the left side. Scroll down to form SFN54397, "Application for Organization Plate."



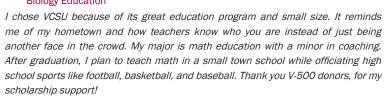
### There are 1,422 reasons to give to V-500...

Our wonderful students! Since we cannot arrange for you to meet all our scholarship recipients, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to three: Lindsey, Ryan and Stephanie.



**Lindsey McMaster, So.**Bismarck, N.D.
Biology Education

I chose VCSU because I wanted to pursue teaching, and I am a first-year transfer student from a school that was not as focused on education majors as VCSU. I love the environment at a smaller school with smaller class sizes and overall focus on producing exceptional educators. Both of my grandparents attended VCSU, and they also encouraged me to attend. After graduation, I hope to get a job as a secondary science teacher in the tri-state area. Additionally, I'm interested in working on a university campus to educate future college students.





Ryan Schneider, Fr. Linton, N.D. Math Education



Stephanie Kietzman, Fr. Enderlin, N.D. Business Administration

Initially, I was majoring in history education, and VCSU was the obvious choice because of the great teaching program. It was close to my hometown so it was easily accessible. The campus is small and the teachers know my name. Now, changing my major to business administration, I am still ecstatic about VCSU and my seamless transition to an entirely different field of study. I'm not 100 percent sure what I will do upon graduation, but I do know I have options with a VCSU degree, and I guarantee I will find something, somewhere that I love. I am a proud recipient of the V-500 scholarship. It really means a lot to me to have that extra financial help!

As you can see, we have an impressive group of students from all over the region. They are personable, talented, hard-working and full of life! They are outstanding representatives of our university and would make you proud! On behalf of all our V-500 scholarship recipients, I would like to say thank you for your generosity and for **Making a Difference** at Valley City State University!

Jeremy Wiebe '08
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



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### Thank you for your support!

Why did I choose Valley City State University? Simple, it chose me. The person that walked in these doors my freshman year is completely different than the person I am today. I will forever remember the impact this campus has had on my life. No words can explain the joy I feel when I tell people I attend VCSU! No words can explain how many tears I will shed in May when I have to leave. This place has supported me both financially and emotionally. Valley City State University is a family. I love VCSU more than anything and I am proud to be a Viking for life.



Madelyn Zane, Sr. Newburg, N.D.

Become a fan of the V-500 Scholarship Program on Facebook www.facebook.com/V500Scholarships

# V-500 Recognition Banquet Scheduled for December 12



The V-500 Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley City Eagles Club. All V-500 donors will be invited to attend the celebratory banquet, and all V-500 donors who have given or pledged to give at least \$250 since last year's banquet will receive two complimentary tickets to the banquet. The V-500 Banquet is a wonderful time to recognize all donors, especially our new and renewed members. Those who have reached a lifetime giving milestone also receive special recognition.

If you are not a current member, you can receive complimentary tickets by joining V-500 before Monday, Nov 30. If you are a V-500 member, expect to receive your invitation the last week of November. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Following the meal and banquet, you are invited to stay at the Eagles Club where you'll have reserved seats for the EBC "We're In the Christmas Mood" show. This is a heartwarming evening that will surely get you in the Christmas mood!

# Celebrate the New Year Early! Enjoy the Benefits of a Year-End Gift



### Gift of Cash or Property Would You Like to Save on Your Taxes?

For a gift of cash, you will receive a charitable deduction for the full cash value. If you make a property (real estate or stock) gift to us, you avoid any tax that would otherwise be due upon sale. We then sell your property tax-free and you enjoy the benefits of a charitable tax deduction.



# Charitable Gift Annuity Are You Looking for Secure, Future Income?

When you make your gift of cash or appreciated property to our organization, we promise to pay you fixed payments for life (with rates based on your age). You will receive a charitable deduction for the value of your gift and a portion of your payments could be tax-free!



## **Charitable Bequest** *Make a Future Gift Now!*

We would be pleased to send you our helpful guide on planning your will or trust. You will want to contact your attorney about how to include a bequest in your estate plan. Once your bequest is made, please let us know so that we can recognize and thank you.

This information is not intended as tax, legal or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.

### 2015 VCSU Rendezvous

The fourth annual VCSU Rendezvous was held on Friday, Oct 23, at the Valley City Eagles Club. This year's entertainment was Black & Whyte Dueling Pianos. Adam and Kevin set up their baby grand pianos and had the crowd engaged, laughing and singing all night long. From "Sweet Caroline" to the "Cheers" theme song, from "Don't Stop Believing" to "Hey Jude" and everything in between, Black & Whyte played every requested song with style! Proceeds from the event benefit the V-500 Scholarship Program. In addition, our dueling pianos entertainment donated their entire tip jar back to V-500. This year's event raised over \$6,000 in scholarship support for VCSU students! A BIG thank you to Bank Forward, Insure Forward, Invest Forward and Ingstad Family Media for sponsoring the event and making the 2015 Rendezvous a HUGE success for the V-500 Scholarship Program!



### V-500 Membership Application 2015-16

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Check out our **Giving Opportunities with Tax Incentives**on our web page at

alumni.vcsu.edu.

Continue the Viking Family Tradition!

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

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

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



Mike '88, Kathy M.Ed '07, Cameron '13, Tayler (jr.) & Jared (fr.)