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Show Your Viking Pride!

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."



V-500 Makes a Difference for McCann

Steph McCann is a freshman at Valley City State University. Growing up in rural North Dakota just outside Verona, Steph enjoys horseback riding, hunting, and waitressing part-time at Donna's Diner in Oakes, ND where she graduated from high school.

"I didn't start looking at VCSU until my junior year of high school" said Steph. "When I came to Valley City for my visit, I fell in love with the campus and everyone I met was just so welcoming. I knew I wanted to major in education and a large majority of my teachers attended VCSU -- they all recommended the education program. I loved the idea of professors knowing my name and actually taking an interest in my potential. VCSU is one of those schools that actually care about students bettering themselves and will go above and beyond to see that happen."

V-500 is an amazing program helping students realize their dreams of a college education. McCann said, "I have always known that I was going to go to college. What I didn't know was how I was going to pay for it. In high school, I worked two jobs to build up my savings. I also applied for and received multiple scholarships and have taken out multiple loans. On weekends, I return home to wait tables at Donna's Diner. Because I am paying for college myself, the V-500 scholarship is a tremendous gift that will reduce the loans I have to pay back after graduation. This scholarship is an amazing source that is helping me to achieve my dreams of becoming an educator. I am so grateful for all of the sponsors giving me this opportunity."



Steph McCann is a shining example of the type of student the V-500 program is designed to bring to VCSU. The only way we have students like Steph on our campus is because of the generous donors and volunteers of this important scholarship program. If you are a part of V-500 in any capacity, you can be proud to know you played a big part in Steph's education and promising career as a teacher.

Jeremy Wiebe '08
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



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Thank you for your support!

“I am very interested in history, which initially sparked my interest in teaching. Naturally, Valley City State University seemed like a great place to get my history education degree. However, after a few short weeks here, I made the decision to get involved in band, and it sparked up a completely different interest for me. At a bigger school I might not have had the opportunity to participate in music the way I do here at VCSU. The V-500 scholarship really helps to make this all possible. Without the help I'm getting from V-500, I would have to choose between studying history and music because I can't afford the tuition costs associated with completing a double major. After graduation, my dream is to find a school where I can teach history and also use my music degree to get involved with the pep band. Thank you to all the donors making my dreams a reality!”



**Cassandra Reidburn
Jamestown, N.D.**

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**V-500 Recognition Banquet
Scheduled for December 13**



The V-500 Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 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 \$200 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, December 1. 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's "We're In the Christmas Mood" show. This is a heart-warming evening that will surely get you in the Christmas mood!

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



The end of the year is special. It is the season of tradition and spending time with loved ones. The familiar saying reminds us it is "better to give than to receive." As the year winds to a close, take time to make sure you have given to yourself by giving to others.

The remaining weeks of the year give you a final opportunity to balance your income and giving for the tax year. When you give a gift to a qualified nonprofit organization, you receive an income tax deduction. Even if your income is less this year than it was

last year, you may still want to offset it with a tax deductible contribution.

Gifts of cash are always helpful. Whether you donate by cash or check we can help you complete your gift by year's end. Savvy donors almost always donate appreciated assets, like stock, by transferring them to their favorite causes. By giving this year, you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid paying capital gains that might otherwise be due if the asset were sold.

Some gifts have financial rewards for you beyond the income tax deduction. Trusts and charitable gift annuities offer payments back to you for life. They also have the advantage of an income tax deduction and capital gains and other tax savings. There are also attractive tax advantages for rolling over your IRA. It is easy to do. The rollover provides us with immediate support of our scholarship programs while benefiting you with a nice tax deduction.

Join with other friends of our organization who find this season a perfect time to give back. Not only will you be saving taxes and perhaps starting a lifetime stream of income, but most significantly, you will be helping the causes that are important to you.

2014 VCSU Rendezvous

The third annual VCSU Rendezvous was held on Friday, Oct. 17, at the Valley City Eagles Club. This year's entertainment was Rubber Soul: A Tribute to The Beatles. Paul, Ringo, George and John look-alikes used authentic wardrobe and instruments, taking us back to relive the magic of the Beatles. Proceeds from the event benefit the V-500 Scholarship Program.



V-500 Membership Application 2014-15

Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____
 Email _____

Annual Commitment:

- \$250 per year for 4 years
- \$375 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$1,500 scholarship
- Other (Please specify: _____)
- \$625 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$2,500 scholarship
- \$1,250 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$5,000 scholarship

Payment Frequency:

- Annual
- Semi-Annual
- Quarterly
- Monthly

If you would like to make your payment during a specific month, please list: _____

Method of Payment:

Check: Payable to VCSU Foundation/V-500

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover Check here to automatically charge this credit card when payments are due.

Card #: _____ **Signature on Account** _____ **Exp. Date** _____ **3 Digit Validation Code** _____

Automatic Withdrawal: Enclose voided check.
 I authorize the VCSU Foundation/V-500 to withdraw \$ _____ on the 15th of the month to begin in _____

_____ **Signature on Account** _____ **Date** _____



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<http://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 of the University who have supported the University while they were living to continue to have an impact on the University 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.

*We advise our alumni and friends to consult with their tax accountant or attorney to determine the benefits of making a gift in your estate to the VCSU Foundation.