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## Show Your Viking Pride!

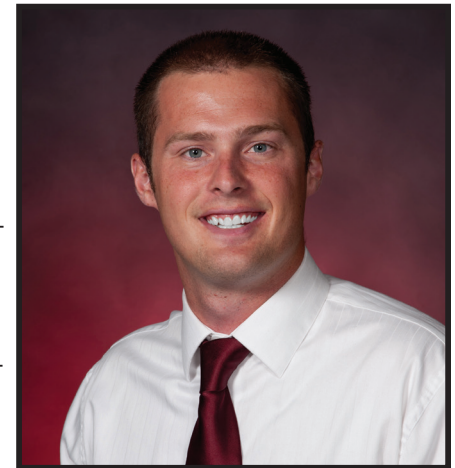
The VCSU Foundation and the North Dakota Department of Transportation are pleased to provide an opportunity to show your Valley City State University Viking Pride every day as you drive your vehicle around the state and across the country. By supporting this "pride promotion," you also directly support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



## Our Students Need You

The school year is well underway. In fact, it's almost half over. Our first year students have settled into their new roles of independence, responsibility and opportunity. In early October, Valley City State University announced record enrollment with 1,452 students and retention rates are at an all-time high. As most of our student body would say, 'OMG!' While there are a number of factors that contribute to this success, I believe there is one resounding reason for VCSU's success – YOU! Our alumni and friends have continued to step to the plate for this institution and it shows.



In 2015-16, the VCSU Foundation awarded \$1.25 million to our deserving students. Think about that for a minute. That's \$1.25 million less in student loan debt to repay. It's 1.25 million reasons why our students are able to focus in the classroom instead of worrying how they will cover their tuition bill. This is no small dollar amount but rather a big reason why you are **making a difference** at Valley City State University.

Moving forward, we will be offering more renewable scholarships to incoming freshmen starting in the 2017-18 academic year. What does this mean for our students? Instead of receiving a V-500 scholarship for one year only, their scholarship can be renewed up to four years while the student attends VCSU as long as a specific GPA is maintained. While this is great news, it is no easy task. Although it is very cliché, we need your help now more than ever. By going to [alumni.vcsu.edu/donate](http://alumni.vcsu.edu/donate) and making a tax-deductible donation, you can help us reach this goal. Join me in supporting this cause by making a one-time or recurring donation. Page 2 has a few excellent ways you can support our cause and enjoy the benefits of a charitable tax deduction.

Help our students attain the bright future they deserve. You can be a **Difference Maker**.

**Jeremy Wiebe '08**  
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



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**Thank you for your support!**

I'm a small town girl with a big heart. I love to help others, especially little kids. I work at a daycare and nursing home in Bowman, ND and love helping out where I can to make a change for the better. I like to be around people and express myself.

This scholarship means a lot to me. It means I might have a chance to make a difference in someone's life by teaching something I love. I come from a family that is not overly wealthy and I work for all that I have so it really means a lot to me.

I'm majoring in Math Education and plan to teach somewhere in North Dakota once I graduate. My goal is to try to convince someone that math isn't that bad!



**Shelby Tennis, Fr.  
Bowman, N.D.**

Become a fan of the V-500 Scholarship Program on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/V500Scholarships](http://www.facebook.com/V500Scholarships)



**V-500 Recognition Banquet Scheduled for December 10**



The V-500 Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley City State University Cafeteria. 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 28. 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 Vangstad Auditorium 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.

## VCSU Sets Enrollment Record

Valley City State University has set an enrollment record with a headcount of 1,452 students for Fall 2016, surpassing the previous high mark of 1,422 set in Fall 2015.

VCSU’s Fall 2016 graduate enrollment headcount of 157 ties the record set in Fall 2011.

“We’re proud to see our numbers increase,” said VCSU President Tisa Mason. “More and more students are choosing to pursue a VCSU education because they recognize the quality of our academic offerings and the value we provide for their investment. I commend our faculty and staff for the work they do to make us a top choice for students and their families.”

Part of VCSU’s growth is due to increases in its first-to-second-year retention rate each of the last four years. In addition, a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree program has been added to the VCSU graduate offerings to complement a Master’s in Education degree program.

The university has also begun offering three-year bachelor’s degree programs in business administration, elementary education, English education, mathematics education and professional communication. To help keep college affordable, VCSU faculty are increasingly using free OER (Open Educational Resources) in place of textbooks in many of their courses.

VCSU was recently named the No. 1 Public Regional College in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report for the second consecutive year and the fourth time in the last six years. The university has been recognized as a U.S. News “Best College” for 19 consecutive years.



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## V-500 Membership Application 2016-17

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Commitment

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

### Payment Frequency

- Annual
- Quarterly
- Semi-Annual
- Monthly

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

\_\_\_\_\_

### Method of Payment

- Check:** Payable to VCSU Foundation/V-500
- Credit Card:**  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  Check here to automatically charge this credit card when payments are due.

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_      Signature on Account \_\_\_\_\_      Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_      3 Digit Validation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Signature on Account      Date



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with Tax Incentives**  
on our web page at  
[alumni.vcsu.edu](http://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 for continuing the Viking Family Tradition!

Pictured are the 2016-17 Legacy Scholarship recipients.

For information on the Alumni Scholarship application, contact Enrollment Services at 701.845.7101 or refer a student at [alumni.vcsu.edu/tradition](http://alumni.vcsu.edu/tradition).



(L to R): Bradyn Sand, Dalton Ondracek, Patrick McCarthy & Jessica Ronning  
Not Pictured: Tyler Clark