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VCSU Named in U.S. News & World Report Best College Rankings

Valley City State University has again been named among Midwest public regional colleges in the 2019 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings. VCSU has now been named a U.S. News "Best College" for 21 consecutive years!

Meet Your V-500 Scholarship Recipients!

Your donations make a difference for VCSU students! About 120 students received V-500 scholarship awards for the 2018-2019 academic year.

You helped students earn scholarships to enroll in majors such as Elementary Education, Business, Fisheries and Wildlife Science, and Health Science. Placement rates are very high for graduates in these programs. Think about reaching out to the students if you have a career path similar to their goals. Mentoring or sharing stories of how you navigated the job market can be extremely helpful to students.

VCSU set enrollment records again with a total headcount of 1,547 students and an undergraduate headcount of 1,404 students, according to the official Fall Term 2018 figures. Many students choose VCSU because of the scholarship awards. Thanks go to you for your contributions!

This edition of Visions kicks off our annual V-500 membership drive. Please consider renewing your membership. Many employers offer matching funds, so you can double your donation!

You really are the difference maker for these students!

Maggie Heinle Assistant Director of Annual Giving Logan Miller Health Science + Zimmerman, MN



I decided to attend VCSU because it was the perfect fit for me to continue my academic and athletic career. From the moment I set foot on campus I knew that VCSU was the school for me. It gave me the hometown

feel that I was hoping for, and a wonderful opportunity to be a part of the special atmosphere and culture that is VCSU. The opportunity to play basketball while I study pre-med is a dream come true.

The V-500 scholarship will be extremely helpful to me as medical school is my ultimate goal. Studying pre-med while being a part of the VCSU men's basketball team will require a lot of my time and dedication, and will likely impact my ability to work and earn money. This scholarship will allow me to focus more on my studies and basketball, and for that I am truly grateful. I am humbled and honored to receive this gift and investment in my future.



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Sorenson Joins V-500 Board



Matt Sorenson, an accountant with Ludvigson, Braun & Company, recently joined the V-500 board.

Sorenson is a 2013 graduate of VCSU where

he played golf. Matt and his wife, Kristin, reside in Valley City.

V-500 Board names Heath as President, Cordie as Vice President



Kelli Heath, Red River Sales of Valley City, was recently voted in as the new president of the V-500 board. Kelli has served on the board for the past three years.



Joining Kelli is Jackie Cordie, First Community Credit Union, as the new vice president of the V-500 board. This is Jackie's third year on the board.

V-500 Recognition Banquet December 8

Please join us for the V-500 Recognition Banquet to be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 in the VCSU Student Center Cafeteria.

Following the banquet, guests are invited to attend the EBC Fraternity Alumni presentation of "We're In the Christmas Mood" at 7:30 p.m. in Vangstad Auditorium.



Meet Your V-500 Scholarship Recipients, continued.



Larissa Tallmadge Elementary Education Carrington, ND

I decided to go to VCSU for elementary education because this is the number one teaching college in the state. I also like that I can get

anywhere on campus within a few minutes. My goal is to become a kindergarten teacher.

My family moved to North Dakota when I was 14. I made myself get out in the community, so I became involved in babysitting, church, and other activities. I plan to continue by community involvement in Valley City while attending VCSU.

The V-500 scholarship took so much stress off my family! We have a big family, and my mom recently had surgery. The scholarship allowed me to come to VCSU. Thank you to the V-500 donors!



Connor Mattice Elementary Education LaMoure, ND

I chose the elementary education program because I heard it is very good. VCSU is also close to home. I like the small school environment. The

small class sizes make it easier to get to know other students and the faculty. My twin brother, Jeremiah, and I enjoy choir, and will stay with the choir throughout our time at VCSU. Thank you for donating to the V-500 scholarship program. It really helps with college costs!

Jeremiah Mattice Computer Information Systems LaMoure, ND

I chose VCSU because of the laptop program, good teachers, and lower tuition rates. The teachers at VCSU are

very friendly and the cafeteria food is really good! I enjoy choir, and I'm told I have the lowest bass voice. In my L2L class I plan to work with Valley City fourth graders on a coding project. The V-500 scholarship made attending VCSU possible! Thank you!



Ella Schye Business Management Malta, MT

I attended Malta High School in Malta, MT. I decided to attend VCSU because of its small size and the opportunity to play volleyball. I

will major in professional communication.

The V-500 scholarship will help me reach the goals I've set for myself. A little help goes a long way in getting my degree!



Riley Smieja Fisheries and Wildlife Science Royalton, MN

I attended Royalton High School in Royalton, MN. I'm majoring in fisheries and wildlife science. I plan to use my degree to find a fisheries job in Minnesota.

The V-500 scholarship makes attending college more affordable to attend.

Does your employer have a matching gift program? If so, let us know!

- Jim Kelly

Thank you from your 2018–2019 V-500 Scholarship Recipients!

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V-500 Membership Application 2018–2019

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