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The folks at "North Dakota Living" magazine, published by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, were interested in what's being done to address the teacher shortage in rural North Dakota, so they turned to VCSU to hear about what the university is doing in that regard. Recent VCSU alumni Megan Trautman and Zach Nelson share their experiences in the classroom, and Sheri Okland, Ph.D., dean of the VCSU School of Education and Graduate Studies, speaks about teacher education in this article, first published in "North Dakota Living."

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The annual employee recognition dinner was held May 10 in the Student Center, and here we have an opportunity to share their honors and achievements, along with photographs from the evening, with a wider audience. These are the individuals who contribute so much to the transformative education our students experience so have a look and add your thanks to those who do so much at VCSU.

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If you're like much of the Valley City community, you may not know the name Kevin Kamphuis but you probably are familiar with Sparky. And if you're a supporter of Viking athletics, you've probably benefited from his volunteer work or even worked alongside him. Read why Kevin Kamphuis received the Difference Maker Award from the Foundation Office.

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Moving forward: 'Engage, Innovate, Succeed'

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Margaret Dahlberg, Ph.D., Interim President

We have started another exciting academic year at VCSU, with good enrollment numbers and strong campus anticipation for the selection of our new president by the State Board of Higher Education in late September.

Our 2017-22 Strategic Plan, "Engage, Innovate, Succeed," is entering

its second year. We have started many of the initiatives identified in that plan, beginning with efforts to increase multi-year scholarships and several other strategies to support student retention to graduation. Another initiative in the strategic plan is to encourage academic engagement and use of high-impact practices to

make certain students receive a quality education. Our aim is to prepare students who are both broadly educated and career ready in their chosen professions.

This is the year for innovation—for the introduction and testing of new ideas in all areas, including the Foundation Office, where we are exploring new ways to connect with our alumni and different fund-raising op-

tions. For example, Athletic Director Jill DeVries has planned an Ag Bowl Football game for September 8, inspired by and partially supported by agribusiness partners in the region. Pete Smithhisler, our vice president for student affairs, has developed the 1890 Club, an organization for

our new and recent graduates. This group seeks to help young professionals become involved in alumni activities as they start their careers. We are also considering different options for alumni gettogethers, so stay tuned!

There are some challenges ahead this year, as we work with state legislators to assure suf-

ficient budget to meet our No. 1 campus priority—student success. But with strong enrollment, high-quality programs, and an engaged faculty, VCSU is in a good position to move forward with new initiatives that support Governor Burgum's vision for innovation in higher education.

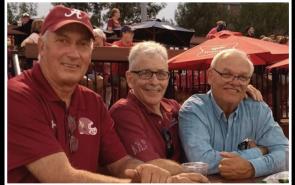
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VCSU @ the F-M RedHawks August 8, 2018

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.



Honoring our alumni and supporting your alma mater

Kim Svenningsen-Hesch '91, Assistant Director for University Advancement and Alumni Relations

Homecoming is a time when alumni return to their alma mater to reconnect with people, places, and traditions. Homecoming is more than just a football game—it's an opportunity for alumni to return to a weekend of celebrating. Have you ever wondered how some of our traditions started? I decided to check the "Cornerstones" centennial history to find out. Here below is what I found.

The Mascot

In early 1925, it was determined the time had come for the Normal School to have a mascot. There was a contest to submit names with a \$5 prize to the winning name. A committee reviewed a list of 150 submitted names and chose the name "Viking."

The First Homecoming

VCSU celebrated its first Homecoming October 21–23, 1927! The following year the tradition of having the "Viking" lead the Homecoming parade began.

Homecoming Royalty

In 1935, Lyle "Doc" Haines was the first student chosen for this honor and the tradition of electing a Viking or Homecoming King was continued until 1963. The tradition of electing a Homecoming King was discontinued for several years and resumed in 1981. The first Homecoming Queen, Edna (Brandon) Sanden, was elected in 1936.

Game Day

Traditionally the day kicks off with the VCSU Alumni Association's Alumni Honors Breakfast. The Alumni Association presents alumni with the Certificate of

Merit, Alumni Service, Young Alumni Achievement, and Distinguished Alumni awards.

The breakfast is followed by the parade down Central Avenue. The parade is a combination of floats, marching bands, and homecoming royalty, with area businesses invited to take part.

After the parade, alumni and fans are invited to Lokken Stadium for tailgating. Everyone is encouraged to take part in these fun festivities, which include music, food and spirits, that take place in the stadium parking lot.

Finally, it's game time, and alumni, students, parents, and friends fill the stands. This year the Viking football team will play Waldorf University.

When was the last time you were back for Homecoming? This year we will be holding reunions for the classes of 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998, and 2008 along with an All Greek Reunion on Friday night at the Valley City Eagles Club.

For the full schedule of Homecoming festivities, see p. 11or click on the Homecoming banner on our website, www.vcsualumni.org.

If you haven't been back to campus in a while or have never attended Homecoming, I would encourage you to make a few phone calls to fellow classmates and come home to VCSU to celebrate Homecoming 2018. It's always a great time to reconnect with classmates, meet other alumni and celebrate VCSU!

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VCSU Foundation and university set funding priorities

Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

These enhancements are necessary, and their value is

real. The VCSU Foundation Board of Directors and the

university administration strongly believe that these

priorities must be funded in order to keep the university

competitive in today's higher education market.

The VCSU Foundation, in conjunction with the university administration, has established funding priorities for Valley City State University. These priorities were set following a campus-needs analysis and review, and input from strategic planning discussions. Focused on both current and future needs of the institution, the funding priorities are summarized below.

Ongoing Scholarship Support: The VCSU Foundation will allocate \$1.623 million in scholarship support during the 2018-19 academic year. With costs of attending higher education increasing annually, continuing to provide crucial financial assistance to our students through scholarship support is a very high priority. Scholarship support has also been one of

the drivers of enrollment growth at the university over the past several years. Projected cost: \$1.623 million, reviewed annually.

Expansion of the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse and Athletic Complex: The W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse

("The Bubble") was constructed in 1961. Although the facility has served us well and the basketball

court remains a popular venue for conference competition, the growing needs of the university have outpaced the facility. At the time of construction, there were 7 men's athletic teams and no women's teams at the university. Today, VCSU has 14 varsity athletic programs, more than 250 athletes, and 27 coaches. In 1961, there were 44 contests annually compared to 261 today. The Osmon Fieldhouse remains a great facility: however, there is a serious need for an expansion to accommodate the growth of the Viking athletic program. Projected cost: \$15 million.

Student Center: The Memorial Student Center was built in 1961 and expanded in 1969. This facility continues to serve important student

needs. With a fall 2017 enrollment of 1,522 students, however, there is a real need to expand and enhance this key facility to meet the demands of today's student body. Projected cost: \$2 million.

General University Growth Projects: The university has important needs for modern laboratory equipment, residence hall upgrades, security enhancements, walkway repairs, campus signage, and other projects. Projected cost: \$2 million.

Wellness Center Debt Retirement: The Gaukler Family Wellness Center has been a very popular addition to the campus and the community. Shared with and administered by the Valley City Parks and Recreation Department, the 65,000 square-foot facility includes a weight room,

> exercise lab, swimming pool, child watch area, gymnasium, classrooms, administrative offices, and more. Total cost was about \$16 million. A \$2 million debt remains on the facility, with the university's share standing at \$1 million.

These enhancements are necessary, and their value is real. The

VCSU Foundation Board of Directors and the university administration strongly believe that these priorities must be funded in order to keep the university competitive in today's higher education market. The goal of the VCSU Foundation is to formulate a plan to respond to these needs.

For more than 125 years, Valley City State University has added value to the region by equipping and empowering students to leave this institution ready to "Make a Difference!" Your support will contribute to our longstanding reputation of excellence that will lead us into the future.

For further information on how you can support these important priority needs, contact the VCSU Foundation Office at 1-800-532-8641.



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Twenty-five years together is often known as the silver anniversary. For a trio of VCSU football coaches, they hope 25 years together becomes a championship anniversary.

Head coach Dennis McCulloch, assistant head coach Gregg Horner and linebackers coach Dave Rausch are in their 25th season together on the Viking sideline this year, seeking their eighth conference championship together. In the revolving door world of college football, 25 years for a coach in one location is rare. But to have three coaches work together in one spot for 25 years? That's nearly unheard of.

Rausch's career at VCSU has spanned more than four decades, first as an All-American line-backer and now as a volunteer assistant coach working with the linebackers. For Horner, the VCSU journey began as an undergraduate in 1985 when he joined the Vikings as a lineman. But it wasn't until 1994 that the trio met and came together on the sideline. It was that season that head coach Steve LeGrand hired Mac to be his defensive coordinator, and Horner to be his defensive line coach. After a 9-1 record and national playoff appearance in 1996, LeGrand stepped down and McCulloch was named head coach for the 1997 season. He then hired Horner as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, setting the stage for another successful run of Viking football.

Since that season, it's been Mac and Horner leading the Viking program. The journey has included a school-record 125 wins for McCulloch, six conference championships, four national playoff appearances, six conference coach of the year awards for McCulloch, and a national assistant coach of the year award for Horner.

Through it all, the hands-on coaching style of Mac and Horner has remained. The duo are far from figurehead coaches, leading daily practices and drills and taking every opportunity to teach their players one-on-one. From warmups to extra conditioning after practices, Mac and Horner are usually there.

On the eve of their 25th season working together, we sat down with Coach McCulloch and Coach Horner to reflect on their time at VCSU. Below are their thoughts, edited for clarity, on a variety of subjects.

On 25 years at VCSU

McCulloch: "To have Coach Horner and Coach Rausch be a part of this for 25 years, that's extremely unique in our business. And it's made it great for me, to be able to coach with my friends. When I got the opportunity to be the head coach, I told Gregg that I wouldn't want to do it without him here. We work really well together."

Horner: "When I left South Dakota State University to come here, I told my wife, Kathleen, we'd be here for two years. But once you have kids you realize some things. I looked at other jobs during those early times, but you always compare to where you're at, who you're working with and the time. As you get older, you realize time is way more important than money, and the satisfaction of who you're working with is way more important."



Josh Kasowski '05, linebacker "Coach Mac, Horner and Rausch complement each other well. Whereas Horner is cool and calm and X' & O's, Rausch is pure emotion and fire. Coach Mac is a refined combination of the two. I consider myself privileged to have played under all three."

Mark Rerick '01, tight end
"Coach Mac, Coach Horner, and
Coach Roup were passionate about
making us the best individuals
and the best team that we
could be. Their enthusiasm was
contagious and set an example
for all of us about how to run an
organization."

On coaching college athletes

McCulloch: "It's fun to see kids get better, and work with kids to see them get better. Guys that are coachable and take it and embrace it, and are excited about it, that drives you."

Horner: "We've had some unbelievable kids, some really great kids."

McCulloch: "Really great kids. Everyone complains about the kids these days, but I don't see it because I really like our kids. Now, they're different than when we started, but they still want to be coached, they're still competitive and still want to work hard."

On what they are most proud of

Horner: "I'm at my alma mater, and I'm proud that the program has seen sustained success, and the relationships we've built with coaches and players. We go to the national convention and we know a lot of coaches because of the connections we've made. Our players too, the great guys that come back to practice and homecoming. Those are my favorite times. To us, that's the best. Just seeing our former players and getting a chance to see them and their families growing up."

McCulloch: "We've grown a lot of things within our program. We've started camps from nothing to over 600 kids today. We've started the Oarsmen Club, going from no football-specific alumni giving to almost \$70,000 a year. The alumni involvement we're doing is bigger than it's ever been. Just having those alumni involved in our program as much as possible, that's been a positive thing. Whenever we leave, I want to leave the program in a good spot. I want to see all this stuff maintaining itself and continuing to grow and improve and prosper. We've created a lot of really good things that are sustainable and will help this program be competitive for a long time."



On the X's and O's of football

Horner: "I always tell people, our first few meetings together (in 1994) trying to formulate what we're doing defensively was kind of a fight. We had some battles there."

McCulloch: "I'm a good idea guy, and Coach Horner is a great implementation guy. He takes my crazy ideas and says, 'Ok, we have to fine tune and do this.' So we develop ideas together as the week goes on. Horner is going to make all the calls on Saturday, and I just get to critique them."

Horner: "I've never said this is my defense since I've been defensive coordinator. This is our defense; he's the co-defensive coordinator. He's a great X's and O's guy. We've worked together 25 years, but I'll probably learn something from him this afternoon when we watch film."

Jeremy Payne '07, linebacker

"Coach Horner taught me how to prepare. Nothing in my sports career was more rewarding than being on the field for a Horner-led defense. The expectations were so high, the attention to detail so meticulous, that finally playing a down felt exhilarating. No coach has impacted my life more."

On evolving as coaches

McCulloch: "We did some crazy things in the early years and had a lot of success. It's not normal what we did. If I go back and show you what we did, it's not like anybody else drew it up. We just started it. And it's a totally different defense than we run today. There's not one right way to do it, and I think we've both seen that over the years. You gather as many ideas as you can and hopefully mold it into something that you can teach kids."

Horner: "We may be old, but we're not afraid of change."

On working together

Horner: "A lot of people think since we've been together so long that we're the same person. We are not, in any way, shape or form, the same. That's what's amazing. It seems to

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Pathway to passion for rural teaching

The following article highlights VCSU's role in preparing North Dakota teachers. Recent alumni Megan Trautman, art teacher in the Carrington schools, and Zach Nelson, science teacher at Sargent Central High School in Forman, are featured in the piece, and Sheri Okland, Ph.D., dean of the VCSU School of Education and Graduate Studies, is quoted.

The story first appeared in the August 2018 issue of "North Dakota Living" magazine, published by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives on behalf of its member distribution cooperatives and member generation and transmission cooperatives. Thanks to editor Kent Brick for his work on the piece and permission to reprint it here. The feature can also be found online at www.ndliving.com/content/pathway-passion-rural-teaching.

Megan Trautman prizes her "Class B" world. In that world, the "Class B" label—the athletics classification for small high schools in North Dakota—is about more than small enrollments. For Trautman, her Enderlin family, and farm and rural families across North Dakota, "Class B" is a way of living, working and aspiring together.

When Trautman completed her bachelor's degree in art education and psychology from Valley City State University (VCSU) in 2017 and searched for her first teaching job, Class B rural North Dakota called. She found what she was looking for in Carrington. In 2017–18, Trautman completed her first year of teaching, handling art classes in the Carrington School District.

"I think I wanted to go back to that rural setting, because that's where I came from," Trautman says. "You are with good, hard-working people, and able to work with lots of different people in school, in a setting where I knew I could be successful."

"When I visualized and finally decided upon an education major, I just really wanted to go back to where I came from. I like the atmosphere of a Class B school," she says.

At VCSU, the teacher education path Trautman followed—from and back to rural North Dakota—is common, and highly valued. "Many of our students come to us from rural communities," says Dr. Sheri Okland, dean of the VCSU School of Education and Graduate Studies. From the faculty, to the continuing innovations in teacher education, to the teacher graduates the university produces, Okland says VCSU is dedicated to being a solution to a major challenge. "In North Dakota, there is definitely the need. Some rural areas struggle to get teachers," she says.

Okland also adds VCSU has a location that is central in a rural region, and draws rural students who want to stay near their home or prefer a smaller campus setting for higher education. Megan Trautman fits that bill.

"Valley City State is close to home, and that was important to me," the Enderlin High School graduate says. Undecided on a major during her start there, Trautman, who played basketball for VCSU, kept at general studies, when art got her attention. "I didn't really think I would be in the education field, and didn't see myself as an art teacher, but then I took my first art class, and I really enjoyed it," Trautman says.

Interest and achievement grew into a pas-



Educating future teachers is a central focus at Valley City State University. These VCSU elementary education students practice teaching to peers in the model classroom on campus.

sion. "I started to get excited about everything I was learning, and then wanted to share that with others, not just keep it for myself," she

Trautman eventually declared the double major of art education, and psychology—which was also an area of strong interest. "Now I'm using these every single day when I'm in the classroom," Trautman says.

She provides art instruction at all grade levels, and does some team coaching, as well. For all her art students, Trautman passes along the importance of art, along with the techniques for drawing, painting, sculpting and other art forms.

"I also want to create a comfortable environment for all my students—comfortable for them to come in my classroom, and be themselves, experiment with different things, and create, and learn and grow," she says.

From VCSU to science class

Zach Nelson, a Kindred High School graduate, another 2017 VCSU graduate, also just completed his first year of teaching, at Sargent Central High School. His university degree is in chemistry education, and he now teaches five different high school science classes. Nelson's path to chemistry education was a shift in gears from his start as a math education major.

After his freshman year at VCSU, his favor turned to the sciences.

"After my freshman year, I transitioned over into the sciences. They've always been interesting to me, and I love doing and teaching science, so that's why I made the transition," Nelson says.

Nelson describes his first year at Sargent Central as challenging—and trying—but he would learn these are common experiences for the first-year teacher. He was able to establish a routine and a rapport which helped smooth the ride.

"It was just actually getting into that routine and becoming more comfortable with the students and then becoming more comfortable with myself that really helped out. And it was nice because the kids are always good," Nelson says.

Nelson says a key he found to relating science studies to high schoolers was applying science to their world. He did this by describing the biological fundamentals of hunting habitat, or the value of chemistry in agriculture. With the Bobcat manufacturing facility nearby, Nelson was able to discuss the basics of robotics, and the role it plays there.

"I would like my students to become more science literate," Nelson says. "Part of why I wanted to get into teaching science is that nowadays we have a lot of controversy surrounding scientific issues that are really hot-button issues. We have a lot of people who don't seem to understand what's going on and it's becoming not only a problem in our society but politically, and financially and elsewhere. I just want to show them that this is why we know what we know, and this is how we use this information," he says.

Okland: Innovation & vossibilities

Dr. Sheri Okland says VCSU works on several fronts to meet the challenge for placing teachers where they are sorely needed and excellent, modern teachers everywhere. Currently, Okland says innovation is a major point of emphasis in VCSU's curriculum development.

"Our basis for innovation and teaching our teachers is to look at the possibilities, and understand what's out there in the world, and how they can bring that back to problem solve with what is happening in rural North Dakota," Okland says.

"We emphasize differentiating and individualizing instruction so that all of their students can learn," Okland continues, "and I think we start with helping our preservice teachers understand how they learn. There's a definite need to understand our own personal learning in order to understand how children learn."

Rural educator perspectives



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Megan Trautman, art teacher, Carrington
 School District



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Zach Nelson, science teacher, Sargent Central High School

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me that he thrives on chaos—100 different things going on. I'm the opposite. I would rather do this, then do this, then do this. It's sort of worked out. We still disagree on things, but nobody will ever know it. I may disagree with him before we go into a staff meeting, but when we go in there that's gone. Nobody will ever know it. If you leave a meeting and you need to go complain to someone else about it, then it's time to go."

McCulloch: "It's worked so well. I couldn't imagine it being better. There are strengths and weaknesses that you know you have, and I really believe you have to find people who are different than you and complement your strengths and weaknesses.

On the future

Horner: "We've won a lot of games, but we don't think about that too much. We both walk into the office and think about how we can win a national playoff game, which we haven't done. I don't ever think about anything else hardly. Everything we do, in some shape or form, is associated with that thought: how do we take it to the next level."

On retirement

Horner: "We started here when we were pretty young. Since we've been here a long time people must think I'm like 70. Maybe I look like I'm 70. I'm 51, not 71."

McCulloch: "I never plan my future that way.

It's a yearly deal. After every season I rethink where I'm at and where I want to be. I reinvest after every year. If at any point in time I get to spring ball and wouldn't be excited about going out to practice in 30 degree temps and wouldn't be excited about being around the kids, I know I'd be done. I still love coaching, and I still love practice. The meetings and the preparations, I love those pieces. I still enjoy the kids and being around those guys. When all that would be done for me, I know it's time to go."

The 2018 season marks McCulloch's 22nd year as head coach and his 25th season overall at VCSU. He became the all-time winningest coach in Viking history on Oct. 15, 2016, winning his 117th game to pass former head coach Jim Dew.

For Horner, it is his 22nd year as defensive coordinator and assistant head coach, and his 25th season on the Viking sidelines. He was named the 2012 NAIA Assistant Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches' Association.

Rausch is entering his 32rd season as a volunteer assistant coach, having roamed the sidelines with former head coaches Jim Dew and Steve LeGrand as well. He was a two-time All-American linebacker during his playing career and is a member of the Viking Athletic Hall of Fame.

During the 25-year tenure of McCulloch and Horner, the Vikings have won conference championships in 1996, 2000, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. VCSU has also made national playoff appearances in 1996, 2000, 2001, 2011 and 2014.

Ben Aarestad '02, linebacker and student coach

"I have coached linebackers for 16 years, and I still do things and teach things that Roup has taught me or showed me. I don't think there is anybody in the country who has given more to this university than Coach Roup, and you would get many players that would say the same thing about him."



2018 Employee Recognition Dinner

The annual employee recognition dinner was held May 10 in the Student Center cafeteria. Wesley Wintch, vice president for business affairs, served as emcee. A host of individuals were honored, including those listed below.

Years of Service

FIVE YEARS

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Misty Lindgren

Loree Morehouse

Tammy Peterson

Tara Praska

Jamie Wirth

Jonna Ziniel

FIFTEEN YEARS

Keith Biggers

Joseph Munowenyu

TWENTY YEARS

Diane Olson

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Pat Egeberg

THIRTY YEARS

Bonita Pickar Connie Stavens

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Irene Groth

Student Senate Awards

STUDENT ADVOCATE 2018

Pat Egeberg, Director for Student Health Services

Dr. Erin Klingenberg, Director for Counseling Services

TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2018

Dr. Kathryn Woehl, Associate Professor in Social Science

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"THE DIFFERENCE MAKER" AWARD

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Mark Potts, Director for Sports Information

FACILITIES SERVICES ANCHOR AWARD

Scott Anderson

Rick Clark

Julie Crist

Jay Komrosky

Loren Lemer

Dina Splettstoesser

Patsy Winker

Completion of Degrees and Professional Certification

Jeffrey Moser, Doctor of Business Administration

Faculty Excellence Awards 2018

ADJUNCT/SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

Erin Klingenberg, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Science

JUNIOR FACULTY MEMBER

Morgan Keasler, Assistant Professor, Department of Business

SENIOR FACULTY MEMBER

Dr. Hilde van Gijssel, Professor, Department of Science

Faculty Awarded Tenure for 2018-19 Academic Year

(listed with new title)

Dr. Luis da Vinha, Associate Professor in the Department of Social Science

Dr. Christopher Redfearn, Associate Professor in the Department of Music

Dr. Teather Sundstrom, Associate Professor in the Department of Science

Faculty Awarded Promotion for 2018-19 Academic Year

(listed with new title)

Dr. James Boe, Professor/Director for Graduate Studies & Research

Dr. Luis da Vinha, Associate Professor in the Department of Social Science

Dr. Jeffrey Moser, Assistant Professor in the Department of Business

Dr. Christopher Redfearn, Associate Professor in the Department of Music

Dr. Teather Sundstrom, Associate Professor in the Department of Science

Retirements

Alice Beauchman, Department of Science and Mathematics

Lana Fornes, Department of Technology

Donna James, Director for the Library

Ron Pommerer, Director for Facilities Services

Robert Rohla, School of Education and Graduate Studies

Betty Schumacher, Director for Financial Aid

Honorees are pictured in the photos on the facing page; note that not all were present for the photos.

Five Years

(I to r) Mark Potts, Greg Vanney, Nicole Hanson, Emily Fenster, Kari Bodine

Ten Years

Loree Morehouse, Paula Larson

Fifteen Years Keith Biggers, Joseph Munowenyu

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Twenty Years

Diane Olson

Thirty Years

Bonita Pickar (retired Summer 2018), Connie Stavens

Thirty-Five Years

Irene Groth

Faculty Excellence

Hilde van Gijssel, Erin Klingenberg

Teacher of the Year

Kathryn Woehl, Niklas Ernst (Student Senate president)

Student Advocates

Erin Klingenberg, Pat Egeberg

Faculty Awarded Promotion

Christopher Redfearn, Teather Sundstrom, Luis da Vinha, Jeffrey Moser





Retired faculty and staff gather in Student Center

The annual retired faculty and staff luncheon was held June 20 in the Student Center Skoal Room. It's always a fun event, providing an opportunity to catch up with the retirees, share stories from their days at VCSU and recognize them as those who have helped shape the university into what it is today.



Pictured are (front, I to r): Archie Moore, Jan Drake, Margaret Dahlberg (interim president), Betty Gibbons, Marcia Foss '72; (back) Bob '59 and Deanne (Roseth) '60 Horne, Keith Baumgartner, Dave Melgaard, Betty (Kuss) Schumacher '87, Bill Ament, Bob Bruhschwein '57, Gordon Hoff, John Keller '55, Joe Stickler, and Dick Betting.



Search for next VCSU president nears end of process

If all goes according to schedule, the search for the next VCSU president will come to completion at the Sept. 27 meeting of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) on the VCSU campus. On that date, the SBHE will interview finalist candidates and appoint the next president.

Preliminary work on the search has been done by the Presidential Search Committee led by co-chairs Greg Stemen '88, member of the State Board of Higher Education and VCSU alumnus, and Wesley Wintch, VCSU vice president of business affairs.

The committee also includes Anthony Dutton '96, VCSU associate professor of history; Jody Henjum, VCSU administrative assistant, academic affairs; Paige Meyer, VCSU undergraduate student; Jerry Migler, dean, Dakota College of Bottineau; Phil Mueller '68, member, VCSU Foundation Board; Mike Nix '96, VCSU director for technology service desk; Steve Rindfleisch, VCSU graduate student and assistant volleyball coach; Larry Robinson '71, executive director of advancement, VCSU Foundation; Charlene

Stenson '83, VCSU director for enrollment services; and Jamie Wirth, assistant professor and director of the Great Plains STEM Education Center at VCSU. The group has been assisted by James McCormick and Janice Fitzgerald from AGB Search, a national higher education leadership search firm.

The committee work included narrowing the pool from its starting point of 50 applicants in July down to 12 for preliminary interviews via distance technology. That group has been narrowed to a group of 5 candidates for on-campus interviews in mid-September, after which the search committee will submit up to three names, unranked, as finalists for the SBHE to interview on Sept. 27. The new president is expected to begin work at VCSU on Jan. 1, 2019 (or sooner if possible).

Margaret Dahlberg, Ph.D., VCSU vice president for academic affairs, has been serving as VCSU interim president since the departure of former president Tisa Mason, now the president of Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, in December 2017.

Valley City State University HOMECOMING 2018



The VCSU Alumni Association invites you to join alumni and friends of VCSU for many of the activities we have planned for Homecoming this year!

For up-to-date schedules and more information, visit www.vcsualumni.org or call 701-845-7203.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Alumni Welcome Back Ice Cream Social......2:30 p.m......Allen Pedersen Gazebo Join us for an ice cream social. This informal get together will allow you to renew acquaintances and reminisce.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

be available at the door and are \$10 each.		
VCSU Bookstore Open	.8 a.mnoon	Student Center
VCSU Baseball Alumni Game	10 a.m	Charlie Brown Field
VCSU Softball Alumni Game	10 a.m	. College Softball Complex
Homecoming Parade	10:30 a.m	Central Avenue
Viking Tailgating	11 a.m2 p.m	Lokken Stadium
Vikings vs. Waldorf	2 p.m	Shelly Ellig Field
Postgame and All-Alumni Social This social is open to all VCSU alumni and friends to No charge to attend this event. (There will be a taco	enjoy an opportunity to	socialize and reminisce.
College Student and Alumni Dance	9 p.m	Valley City Eagles Club

The dance is open to all alumni, friends and college students. No charge to attend.

For up-to-date schedules and more information

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

STACY FITTERER '90

Baseball

JED KLEIN '85

Football/Baseball

TRACY (BAILY) McGILLIS '97 Softball/Volleyball

JEFF VOLK

Football/Track & Field

HONORED ALUMNI

KIRSTEN BAESLER, M.Ed. '10

Distinguished Alumni Award

MATTHEW C. JOHNSON '01

Young Alumni Achievement Award

MEGAN R. (SCHMIDT) ZARBANO '08

Young Alumni Achievement Award

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

Peder Gjovik '77

Mark R. Hanson '86

Joan (Leichtman) Heckaman '67

Marcia (Knutson) Pritchert '91

Clark Williams '64

Heather L. (Schmit) Woods '03, M.Ed. '12

Sheila (Lindeman) Zinke '80



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The Valley City State University Foundation has announced a fundraising campaign to secure resources for a major renovation of the track and field facilities at Lokken Stadium on the university campus.

According to Larry Robinson, executive director of the VCSU Foundation, "We are experiencing both surface and sub-surface issues with the track. Although short-term repairs have been made in recent years, we are doing a complete makeover beginning in the summer of 2018."

Robinson reports that donors have committed \$825,000 to the project, with fundraising efforts to cover the remaining balance already underway.

The VCSU track and field program has experienced significant growth in recent years, with about 80 student-athletes currently participating in the Viking program, said Jill DeVries, VCSU athletic director.

"With the growth of the VCSU track and field program, we believe it is in the best interests of key stakeholders, including our student-athletes, to upgrade the track at Lokken Stadium on the VCSU campus," said DeVries. "Recruiting prospective student-athletes to Valley City is very competitive and challenging. Improving our facilities will help us build on the momentum the coaching staff have achieved."



ALL HANDS ON DECK!

SUPPORT VCSU'S TRACK RENOVATION PROJECT



JILL DEVRIES, VCSU ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Elevating facilities at VCSU is important as we engage our current and future Vikings, enrich their educational experience, and empower our next leaders.

The significant growth and

success of the track and field program at VCSU is exciting. The commitment to resurface the track and upgrade the field event areas is fitting because it's time for our facilities to mirror our success.

This project would not be possible without the generosity of our donors, and we are very grateful for your support of VCSU and Viking athletics. We, like the current athletes, need to meet our \$1.2 million goal and we need your continued support.

These facility updates will have a very positive impact on many fronts as it will allow us to recruit, retain and instill Viking pride in our department.



DAVE BASS, CURRENT VCSU FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE FORMER CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK AND FIELD COACH

The complete renovation of the track and field facility at Lokken Stadium

will bring a new source of pride for the track and field program and for other VCSU athletic programs. The generous support we have already received laid the foundation for the project that started in July and will be ongoing throughout the fall. Now we are asking for your support to a project that will enhance not only the track and field program, but also other student-athletes who will be able to use this facility for off-season conditioning and for community members who will appreciate walking/jogging on the new track surface. This is another opportunity to give something back and to show your Viking Pride!



DEE (JOHNSON) JENSEN '66

As a competition official in track and field, I witnessed the positive motivation, energy, and enthusiasm the VCSU coaching staff showed towards their athletes and it made an impact on the success of the VCSU track and field

program. One success led to another: personal bests, 26 new VCSU records, national qualifiers and two All-Americans. Wow!

Viking track and field is on a roll! Let's keep it going! Join me in your support of the renovation of the track and field facilities. Make a donation large or small. The impact will be profound!

2017-18 CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD YEAR IN REVIEW

NSAA
ALL-CONFERENCE
HONORS

NSAA INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS NAIA NATION<u>al qualifiers</u>

IN 10 EVENTS

NAIA ALL-AMERICANS 26 SCHOOL

SCHOOL RECORDS BROKEN





"The financial contributions for the new track and field facility will help to move this program to the next level. We are excited about the future of the program and the opportunity to soon host an outdoor meet on our campus. Thank you for supporting track and field by making this new facility possible."

Kyle Odegard, Sophomore Lisbon, N.D. 2018 NAIA National Outdoor Track and Field Meet Qualifier School Record Holder, Javelin



"The new VCSU track is exciting for all of us in the track and field program. We look forward to training on the new surface next spring. This is another big step forward for our program, and your support for this project is appreciated by all of us."

Grace Miller, Senior
St. Cloud, Fla.
2018 NAIA National Outdoor
Track and Field Meet Qualifier
School Record Holder, Half Marathon
and 10.000 Meter Run



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 UP TO \$299

Payment should be made payable to:

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Or you can make your donation online! www.vcsualumni.org

The VCSU Foundation is a 501 C 3 organization as determine by the IRS Tax Code. All charitable contributions are tax deductible.

Viking Scramble golfers support athletic scholarships

A total of 30 teams and 118 golfers competed Saturday, June 9, during the annual Viking Golf Scramble held in Valley City. The annual fundraiser for VCSU athletic scholarships was played at both Bjornson Park Golf Course and the Valley City Town & Country Club.

The team of Jamie Paurus, Nate Zerface, Jared Lentz and John Samuelson recorded an 18-hole score of 54 (17-under) to win the Championship Flight.

In the Open Flight, the team of Tom Morehouse, Greg Bischoff, Mike Morehouse and David Beierle fired a 62 (9-under) to win the Open title.

The annual Viking Golf Scramble is one of the biggest fundraisers put on by the VCSU Century Club Booster Board, which raises money for athletic scholarships at VCSU. Major sponsors for the event included Dacotah Bank, Puklich Chevrolet Buick GMC, Leevers Foods and Valley Sales.







Front Row: Sandy Brandvold (Farmers Union Insurance), Sharon Buhr, Karen Murray (Farmers Union Insurance), Jan Stowman, Crystal Nehlich (Dacotah Bank), Pat Nielson, and Mary Simonson.

Back Row: James Buhr, Joy & Roger Rand, Joe Stickler, Clay Adams (FEI, Inc.), Paige Bjornson (Dacotah Bank), and Matt

VCSU Foundation recognizes its major donors

The VCSU Foundation Board hosted its annual Recognition luncheon on Monday, June 11 on the campus of Valley City State University with over 75 donors attending the luncheon. The luncheon is hosted each June to recognize the donors who have reached a new level of giving over the past year. VCSU Foundation Board Chair, Mary Simonson welcomed the attendees to the luncheon, updates on VCSU were given by VCSU Interim President Margaret Dahlberg and special comments were given by recent graduate Paige Fettig.

The following donors were recognized for reaching a new level of giving over the past year (July 1, 2016–July 30, 2017).

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Homecoming is one of the few times each year when everyone is all about the same thing: being a Viking. So, whether you are a newly minted alumnus from the VCSU class of 2018 or you graduated 50-plus years ago, we want to invite you back HOME for the 2018 festivities.

My first homecoming at VCSU was a memorable one in 1999. The blue stadium seats were installed that summer, and I remember thinking "what an upgrade" to Lokken Stadium. It was a fun week that continues to be kicked off by the Bill Osmon Fun Run. In 1999, the winners were Steve Strittmatter '02 and Christi Kienzle. Travis Engen '01 and Andrea (Welton) Richman '01 were crowned king and queen that year. And yes, I had to go back into Deb Feuerherm's '89 archives in order to remember that.

The Hall of Fame was personal to me that year, as Terry Stargardt '84 was inducted. Terry and I had played co-ed softball together for alumnus Gary Tharaldson's '67 team and it was fun to have an immediate connection to VCSU and homecoming that fall. The 2018 class also includes a former softball teammate for me, Tracy (Baily) McGillis '97. We look forward to celebrating with Tracy and the other Hall of Fame inductees

Jed Klien '85, Jeff Volk, and Stacy Fitterer '90 on Friday, Oct. 12.

Homecoming presents an opportunity to reconnect with classmates, teammates and old friends while checking out all the changes at VCSU. It is a special event that showcases VCSU school spirit and pride.

The football game is the highlight of VCSU pride and homecoming each year. The Vikings destroyed Minot State in 1999, 35-14, despite not having the services of head coach Dennis McCulloch. Mac's brother Dave had been killed in an accident earlier that week. Longtime assistant coach, Gregg Horner, took the helm and led the Vikings to victory. It was a special victory for Coach Mac and the entire VCSU football team. They went on to an 8-2 season record in 1999.

We have high expectations for the 2018 team, and the game vs Waldorf University on Oct. 13 is scheduled to kick off at 2 p.m. If you haven't been back in a few years, one change is that we now tailgate prior to kick-off and we invite all of you to join in the food, fun, and football at VCSU!

Homecoming is about involvement, pride, and reconnecting with former Vikings. We invite you back home Oct. 12-13 for all the festivities. See you in October!

Kamphuis receives VCSU Foundation 'Difference Maker Award'

The VCSU Foundation Office has named Kevin "Sparky" Kamphuis of Valley City as a recipient of its "Difference Maker Award" for his stalwart volunteer efforts in support of Valley City State University and Viking Athletics. Kamphuis was recognized at the VCSU Vikings Fall Athletic Kickoff event held Tuesday evening, Aug. 21, at the Valley City Town and Country Club.

The Difference Maker Award was adopted by the VCSU Foundation Office to recognize friends of the university who have made significant contributions to the university through dedicated service, promotion, financial support or other efforts.

"Whether it be the Fish Fry, Century Club membership solicitation, the Spring Auction, working at our tailgating events, or the Viking Scramble, Kevin is always there—he is a workhorse to say the least," said Larry Robinson, executive director of the VCSU Foundation. "He is clearly making a difference in the lives of our student-athletes."

A native of Wimbledon, N.D., Kamphuis has worked at Grotberg Electric in Valley City for more than 30 years. There he serves as a journeyman electrician, vice president and a member of the board of directors. He also serves on the council of Trinity Lutheran Church in Valley City and is a member of the Barnes County Wildlife Federation. He holds an associate degree in electrical technology from North Dakota State College of Science.

His wife, Elsa, works as an assistant cook in the Valley City Public Schools. The couple has four children and three grandchildren.



Pictured with Kevin Kamphuis (seated front right), are Jill DeVries, VCSU athletic director (right), and a host of Viking coaches, including (I to r) Casey Olney, Jenelle Trautmann, Josh Mower, Chad Smith, Gregg Horner, Dave Rausch (kneeling), Karl Sorby, Daniel Scheff, Ryan Montgomery, Michael Mook, Jason Kremer and Dennis McCulloch.



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2018 FALL SPORTS

Home games in **bold**. ◆ All times are Central Time. ◆ *NSAA conference game

BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 19	@ University of Jamestown	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	Mayville State	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	Viterbo University (DH)	11 a.m.
Oct. 7	@ Morningside College (DH)	12 p.m.

BASKETBALL

MEN'S		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 16	Brandon University	5 p.m.
Oct. 21	Providence College	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	Minot State	7:30 p.
Oct. 27	Bemidji State	3 p.m.
Nov. 2	@ Dordt College	TBA
Nov. 3	@ Northwestern College	TBA
Nov. 9	@ Peru State College	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	University of Jamestown	7 p.m.
Nov. 17-18	@ Minnesota-Crookson Classic	
Nov. 17	Minnesota-Crookston	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	Oak Hills Christian College	2 p.m.
Nov. 25	@ University of Minnesota-Morris	2 p.m.
Nov. 27	@ Minot State	7:30 p.
Dec. 1	@ Mayville State*	5 p.m.
Dec. 3	Oak Hills Christian College	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	@ University of Jamestown	4 p.m.
Dec. 29	@ Mount Marty College	4 p.m.

WOMEN'S		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Oct. 21	Providence College	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	Minot State	5:30 p.m
Oct. 30	@ Dakota Wesleyan	6 p.m.
Nov. 2	@ Dordt College	TBA
Nov. 3	@ Northwestern College	TBA
Nov. 5	@ University of Jamestown	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	@ St. Cloud State	TBA
Nov. 13	@ Univ. of Minnesota-Crookston	6 p.m.
Nov. 15	@ Concordia-Moorhead	7 p.m.
Nov. 20	Bemidji State University	6 p.m.
Nov. 23-24	@ Montana State-Billings Classic	
Nov. 23	Montana State-Billings	3 p.m.
Nov. 24	Carroll College	3 p.m.
Nov. 27	@ Minot State	5:30 p.m
Dec. 1	@ Mayville State*	3 p.m.
Dec 12	University of Jamestown	6 n m

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@ Menlo College Classic

Our Lady of the Lake

Menlo College

FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME 2 p.m.
Sept. 22	Mayville State*	
Sept. 29	Presentation College*	1 p.m.
Oct. 6	@ Dakota State*	4 p.m.
Oct. 13	Waldorf University*	2 p.m.
Oct. 20	@ Dickinson State*	3 p.m.
Oct. 27	@ Mayville State*	1 p.m.
Nov. 3	@ Presentation College*	7 p.m.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S GOLF

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept. 16-17	Jamestown Fall Classic	Jamestown Country Club
Sept. 20	MN-Morris Cougar Invite	Pomme de Terre GC
Oct. 5-6	Dickinson Invite	Bully Pulpit Golf Course
Spring Season	- Meets TRA	

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12 Dickinson State*		7 p.m.
Sept. 18	University of Jamestown	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Dakota State*	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	Bellevue University*	11 a.m.
Sept. 28	@ Waldorf University*	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	@ Viterbo University*	3 p.m.
Oct. 3	@ Mayville State*	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	@ Presentation College*	6 p.m.
Oct. 10	@ Dickinson State*	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	@ Trinity Bible College	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	Dawson Community College (Exh.)	5 p.m.
Oct. 19	Waldorf University*	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Viterbo University*	3 p.m.
Oct. 26	@ Dakota State*	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	@ Bellevue University*	2 p.m.
Oct. 30	Mayville State*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	Presentation College*	3 p.m.
Nov. 9-10	NSAA Championships	TBA
Nov. 17	NAIA National Tournament	TBA

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept. 22	St. Olaf Invitational	Northfield, Minn.
Oct. 5	Jimmie Invitational	Jamestown, N.D.
Oct. 20	Seminole Valley Stampede	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Nov. 3	NSAA Conference Championships	La Crosse, Wis.
Nov. 16	NAIA National Championships	Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dec. 28-29

Dec. 28

Dec. 29



Dave Bass named 2018 NSAA Faculty Athletics Representative of the Year

Dave Bass, assistant professor in the VCSU School of Education and Graduate Studies, has been named the 2018 North Star Athletic Association Faculty Athletics Representative of the Year, announced by the conference at its annual honors luncheon on May 23.

Bass has served as VCSU's FAR for more than 20 years, acting as a liaison between the athletic department and the institution as well as handling eligibility and academic questions. He was inducted into the VCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in October for his many years of service to VCSU as a coach and FAR. Bass is also the NSAA eligibility chair and the FAR liaison to the NSAA Board of Directors.

"Dave is dedicated to the success of the student-athletes at VCSU and in the NSAA," said VCSU athletic director Jill DeVries. "He is without a doubt the 'go-to guy' for eligibility questions and compliance at Valley City State and many other NAIA institutions."

This is the third time Bass has received the honor since 2015. He previously was named

the NSAA FAR of the Year in 2015 and 2016. In 2017, he was named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Wally Schwartz Faculty Athletics Representative of the Year. Bass was presented his latest award during the NSAA honors luncheon held during the NSAA Summit in Watertown, S.D.

Bass has served 11 years as the eligibility chair for three different conferences. At the national level, Dave has served five years on the NAIA Council of FARs, and five years on the Learning Disability Advisory Committee. Prior to taking over as VCSU's FAR, Bass coached Viking track and field and cross country from 1981-91.

At VCSU, Bass consistently goes above and beyond his official duties as FAR to help Viking coaches and student-athletes succeed. "He is instrumental to our success during the recruiting process and one of the biggest supporters of all the programs and student-athletes at Valley City State," said DeVries. "We are proud that he is a Viking."

Viking athletics adds strength and conditioning coach

The Valley City State University athletic department has added a full-time strength and conditioning coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Athletic director Jill DeVries named Ethan Bakken as VCSU's head strength and conditioning coach. He began his duties Aug. 1. A native of Lakeville, Minn., Bakken recently completed two seasons as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant at Northern State University, an NCAA Division II school in Aberdeen, S.D.

Bakken becomes the first full-time strength and conditioning coach at VCSU. He will create and oversee various workout programs tailored to the specific needs of the department's 14 athletic teams. DeVries said the addition of a full-time strength and conditioning coach to the athletic department will benefit Viking student-athletes through professional instruction and expertise in their weight room activities and conditioning sessions.

"Adding a strength and conditioning coach to our staff will provide more than 280 student-athletes access to a certified professional that will enhance their overall experience at VCSU," said DeVries. "We are very excited to introduce Ethan Bakken as our first head strength and conditioning coach. His passion and expertise enhance our growing department and allows

VCSU to provide a top-notch experience to our student-athletes."

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to lead the Viking strength and conditioning program," said Bakken. "I want to thank athletic director Jill DeVries for this opportunity, along with all my mentors and former student-athletes that helped develop me into the coach I am today. Valley City State University provides the tools for their athletes to excel on and off the field of play. My goal is to make the strength and conditioning program another tool to help student-athletes at VCSU to be successful."

Bakken is no stranger to collegiate athletics, competing as a student-athlete on the University of Mary football team from 2010-15. He earned a bachelor of science degree in exercise science at University of Mary, and just completed a masters of education in sport performance and leadership at Northern State University.

He is an NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and a USA Weightlifting Level 1 Sports Performance Coach. Along with his time as a graduate assistant at Northern State, Bakken has also completed strength and conditioning internships at University of Minnesota, North Dakota State University and Sanford Power.



Fall previews



Football

Valley City State's football team enters the 2018 season with high expectations after returning 15 starters from last year's squad and being picked second in the NSAA Preseason Coaches' Poll behind nationally-ranked Dickinson State University.

Leading the way on offense are returning skill position players Jalen Pfeifer (QB), Louis Quinones (RB) and Jake Peterson (WR). Quinones and Peterson were the Vikings' big-play threats last season, combining to score 24 touchdowns and earning 1st Team All-Conference honors. A key area, as always, will be the offensive line where the Vikings are incorporating a few new faces after graduating two All-Conference players last season.

Defensively, the Vikings return nine starters from last year, including their entire defensive line and 1st Team All-Conference players Darius Graves (DL) and Travon Smith(CB). Head coach Dennis McCulloch says the Vikings' top players on both offense and defense will match up well with anyone they play.

"I feel very good about our talent level," he said. "We have a good group of experienced kids who have been with us for a long time. Those guys have been great leaders. Our first group is talented enough to compete in every game at a high level. No question. We're just maybe not deep enough to absorb a lot of injuries."

The Vikings open the season with three

non-conference games before starting their run towards a potential conference championship with the NSAA opener, Sept. 22 against Mayville State. VCSU finishes the season with seven straight conference games, including Oct. 13 homecoming against Waldorf University and an Oct. 20 road game at conference favorite Dickinson State.

McCulloch is entering his 22nd year as head coach of the Vikings. He and assistant head coach Gregg Horner are both in their 25th season overall coaching at VCSU.

Live video from all home games and most road games can be found at www.vcsuvikings.com/watch.



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Jared Lentz

Golf

After a 2018 spring season of bad weather and cancelled meets, the Valley City State golf teams are eager to take the course this fall for a few tournaments under ideal playing conditions.

While the conference and national championships for golf happen in the spring, Valley City State and surrounding teams take advantage of the later summer and early fall weather to play several regular-season tournaments.

The Vikings are set to play five tournaments this fall, including a pair of short trips to the 18-hole Jamestown Country Club.

The Valley City State men's golf team is picked to finish third and the Viking women are picked fifth in the NSAA Preseason Coaches' Polls. The polls were voted on by all of the conference golf coaches.

The Viking men received 24 points in the NSAA preseason poll, finishing behind Bellevue University and Viterbo University. VCSU was followed by Waldorf University, Dickinson State and Dakota State. Valley City State's men finished third at the NSAA Championships last season and return two honorable mention all-conference golfers in Jared Lentz and Cameron Rall.

The Viking women received 16 points in the preseason poll and are picked to finish fifth out of six teams. Valley City State placed sixth at the NSAA Championships last season. Bellevue is favored to win the women's title this season, followed by Viterbo, Waldorf, Dickinson State, VCSU and Dakota State.

Weather permitting, VCSU will play a handful of tournaments in the spring before wrapping up the season with the NSAA Championships in late April. The Vikings are coached by Jamie Paurus, in his 7th season leading the VCSU golf teams.

Volleyball

The Valley City State University volleyball team is hoping to build off a successful 2017 campaign as they take to the court this season.

The Vikings finished fourth in the NSAA standings last season after they made major strides and posted a 15-13 overall record—the first winning record for the program since the 2006 season. Viking head coach Adam Longmore enters his fifth season leading the Vikings, and said he expects this to be the most talented squad yet during his VCSU tenure.

VCSU is picked to finish third in the NSAA Preseason Coaches' Poll. The Vikings are looking to take another step forward behind the leadership of its four seniors: middle Clarissa Olson, right side Autumn Johnson, libero Hailie Wilds and setter Leah Ruter. Olson, Johnson and Wilds are all in their fourth year in a Viking uniform, while Ruter is entering her third season. The quartet will all play significant roles on the court and in leadership roles this season.

Olson, a Valley City native, was an Honorable Mention All-American last season along with a 1st Team All-Conference selection. Her play in the middle is a major key for VCSU this season. On the outside, sophomore Paige Benson is expected to see an expanded role this year after finishing third on the team in total kills last season.

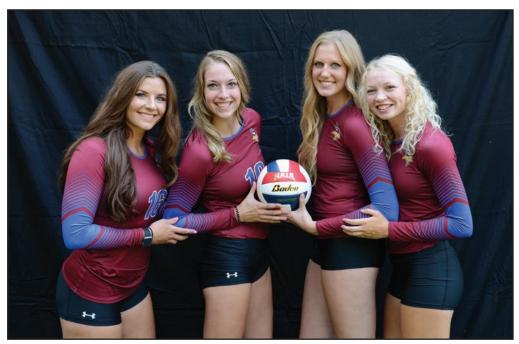
The Vikings return 12 players from last year's squad and added in eight new athletes during the offseason. VCSU is using the expanded

roster to field a junior varsity team, which will play a schedule of about a dozen games this season.

On the varsity side, Valley City State is on the road for the first three weeks of the season, playing tournaments at Viterbo, Concordia (Neb.) and College of Saint Benedict. The 2018

home opener is set for Sept. 12 when the Vikings host Dickinson State University. It also doubles as the NSAA conference opener for VCSU and starts a stretch of four straight home matches in September.

All of Valley City State's home matches can be watched live at www.vcsuvikings.com/watch.



Volleyball seniors (I to r) Hailie Wilds, Leah Ruter, Autumn Johnson and Clarissa Olson

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For a complete listing of Homecoming activities, see page 11.

Fall previews (continued)

Cross Country

The Valley City State University cross country teams return strong cores from last year's squads that placed Top 3 at the North Star Athletic Association Championships.

The Vikings enter the 2018 season hungry to improve upon last year's solid season. The Viking men return three of their top five runners and five of their top seven from last year's team that placed second in the conference. VCSU's women return four of their top five runners after finishing third in the NSAA last season.

The Viking women are picked to finish second behind Dickinson State this season in the NSAA Preseason Coaches' Poll. Leading the way for VCSU is senior Grace Miller, who was named All Conference and qualified for NAIA nationals after placing third individually at the 2017 NSAA Championships.

Also back for the Vikings are the rest of their Top 4 runners: senior Allyssa Weitkum, sophomore Julianne Wilson and sophomore Kristina Fricke.

On the men's side, the Vikings graduated their lone All-Conference performer from 2017—Dennis Gonzalez—but return a ton of balanced depth on the roster and three seniors who will be leading the way. Senior Dylan Olson has taken over as the No. 1 runner for the Vikings and looks to have a big season. Seniors Orin Rambow and Louis Leon are also back and expecting big things after being in VCSU's Top 5 last season.

VCSU's men were picked to finish third in the NSAA Preseason Coaches' Poll, following Dickinson State and Dakota State.

Valley City State is scheduled to compete at five races this season, opening with the MSU-Moorhead Twilight Meet on Sept. 7 and closing with the NSAA Championships on Nov. 3 in La Crosse, Wis.





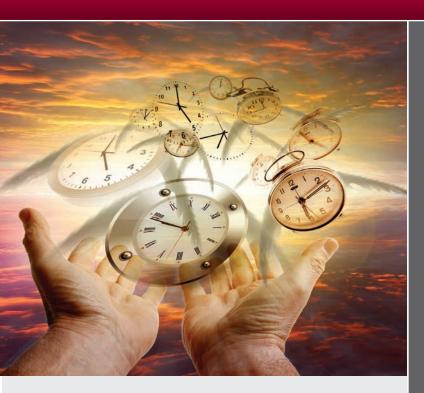
Dylan Olson



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Fall 2018 Department of Music Events

Oct. 5	Ployhar Honor Band Vangstad	All Day
Oct. 6	Ployhar Honor Band Concert Vangstad	3:00 PM
Oct. 5	Faculty Recital Froemke	7:30 PM
Oct. 9	General Student Recital #1 Froemke	11:00 AM
Oct. 9	Luther Enloe, Guitar, Guest Artist Froemke	7:30 PM
Oct. 12	Choral Concert Vangstad	7:30 PM
Oct. 14	VCSU Student Showcase @ Winnipeg Royal Ba	allet All Day
Oct. 19	Instrumental Concert Vangstad	7:30 PM
Nov. 6	General Student Recital #2	11:00 AM
Nov. 10	Solo Song Symposium Vangstad	All Day
Nov. 20	General Student Recital #3 Froemke	11:00 AM
Nov. 30	Instrumental Concert Vangstad	7:30 PM
Dec. 4	General Student Recital #4 Froemke	11:00 AM
Dec. 6	Christmas at St. Catherine's Choral Concert	7:30 PM
Dec. 8	Community School of the Arts Recital Froemke	10:00 AM

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In Remembrance

Ethel Irene (Risa) Anderson '33, Fargo, N.D.
Helen (Berdahl) Lerud '34, Park River, N.D.
Lorraine (Olson) Krogness '40,
Weatherford, Texas
Gladys (Crowther) '41, Saratoga, Calif.
Doreen (Carlson) Lende '42, Irvine, Calif.
Rhoda (Trowbridge) Sturla '42, Burbank, Calif.
Jeannette Ertelt '43, New York, N.Y.
Mary Ann (Edinger) Broschat '46

Mary Ann (Edinger) Broschat '46, New Rockford, N.D.

Shirley (Henderson) Bostrom '51 Grand Forks, N.D.

Marvel (Ellingson) Lindstrom '51, Carrington, N.D.

Dorothy (Podoll) Warmbrod '51, Wolf Point, Mont.

Luella (Wieland) Birkholz '53, Bismarck, N.D.

Charles Ferguson '55, St. Paul, Minn.

R. Gene Busch '59, Fertile, Minn.

Hulda Cink '59, Moorhead, Minn.

Phyllis (Walker) Breon '62, Siletz, Ore.

Barbara (Engebretson) Hovda '62,

Round Lake, Minn.

Ronald Jewett '63, Valley City Lynn Fairfield '65, Bismarck, N.D. Dorothy (Hoyer) Kvien '67, Valley City Kent Miller '67, Adrian, N.D.

Richard Bock '69, Fergus Falls, Minn. Vernon Schneider '69, Goodrich, N.D.

Robert Bowen '70, Valley City

Jerome Ertelt '71, Valley City

Doug Olschlager '71, Harvey, N.D.

Hazel (Ussatis) Grooters '72, Fargo, N.D.

Barbara (Stein) Moser '72, Fargo, N.D.

Michael Rott '77, Elk River, Minn.

Nancy (Lambrecht) Burchill '83, Mandan, N.D.

Wanda (Derby) Spitzer '86, Mandan, N.D.

Adeline (Nordahl) Meidinger '87, LaMoure, N.D.

Elizabeth (Duerr) Smykowski '91, Lisbon, N.D.

Randal Waldo '91, Sheyenne, N.D.

Monica Kingston-Roohi '93, Phoenix, Ariz.

Timothy Boelke, Jamestown, N.D.

Roland Enstad, Fargo, N.D.

John Heath, Valley City

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JoAndrea Larson, Valley City

Patricia Miller, Valley City

Myrtle "Kit" Shimota, Fargo, N.D.

Mark Shipley, Devils Lake, N.D.

Jim Van Dyke, Valley City



Viking alumni and friends travel to Norway

Myron Loberg '68 enjoys organizing world travel tours, and this summer was no exception. Pictured with Loberg overlooking the fjord at Geiranger, Norway, are VCSU alumnae and friends Char (Hanson) Jorissen '90, Jan Stowman, LouVay (Ruemler) White '65, Bev Van Oosting and Margie Eggert.





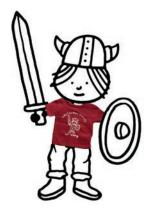
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Graham Thompson Aakre

September 15, 2017 7 pounds 0.5 ounces 20.5 inches Joins sister Charlotte (4) and brother Marshall (2) Brittany and Nathan Aakre '06



Malik William Smart

July 7, 2017 7 pounds 19.5 inches Jen (Shadlock) '12 and Baron Smart '08



Espyn Lou Hooey May 7, 2018 9 pounds 5 ounces

20.5 inches Joins brothers Radke (5) and Kansas (2) Mallory (Undlin) '07 and Randy Hooey '07



Oliver Perry

November 3, 2017 8 pounds 4 ounces 21 inches Joins half-brother Grant Perry (10) Alexis (Klingenberg) '10 and Travis Perry



Wake Matthew Pederson

April 17, 2017 8 pounds 1 ounce 21 inches long Joins brother Beau Chelsey (Miller) '10 and Andrew Pederson



Madelyn Marie

Zorn February 13, 2017 9 pounds 8 ounces 22.75 inches Joins brother Jack and sister Grace Sarah (Dahl) '05 and



Jordy Jane Schauer October 1, 2017

7 pounds 1 ounce 20.5 inches Alyssa (Tait) '13 and Jake Schauer '14



Carson Joy Altringer

February 22, 2018 8 pounds 9 ounces 20 inches Joins sister Ellie (8) and brother Jack (5) Tara (Jensen) '04 and Jimmy Altringer



Rorke Steven Murphy

Rodd Zorn

December 20, 2017 7 pounds 7 ounces 20 inches Kayla (Geske) '13 and Kevin Murphy '13



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Vikings on the Move

1960s



Bertha Shirley Boschee Brandt (from Lehr, N.D.) and her late husband James O. Brandt (from Park River, N.D.) graduated from Valley State Teachers College in 1963. Both taught in North Dakota for one year (he at Lakota and she at Park River). They moved to Gardnerville, Nev., in 1964, where he taught elementary education, and she taught her double majors, English/speech and physical education, while also coaching girl's athletics at Douglas High School (DHS). Among her many awards, she was named Nevada's Teacher of the Year in 1979. James retired in 1992 (and died in 1994); Shirley retired after 43 years at DHS in 2004.

Earning a master's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a doctorate at Fresno Pacific University (Fresno, Calif.), Shirley Brandt continued teaching world literature at the college levels at the University of Nevada, Reno, at Fresno Pacific University, and at Gonzaga University near Spokane. Wash. She very much enjoyed her 54 years in education, retiring in 2016, and now enjoys hiking the trails at Lake Tahoe, Nevada; and visiting family in North Dakota, Arizona and Washington. Shirley has also toured nine countries. These days she spends some of her free time visiting with her daughter, Dana, an engineer at Panasonic, in Sparks, Nev. Shirley has three siblings (and their spouses) who graduated from VCSU: Deloris (Boschee) '64 and Delmar Zimmerman '62; Marlys (Knutson) and Floyd Boschee '56; and Karen (Kessler) '67 and Adam Boschee '67. She thanks all of her professors at VCSU for giving her the inspiration to become a dedicated educator. Go Vikings!

1970s

Stuart Wyum '72, now retired, moved from St. Paul, Minn., to Mesa, Ariz.

Janis (Paulson) Wallender '77 and her husband, Brent, enjoyed their two months in Mesa, Ariz., and look forward to two months in Surprise, Ariz., next year. They loved having two of their three daughters visit. During the summer of 2017, they visited their third daughter in Alaska. Janis and Brent always look forward to summer at the lake.

1980s

Mary Halvorson '89 moved closer to home after 28 years of teaching in Carrington and Valley City, ND. She is currently teaching kindergarten at Tate Topa Schools in Fort Totten, N.D., and living in Devils Lake, N.D.

1990s

Chad Kujava '98 has been teaching for 20 years in Lancaster, Minn. He has coached varsity basketball and baseball for Kittson County Central during that time. His wife, Jeanna, is the director of nursing in Pembina County in Cavalier, N.D. They have three children: Lora (17), Jarrett (16) and Julia (13). The children are all active in sports and school activities.



Sierra Hokanson

and Adam Krueger '17.....June 9, 2018

Christina Bruenjes '17

and Andrew Lindmeier.....July 7, 2018

Cassandra Pautz '18

and Ethan Preston '16..... July 14, 2018

Kayla Engelhard

and Landon Freitas '16 July 28, 2018

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1984

Barbara Bue Gayleen (Hieb) Hoggarth Vanessa (Heintz) Jodock Rick Kohler Lori (Krueger) Oldenburg Debra (Goehring) Olson Brian Samdahl Pamela (Vagle) Sand Vernel Schneider Michael Thompson **Christine Wiese** George Yarbrough Evelyn (Laube) Youle

1985

Kim Lawler Laurelle Mehus Kathy (Roeszler) Ova Ronald Reardon Lisa Tollefson-Larson Sue Whitney

1986

Joel Aas
Janette Erickson
Kristi (Kramlich) Kuball
Joni (Thornton) Nelson
Shannon Rose
Dawn (Krahler)
Sackman
Joel Strom

1987

Steven Barreth
Todd Goolsbey
Theresa (Baker)
Marcellais
Hopie Qual
LeRoy Robinson
Elizabeth Schmitt
Renee (Huschka)
Wilson

1988

Camille (Rinehart)
Brandt
Lee Finnson
Susan Larson
Lisa (White) Nelson
Beth Sorenson
Julie Ulrich

1989

Olivia Matthews David Schlecht Kevin Solwold Sherri (Gums) Stokes Mark Wilson

1990

Thomas Brogden Rhonda Denbow James Heapy Melody (Burkle) Mittleider Joellen Pahl Kevin Peterson Judith Salvi

1991

Barbara (Remore)
Bakken
Paulo Costa
Lisa (Holmgren)
Keilman
Melissa Kramer
Sheila (Johnson
Nelson
Marvin Olson
Frank Peterson
Lena Throlson

1992

Donna Casey Kevin Gietz Randall Hanson Tamera Henderson Leslie Iverson Donna (Curtis)
Jorgenson
Laura Komrosky
Natalie (Heyd) Loomis
Michael Morris
Bonnie Olson
Holly Pow-Williams
Melonie Ramsey
Cathy (Plum) Rienstra
Ronald Schumacher
Robyn (Hinrichs) Wallis
Andrew Williams

1993

Theodore Brown Monserrat (Cordova) Cabrera Angela Clark Lisa Gaden Robert Greenwood Lynn Johnson Jodi (Sitte) Johnson Timothy Kramer Joyce McClaflin D'Lisa Mitchell Correna (Jensen) Perry Sarah Sander Lisa (Hoggarth) Smith Andrew Smith Theresa Thompson

1994

Kraig Hickel
Wendy Hornberger
Michele (Wentz)
Isaacson
Sheri (Posein) Kapp
Darragh Killilea Wicks
Susan (Ihry) Kyllo
Karen Mauch
Stacy Miller
Kelly Ranisate
Troy Wittenburg





- 2. Samantha Nalley '15 and Clayton Malinich '16 were married June 2, 2018. Sam is originally from Pocatello, ID, and Clayton is from Palm Bay, Fla. They met during their wonderful years attending VCSU. They currently reside in Pocatello, ID, with plans of soon moving due to new job opportunities.
- 3. **Kendra Stokes '17** and **Dominik Ammermann '16** were married July 13, 2018. Dominik is currently a K-5 physical education teacher in Portland, Oregon. Kendra graduated from VCSU with an athletic training degree and is currently enrolled at University of Western States in Portland, to get her Doctorate of Chiropractic.



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