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## Thank You to Wonderful VCSU Alumni and Friends

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

As you will read in this issue of the *Bulletin*, there is a feature story highlighting four active Valley City State University graduates. The story describes their personal connections to VCSU, their career accomplishments, and their commitment and dedication in serving VCSU today. As you read this article and think about the efforts made by Greta, D.C., John, and Josh, I hope you will also think about the thousands of outstanding VCSU alumni and friends they represent. As a campus, we are fortunate to have so many graduates, alumni, supporters, and friends volunteering time and energy on behalf of VCSU and our students.

These four individuals have been key supporters of their alma mater, and we also know there are countless others who just as easily could have been featured in a story such as this. And this is one of the positive highlights that makes it such a pleasure to be part of the VCSU Family: simply knowing that there are thousands of individuals throughout the region and across the country (and throughout the world) who are excited, enthused, and passionate about the success of VCSU.

There are four VCSU boards in particular that help advance the mission of the university and are squarely focused on supporting our students and helping VCSU succeed. The four individuals featured in this issue of the *Bulletin* all serve in active roles on the VCSU Alumni Board. The other

three boards include the VCSU Foundation Board, the V-500 Board, and the Century Club Booster Board.

All of the individuals who serve on these boards are instrumental and so important in contributing to the many successes VCSU has enjoyed in recent years. Simply put, we could not do what we do on a day-to-day basis without the active support and assistance from our many VCSU

alumni and friends. Those of you who are dedicated to this institution play such an important role in the history, current success, and future viability of a strong and healthy Valley City State University! Thank you to

everyone who has done so much and continues contributing in so many important ways to the successes of VCSU.

On a separate note, please plan to spend the day at VCSU on Friday, October 4, 2013 (Homecoming Weeekend). It will be a special day at VCSU as we hold a ribbon-cutting and open house to officially open the new \$10.3 million addition and renovation of Rhoades Science Center. This Rhoades project is the first new academic building at VCSU in 40 years, and we look forward to a special day celebrating this occasion with as many friends and alumni as possible.

Please stop and say hello anytime you are at VCSU, and as always... Go Vikings!♦

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### Alumni Association Get-Togethers Fall 2013

Watch for more VCSU events coming soon on our Facebook page and at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu).

- Aug. 12.....VCSU at the FM Redhawks..... Fargo  
See ad to right for ticket information
- Sept. 24.....VCSU Tuesday.....Bismarck  
Location TBD, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4 & 5....VCSU Homecoming Weekend ..... Valley City  
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Green Mill, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18.....Second Annual VCSU Rendezvous..... Valley City  
See ad on page 27
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IDK, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14.....EBC Alumni Fraternity presents  
*We're in the Christmas Mood*..... Valley City  
Vangstad Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

#### Events coming in 2014:

- Jan. 31.....Surprise, Arizona, No-Host Luncheon ..... Location TBD
- Feb. 1.....Mesa, Arizona, Golf and Luncheon..... Arizona Golf Resort
- Please note we will be back in Tucson, Arizona in mid-March with the VCSU baseball and softball teams. Watch for details.

*Reconnect with fellow alumni and friends!*

RSVP is requested. Please contact Kim Hesch at 800-532-8641 ext. 37403 or [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu).

Join Us for Food and Fun  
At an F-M RedHawks Game!

The VCSU Alumni Association invites you to join alumni and friends at Newman Outdoor Field for an F-M RedHawks game.

Monday, August 12, 2013

Cost: \$15 per person  
(includes reserved seating, Hi-Ho Burger, chips and pop)

Pre-game Picnic: 6:00-7:00 p.m. ♦ Game Time: 7:05 p.m.

Come out and join your fellow VCSU supporters to cheer on the F-M RedHawks!

Please RSVP to reserve your tickets by August 5 to 701-845-7203.





## A Gift in Memory of The Ones You Love

Become a member of our Legacy Society today by making a gift in memory of a special loved one in your life.

All of us have had special people in our lives who made a lasting impact on who we are as individuals. Perhaps it is time to make a gift in memory of that special person in your life. You can do so by becoming a member of our Legacy Society and directing a gift in your will and/or estate plan in memory of that special person. Your bequest may be made in the following ways:

(1) Make a gift of any cash amount; (2) Give a specific asset from your estate; (3) Make a gift of a percentage of your estate; or (4) Give from the residuum of your estate. All of these methods are ways in which you can honor someone and create a lasting memory. Please contact us for more information on memorial giving at [vcsu.edu](http://vcsu.edu).



## An Exciting Time at VCSU

by Kim Hesch '91, Assistant Director for Advancement and Alumni Relations

Each fall, as we welcome a new class of students to the Valley City State campus, we are reminded of the legacy left by all of the students that have come before them. For many of you alumni, your college days may have been among the best experiences of your life. Whether it's been one, five or fifty years since you last set foot on campus, I hope you still consider Valley City State a home away from home.

The 2013 Homecoming festivities will kick off with the ribbon cutting and dedication of the Rhoades Science Center addition and renovation. This is the first time since 1973 that our campus has

had a new building, and you will be amazed at what a premier building this is! Please join us October 4 at 1:30 p.m. for the ribbon cutting followed by tours of the building and demonstrations by the Math and Science faculty and students. That evening is the Viking Hall of Fame—please see pp. 16–17 for information on this year's inductees. On Saturday, October 5, we will host our Alumni Honors

Breakfast, followed by the parade down Central Avenue, tours of the Rhoades Science Center if you couldn't make it back on Friday for the dedication, football game against Presentation College, alumni social and dance. I hope you will help us celebrate in all of our activities and events we have planned for Homecoming (see the bottom of p. 17 for a complete schedule). It will be a trip down memory

lane for some. For our younger alumni, you'll get a taste of what life was like in the "good ol' days" at VCSU.

Valley City State is very proud of its graduates, and we look forward to welcoming you home as we

gather to celebrate the dedication of the Rhoades Science Center and this year's Homecoming. See you in October!

P.S. Please check out the feature story on pp. 4–5 featuring our Alumni Board Officers. The entire Alumni Board is a hard-working group of VCSU graduates that is instrumental in marketing VCSU and helping the university move forward.♦

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## North Dakota Suncoast Association Luncheon

Jay Morgan '69 and his wife, Louise Anna, would like to extend an invitation to all Valley City State University alumni and friends who live, winter or plan to vacation in the Sarasota, Fla., area in February to the 50th Annual North Dakota Suncoast Association Luncheon.

The luncheon will be held February 22, 2014, at the River Wilderness Golf and Country Club, I-75 at exit 224 (Hwy 301), in Parrish, Fla.

The scheduled speaker is Deanna Zink from the University of North Dakota Alumni Association. Her PowerPoint presentation on North Dakota is full of facts and figures.

**If you are interested in attending, please contact Jay Morgan at 941-378-4444.**

### 2013–14 VCSU Alumni Board of Directors

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## Why Do You Need a Will?

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

Folks often struggle with the issue of whether or not they need a will. The fact is that the majority of Americans do not have a will.

Regardless of how much or how little money you have, a will ensures that whatever property and personal belongings you do have will go to family or beneficiaries you designate. Without a will, a court will make these decisions.

**If you answer yes to any of the questions below, you need a will.**

- 1. Do you care who gets your property if you die?**
- 2. Do you care who gets your money if you die?**
- 3. Do you care who is appointed guardian of your minor children if you die?**

If you have children, a will is a must to ensure that you get to choose your children's guardian.

Few people plan to die in the near future, but if you die without a will, you will be subjecting your family and loved ones to confusion and anxiety at what is already a difficult time.

Planning your will may also introduce you to the various tax benefits of proper estate planning. The Internal Revenue Service offers substantial tax benefits for providing charitable support to organizations like the Valley City State University Foundation, a 501(c)(3) entity, according to IRS guidelines.

Gifts of appreciated stock, bonds, life insurance policies and retire-

ment benefits qualify for attractive tax benefits for those without an immediate need for these assets.

Often people write their own wills using various software products that are available on the market. That's certainly an option, but we recommend that you consult an attorney, especially if you have a complicated estate. This may prove to be a wise investment of your dollars and offer you the peace of mind that your plan is in place and properly written.

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It's often said that "Folks don't plan to fail, they simply fail to plan." Truer words cannot be spoken. Unfortunately, about 70 percent of all Americans do not have a will. Are you part of that 70 percent figure?

If you have already included the VCSU Foundation in your will and/or estate plan, please let the Foundation Office know by emailing [larry.robinson@vcsu.edu](mailto:larry.robinson@vcsu.edu); writing the VCSU Foundation at 101 College St. SW, Valley City, ND 58072; or calling 1-800-532-8641 x37203. ♦

## Legislative action impacts Valley City State

The North Dakota Legislature passed three higher education bills—SB 2200, SB 2003, and SB 2019—during the 2013 legislative session that impact Valley City State University.

SB 2200 provides for a new higher education funding model for all North Dakota University System institutions, including Valley City State, beginning July 1, 2013. The funding formula is based on a number of factors: successfully completed student credit hours (with credit hours weighted based on the academic discipline of the specific courses as well as a difference for upper versus lower level courses and undergraduate versus graduate courses), overall enrollment, physical campus square footage, and a per-credit base funding figure.

SB 2003 provides the funding appropriation for the 2013–15 biennium. The bill addresses salary and benefits for higher education employees statewide and appropriations for specific projects at the various institutions. Valley City State will receive about \$3.45 million for the renovation of the building housing Vangstad Auditorium, about \$480,000 to stabilize the hillside slope behind McCarthy Hall, and \$250,000 to renovate the historic VCSU President's House.

The bill also provides \$100,000 in ongoing operational support for the Great Plains STEM Education Center at VCSU and \$100,000 for campus safety and security initiatives. A new matching-grant program was also approved; it provides a \$1-to-\$2 match up to \$1 million for campus foundations, including the VCSU Foundation.

SB 2019 addresses career and technical education; that bill includes \$300,000 in support for the statewide North Dakota STEM Network, developed at and administered through Valley City State University.

"The North Dakota Legislature has provided a very strong funding

model for higher education in the state and a solid appropriation for Valley City State," said VCSU President Steven W. Shirley. "A word of thanks to all legislators in North Dakota for supporting this overall package, and special thanks to Senator Larry Robinson, VCSU executive director of university advancement, for his service in the 2013 Legislative Session and work on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the SB 2003 Conference Committee." ♦



# PROFILES of Service

## ▶▶▶ Meet Your Alumni Board Officers ◀◀◀

At the June 14 meeting of the Valley City State Alumni Board, the slate of board officers changed. Josh Argall '99 became president; Greta (Trader) Delparte '11 is now vice president, and D.C. Lucas '96 is past president. At that time the board bid a fond farewell to John Monilaws '87, who left the past-president post.

In recognition of the service these loyal alumni do for the university, we want to tell you a little more about each of them—how they came to VCSU, what they did as students, and why they serve their alma mater.

"These people do so much for us with little fanfare," says Kim Hesch '91, executive director of university advancement. "We want to make sure their gifts of time, talent and treasure are recognized."

(Note that a full list of board members appears on p. 2 of this issue of the *Bulletin*.)

### John Monilaws '87

In 1982, John Monilaws was a senior at Central Cass High in Casselton when he was offered a Valley City State music scholarship. Along with that offer came two tickets to attend the EBC *Hit Parade*. "Once I saw the show, I was pretty much sold on VCSC," says Monilaws.

Monilaws maintained that connection to EBC, playing in over 25 *Hit Parades* (tongue-in-cheek, he notes that he "wasn't in college that long") and becoming maestro of EBC alumni's *We're in the Christmas Mood* show, now in its 18th year.

"Valley City State taught me a lot of things; among the most important are to stay organized, be involved, and have a passion for what you're doing," says Monilaws.

Music is Monilaws's passion and

main involvement in the Lisbon Public Schools, where he's the music man in that Sheyenne River city. Monilaws directs Lisbon's high school band, jazz band, marching band, choir, and swing choir, along with the junior high band and jazz band, and the summer music program.

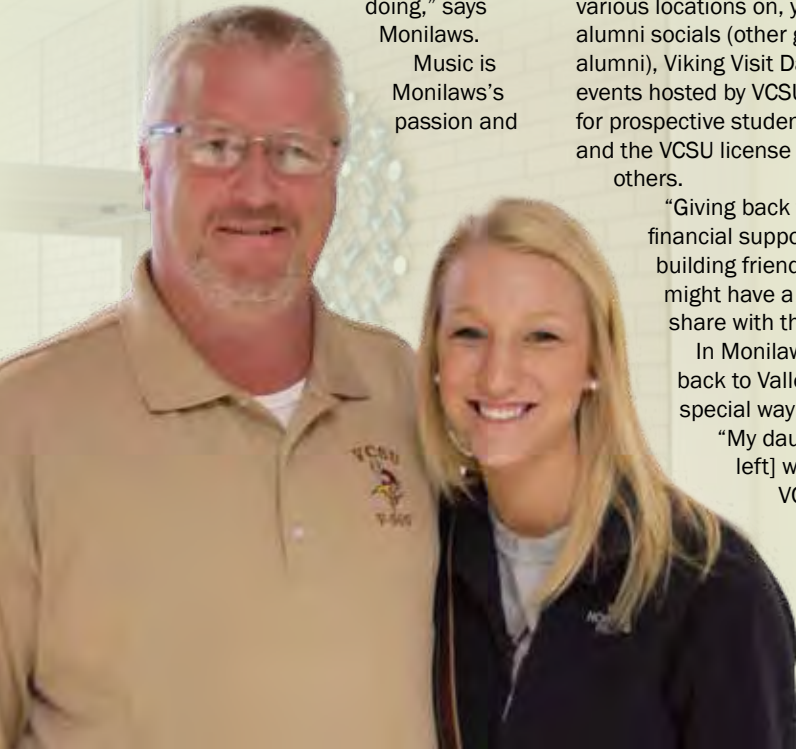
Staying busy and involved is clearly Monilaws's M.O., and he brought that same energy to the Alumni Board. "When I became president of the Alumni Board, I wanted the board to do more than just plan Homecoming; I wanted a board that was involved all the time."

That involvement has increased, and Alumni Board members have participated in a slew of events—VCSU Tuesdays (alumni events held in various locations on, you guessed it, Tuesdays), alumni socials (other gatherings of VCSU alumni), Viking Visit Days (on-campus visit events hosted by VCSU's Enrollment Services for prospective students and their families), and the VCSU license plate project, among others.

"Giving back to VCSU isn't just financial support; it's also about building friendships with others who might have a special talent or gift to share with the university!"

In Monilaws's case, he'll be giving back to Valley City State in a very special way this fall.

"My daughter Natalie [pictured left] will soon be attending VCSU," says John, "and I know that she will be in good hands and get a quality education." And what more could a proud father and loyal alumnus ask for.



### D.C. Lucas '96



A baseball scholarship lured D.C. Lucas north to attend Valley City State, but it's the caring attitude of the people he encountered at VCSU that kept him here and keeps him coming back to help his alma mater.

"Valley City State is one of the few places I know where they take care of you not only in the classroom but also beyond the classroom walls," says Lucas. "I became part of the VCSU family, and because of the special place it is, I'm still part of that family."

Lucas grew up in Phoenix, Ariz., and attended the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M., for a couple years before he came to Valley City. In addition to his baseball participation, he also served as one of the Viking Ambassadors on campus.

On the academic side, Lucas pursued a business administration major. In that arena,





## Josh Argall '99

A Casselton native, Josh Argall was very involved in music in high school but also had a keen interest in working on cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and the like. His first intention was to head to North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton to pursue an auto mechanic program, but following a suggestion from his mother, Argall decided to visit Valley City State. "Many of my family members had attended VCSU because it was a great teaching school," he explains, "and she thought it might be a good fit for me."

That visit was a boon to both VCSU and Argall—"I fell in love with the campus," he says—and the die was cast toward a new educational and career path.

Argall is now band director at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School in Glyndon, Minn. There he teaches and leads the concert band, jazz band, 9th grade band and 5th grade band—a direct line from his VCSU composite music education major. In Argall's words, "This is what I went to school for, and I wouldn't trade what I learned at Valley City State for anything!"

In addition to his classroom learning, Argall's VCSU education came from a variety of activities, including participation in music ensembles and intramural athletics, service on the Inter Fraternity-Sorority Council, and membership in the EBC fraternity, along with participation in that group's *Hit Parade* productions. As an EBC

alumnus, he's carried that last tradition forward, albeit with a holiday transformation, playing a part in the *We're in the Christmas Mood* productions.

In regard to his service on the Alumni Board, Argall says, "My role is to be an ambassador for the university in any way that I can."

"I enjoy the newfound relationships I've made with current students and fellow alumni," he adds, "and whenever I'm back on campus, it still feels like home to me."

he credits Diane Wood, now professor emerita of business, with keeping him engaged in the classroom. "Dr. Wood always kept the real world in mind for us and put us in situations to help us succeed," he explains. "She made sure she listened to student concerns and helped us gain expertise in the areas we wanted."

Lucas's service on the Alumni Board involves him in conversations with both prospective and current VCSU students, and that's a responsibility he revels. With prospectives, he's able to talk about the care and individual attention that's a key component of the education here, and with current students, it's that real world that Lucas talks up.

"I can coach them about how to research job opportunities, what employers are looking for, how to present yourself, and what it's like out there," says Lucas, who lives in Argusville just north of Fargo and works in a business develop.m.ent/business technology advisory role for Eide Bailly, a top-25-in-the-nation CPA and business consulting firm.

In addition to business experience as a software trainer, account executive, pharmaceutical representative, and sales manager over the years, Lucas has maintained a full plate of volunteer and service activities; he's also added an M.B.A. from the University of Mary to his own résumé.

But it's Valley City State that Lucas sings the praises of: "VCSU challenged me and prepared me for my career," says Lucas. "I'm grateful for that. That's why I do what I can on the Alumni Board."

## Greta (Trader) Delparte '06, M.Ed. '11



Greta (Trader) Delparte comes from a Valley City State family of teachers—both of her parents are VCSU alumni.

Mary (Trautman) Trader '74, Greta's mother, taught 5th and 6th grades in Kindred/Davenport (N.D.) schools for 33 years, and her father, Keith Trader '74, taught business classes at Leonard High School for five years before earning a law degree and opening a legal practice in Fargo.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher and had seen and heard about what a great teacher's college Valley City State was, so it was my first choice," explains Delparte.

Now a first-grade teacher at Centennial Elementary in Bismarck, Delparte credits one of her VCSU education professors, Linda Holcomb (now professor emerita), for being a teaching role model. "She was the type of teacher you just wanted to be around because

everything she said you could tell she had learned from experience," recalls Delparte. "My love for children's literature came from watching how she used books in the classroom."

Delparte also places high value on her graduate degree, a VCSU master's of education with a teaching and technology emphasis. "This gives me the skills I need to meet the expectations of my students and district in regard to technology," she says. "I'm able to help other teachers with questions and feel that I can relate to the changes we see in technology and the need to integrate those changes in our schools."

An active undergraduate, Greta did work-study in the Alumni/Advancement Office. She also served as president of the Viking Campus Activity Board, a member of Student Senate, and an R.A., which led to a position as VCSU's assistant director of housing after graduation.

"After being so involved with Valley City State as an undergrad, I was sad to say goodbye," explains Delparte. "Serving on the Alumni Board helps me stay in contact with friends and colleagues while helping out the university."

Greta is married to fellow VCSU alumnus Kurry Delparte '05, a sales representative for Zimmer Davis Orthopedics, and the couple are staunch VCSU supporters. "Whether in the form of money, auction items, or our time, my husband and I pride ourselves on always giving a donation because we were so fortunate to receive financial help when we were students," says Delparte. "As we grow and become more successful, we're looking forward to giving back more and paying forward the many great things VCSU has to offer." ♦

# Commencement 2013

The tassels attached to mortarboards were blowing in the wind on a blustery May 11, the Saturday of Valley City State's 121st Commencement Exercises, but spirits were high and folks were bubbling with enthusiasm in W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse as VCSU granted bachelor's and master's degrees to a record number of VCSU graduates.

Also recognized at the ceremony were a contingent of nursing students who earned associate degrees in nursing and certificates in practical nursing on the VCSU campus through the university's partnership with Dakota College at Bottineau.

VCSU President Steven W. Shirley gave opening remarks at the ceremony. He touched on the great names in the history of Valley City State—McFarland, McCarthy, and Vangstad, among others—and some of the events and changes that took place on campus during the last four years. Included here were the flood of 2009, the new turf on Ellig Field, renovations of the residence halls and cafeteria, and the addition to and renovation of Rhoades Science Center, among others.

Don Morton, member of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, brought greetings to the assembled audience, reminding them that "the greatest mistake is not trying; the greatest day is today; and the greatest joy is celebrating success together."

**(1)** Rosemary Tompkins, M.Ed. '13, presented graduate student reflections. The graduate program's "rigorous coursework taught me the best practices," she said, adding that the experience was "the very best thing for me as an educator."

Representing the undergraduates was speaker **(2)** Courtney Titus '13, who thanked her coaches, educators and family for her success at VCSU. She shared a quote attributed to Gandhi—"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

**(3)** Kirsten Baesler, M.Ed. '10, North Dakota superintendent of public instruction, presented the commencement address. Baesler shared a brief history of her career path and credited her small-town background for her success. In her hometown of Flasher, N.D., she grew up "in a community of people who encouraged me and expected me to always do my best," she said.

Baesler offered the following advice and reflections: "Luck is the result of preparing yourself for the next opportunity; never allow your current status (or anyone else) to define who you are; volunteer to do things in your community; and surround yourself with those who lift you up."

This was Commencement 2013—in the words of President Shirley, "a special day for the entire VCSU family."



◀ Head football coach Dennis McCulloch, with his daughter, 2013 graduate Meghan McCulloch





4. President Shirley is pictured with Azbayar “Azza” Enkhbayar from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, along with his parents and grandparents who traveled from Mongolia to attend graduation.

5. Master’s degree graduates attending the Saturday breakfast included (l to r) front: Tessa Benz, Andrea Jensen, Anita Tooley, Jenell Bear; back: Rosemary Tompkins, Karen Edland, Luke Jones and Rachelle Hunt.

6. Luke Jones ’10, M.Ed. ’13, now living and teaching in Wahpeton, poses with his parents, Steve and Maria Jones of Essex, England.

7. Dakota College at Bottineau nurses participating in Commencement included (l to r) Renee Pommerer, Callie Cruff, Gina Gabel, Nicole Ronngren and Erin Anderson. They will complete the Practical Nurse Program on July 12 and will then be eligible to take the Practical Nurse licensing exam. ♦



## Blair Booth receives award from ITEEA



Blaire Booth, M.Ed. '10, of Sharpsburg, Ga., was honored at the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) annual conference in Columbus, Ohio, in March.

Booth, an engineering and technology teacher at East Coweta Middle School in Senoia, Ga., received a Program of Excellence Award from ITEEA, as did her school. The award recognizes outstanding efforts in emphasizing STEM education. Booth is pictured receiving her award from Steve Price, president of ITEEA. ♦

## Championship coaches reunited



Former VCSU coaches and best friends were able to get together this past winter in Arizona. Coaches Don Lemnus (wrestling), Pete Nyhus (football) and Jerry Pederson (basketball) all coached championship teams in the early '70s. ♦

## VCSU Foundation holds annual Recognition Luncheon

The VCSU Foundation Board hosted its annual Recognition Luncheon on Monday, June 17, with over 64 donors attending. The luncheon is hosted each June to recognize the donors who have reached a new level of giving over the past year. Mary Simonson, VCSU Foundation board chair, welcomed the attendees to the luncheon, and updates on VCSU were given by VCSU President Steve Shirley, followed by recognition of donors.



Front (l to r): Avis Richter and Mary Lee Nielson (Valley City Food & Beverage); back: Mary Simonson, Ken Astrup (Dakota Plains Cooperative), Carol Nelson (Lenaburg, Fitzner, Nelson, Hooper, PLLP).

Recipients this year included:

### **Diamond Level (\$100,000–\$249,999)**

Valley City Food & Beverage

### **Gold Level (\$50,000–\$99,999)**

Dakota Plains Cooperative

Grotberg Electric, Inc.

KOVC Radio

Stop-N-Go Stores

Winter Farms

### **Regents Level (\$25,000–\$49,999)**

Lenaburg, Fitzner, Nelson, Hooper, PLLP

Hulda Pearce

Douglas & Jane Schindele

Mikal & Mary Simonson

The Foundation Board held its quarterly meeting following the luncheon, which included a tour of the new addition to the Rhoades Science Center given by Joe Stickler, professor emeritus. ♦



Sheila Carney and Henry Knolls, Stop-N-Go, were recognized for their support of the Shelly Ellig Field project.



## Archuleta '92 elected NDEA president



VCSU alumnus Nick Archuleta '92—a faculty member at Century High School in Bismarck, where he teaches Spanish I and II—was elected president of the 8,000 member North Dakota Education Association (NDEA).

Archuleta will serve as president of the 10,000 member North Dakota United starting in September when NDEA and the North Dakota Public Employees Association (NDPEA)

officially merge into North Dakota United.

"I am humbled and honored by the results of this election," said Archuleta. "Teachers and education support professionals can rest assured that my administration of the NDEA will zealously advocate for the children, teachers and education support professionals of North Dakota." Archuleta said that he also looks forward to the opportunity to lead North Dakota United, a new association comprised of NDEA and NDPEA members.

David Woods '03, an English teacher at Woodrow Wilson Community High School in Fargo, was elected to the NDEA Board of Directors as at-large-ethnic minority director. This will be Woods's second term on the board. ♦

*Information and photos provided by the North Dakota Education Association*



## Coach Roberts pays a call



Charlene (Stromsodt) Stenson '83, director of Enrollment Services at VCSU and Viking Hall of Famer, recently received a surprise visit from her former coach, Linda Roberts (right). Roberts coached women's basketball at VCSU and taught in the Health and Physical Education Department from 1977–90. ♦

## 2013 VCSU Golf Scramble

The 2013 VCSU Viking Scramble was held at the Town and Country Club and Bjornson Park on Saturday, June 1. Twenty-five teams participated in the golf tournament to raise money for scholarships for student athletes.

The tournament was a five-person scramble with two divisions. During the tournament there were a number of hole contests with prizes, as well as a Hole-in-One contest to win a car sponsored by Miller Motors of Valley City. Awards were given to division champions and runners-up. All entrants received an entry gift along with dinner. ♦



**Championship Flight Winners:** (l to r) Trevor Justesen, Shane Ost, Travis Ingstad, Ben Sorenson and Jeremy Koepplin



**Championship Flight Runners-Up:** (l to r) Eric Hansen, Justin Thornton, Brock Graff, Derrick Rogers '08 and TJ Hansen '05

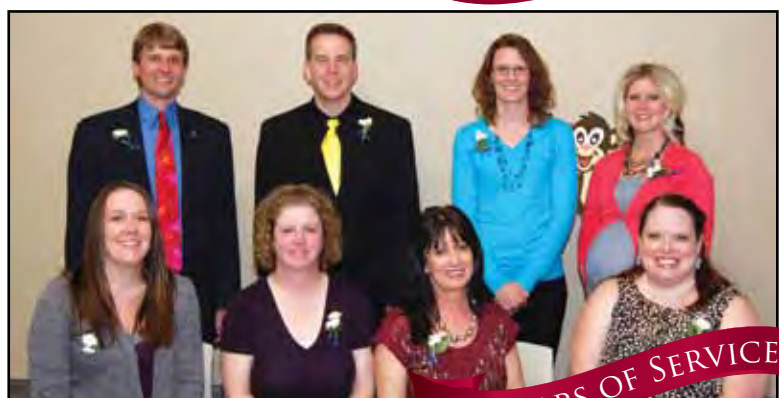


**Open Flight Winners:** (l to r) Pete Rasmusson, Rob Keller '89, Dan Schulties and Bret Sorensen '91



**Open Flight Runners-Up:** (l to r) John Olstad '93, David Meyer, David Obey and Gregg Horner '90

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



Valley City State University celebrated its faculty and staff members' many years of service and dedication to VCSU at the Employee Recognition and Retirement Dinner held May 3, 2013, in the Student Center cafeteria.

Andre DeLorme, professor of biology, served as emcee of the event, which featured a performance by VCSU's Quantum Brass, comprised of students David Burgess, Lyle Hager, Kirci Wagner and Thomas Zinke, and James Adams, assistant professor of music.

**Years of Service Recognition:** Faculty and staff members honored for "Years of Service" anniversaries at the recognition dinner were:

**35–40 years of service:** (l to r) Marcia Foss '72 (35 years), Sharon McCarriar (35 years), Alice (Janisch) Beauchman '73 (40 years), Kathryn Holleque (40 years)

**20–30 years of service:** (l to r) Connie (Gratz) Stavens '92 (25 years), Irene Groth (30 years), Doug Hamilton (20 years), Bonita Pickar (25 years)

**15 years of service:** (not pictured: Kerry Gregoryk, Diane Olson)

**10 years of service:** (l to r) Joseph Munowenyu '03, Keith Biggers (not pictured: Michelle Hoyt, Tim Schilling '70, Chad Slyter '96)

**5 years of service:** (front, l to r) Leslie Kalmbach, Misty (Ross) Lindgren '91, Paula (King) Larson '76, Jonna Ziniel; (back) Steven Shirley, James Adams, Tara (Triebold) Praska '05, Alison (Zaun) Kasowski '06; (not pictured Jerzy Bilski, Lynn Isaacson, Kevin McDonough, Loree (Meyer) Morehouse '89, Tammy Peterson, Dina Petherbridge, Rob Walsh, Jamie Wirth)

## Employee of the Quarter and "The Difference Is Me"

**Recipients:** "Employee of the Quarter" recipients for the 2012–13 academic year—Charlene (Stromsodt) Stenson '83, director of enrollment services; Brad Mills, director of enterprise applications; and Rick Clark, building services/facilities services staff—were acknowledged at the dinner, as were "The Difference Is Me" recipients—Teresa Cole, administrative assistant, Great Plains STEM Center; Tara (Triebold) Praska '05, graphic designer; and Jacob Ell, groundskeeper—for the same time period.

**Student Advocate Awards:** Erin Edinger, VCSU Student Senate president, presented Student Advocate Awards to the EBC Fraternity and Kari Stricklin '92, director of the Student Center and student activities.

**Teacher of the Year Award:** Ben Haugeberg, VCSU Student Senate vice president, presented the Teacher of the Year Award to Joe Stickler, professor of chemistry and chair of the Division of Mathematics, Science, and Health and Physical Education.

**Retirees and Emeritus Status:** Four VCSU faculty and staff members who retired in May 2013 were also recognized. See p. 12 for more information on the retirees. ♦



## Research help needed for new play about Vangstad twins



Tom Dunn, an accomplished playwright, is seeking information from the VCSU community about his great aunts, Lena and Thilda Vangstad, identical twins and longtime Valley City State professors. (Vangstad Auditorium is named after the Vangstad twins.)

Dunn has interviewed friends and family members about the Vangstad twins in the Osakis area of central Minnesota (where they were born and then retired to after their teaching days were over), but he's now ready to expand his research to the professional lives of the two women.

If you were a student of one or both of the twins, taught with them or have anecdotes to share about their 67 years working and living in North Dakota, please contact Dunn (phone 603-568-5102, email [dunn.t@comcast.net](mailto:dunn.t@comcast.net), mail P.O. Box 658, Henniker, NH 03242).♦

## Rhoades Science Center nears completion



As the *Bulletin* went to press in July, progress on the Rhoades Science Center continued on schedule for completion prior to the start of fall semester. The bulk of the interior work since January has been on the second and third floors of the original Rhoades structure; spring semester 2013 classes and labs were held in the new addition.

Carpet, tiling and ceiling work was recently completed, and classroom furniture is scheduled for a mid-July installation. Some classrooms, labs and offices set up in the new addition for spring semester 2013 classes will be moved to their permanent locations in the original part of the Rhoades building.

Almost all of the exterior work on the building has been completed, although work continues on the greenhouse. New sidewalks have been poured, but landscaping work remains to be done.

A ribbon-cutting and open house for Rhoades Science Center will be held Friday, Oct. 4, as part of the Homecoming celebration.♦

## VCSU to offer software engineering major in fall 2013

Valley City State University will offer a new undergraduate major in software engineering beginning fall semester 2013.

Software engineering comprises the design, development, testing, implementation and maintenance of software systems. It includes aspects of computer programming, mathematics, project management and engineering, with an emphasis on analytical abilities and problem-solving skills.

Developed to meet the growing needs of employers in North Dakota and throughout the Midwest, the new VCSU major will be the first undergraduate software engineering major in North Dakota.

"VCSU prides itself on our long-standing leadership in technology-enhanced curricular offerings," said President Steven W. Shirley. "This new software engineering degree takes that leadership a step further; it also highlights our strength in STEM education and our ability to provide high-demand educational offerings important to North Dakota's future."

The software engineering major will be offered as either a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) or a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program.

Many of the courses required for the software engineering major are already offered at VCSU in the computer information systems major and the computer science minor, but six additional courses will be added.

In developing the curriculum for the software engineering major, VCSU faculty have also worked with North Dakota State University (NDSU) and the University of North Dakota (UND) faculty to ensure that students will be prepared for graduate study should they wish to pursue a master's degree in computer science (UND or NDSU) or software engineering (NDSU).♦

## Scholarship established in honor of Dr. Stickler



VCSU alumni Dr. Jason Drake '96 and Dr. Amy (Mitzel) DuBois are spearheading the establishment of an endowed scholarship in honor of their former professor, Dr. Joe Stickler. As Drake said, "Whether you loved him or not, he was more than likely instrumental in where you are professionally today."

Stickler announced last fall that the 2012-13 academic year would be his last at VCSU (see p. 13 for his retirement story). That's when Drake, a chiropractor, and DuBois, an optometrist in Fargo, came up with the idea to create a scholarship in Stickler's name for science majors at VCSU.

During their time at VCSU, the number of scholarships for science majors was less than it is today. With such a strong academic reputation, the number of scholarships has increased significantly. Unfortunately, however, there is still a need for scholarship support for science majors. In fact, there are only six science-only scholarships available at present.

The goal is to raise enough money through donations from alumni and friends to create a scholarship in Stickler's name at \$1,000/year for deserving students majoring in the sciences and/or pre-professional studies. To award a \$1,000 scholarship, a total of \$21,000 needs to be raised. A fund-raising letter was sent out this spring, and already \$8,500 toward the \$21,000 has been contributed.

To make a donation to the Stickler Scholarship, checks can be made out to "VCSU Foundation, Stickler Scholarship Fund" and sent to the VCSU Foundation at 101 College St SW, Valley City, ND 58072. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) entity, and thus contributions are tax deductible.♦

# Four retire after decades of service to VCSU

Three faculty and a staff member have retired from Valley City State University this spring.

Bev McAllister, administrative assistant for student affairs and career services, was joined in retirement by Tim Schilling, assistant professor in business and information technology, and professors Diana Skroch, music, and Joe Stickler, chemistry.

All four were nominated and recommended for emeritus status, and each was granted that status by President Steven W. Shirley. Emeritus status recognizes individuals' contributions to the VCSU community and carries with it privileges that facilitate remaining active members in the community.

The four individuals have different plans for retirement, but collectively those plans are summed up by Diana Skroch's statement: "We have many interests, and now we will be able to indulge ourselves."

Profiles of the four retirees follow.



## Diana Skroch '75

Diana Skroch began teaching at Valley City State in 1977, and she led VCSU's Department of Music to accreditation by and full membership in the National Association of Schools of Music.

That's a simple statement, but read between the lines to see a Valley City State teaching career of more than three-and-a-half decades and a professional life devoted to striving for personal and institutional excellence in music education.

Skroch is a Valley City State alumna; she graduated with majors in art and music, and later added a Spanish major. She holds the master of arts degree in piano performance from the University of North Dakota and a doctorate in music education/piano pedagogy from the University of Oklahoma.

A member of the music honor society Pi Kappa Lambda, Skroch completed Spanish immersion courses in Quito, Ecuador, and Sucre, Bolivia, and she has traveled extensively in Central and South America.

In addition to immersing herself in travel and the Spanish language, Skroch has dived fully into higher education and music organization work throughout her career.

She served as a consultant evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Institutions of Higher Education and as a member of the commission's Accreditation Review Council. She was a member of VCSU's steering committees for the HLC-NCA reaccreditation evaluations in 1991-92 and 2001-02, and served as self-study coordinator for VCSU's focused evaluation in 1995-96.

A nationally certified member of Music Teachers National Association

(MTNA), Skroch chaired competitions of MTNA's West Central Division, and over many years she served the organization's state affiliate, the North Dakota Music Teachers Association (NDMTA), in various offices, including among others, those of president, vice president/competitions chair, college faculty chair, newsletter editor, collegiate artist auditions chair, and chair of the 1995 and 2002 state conventions, held in Valley City. Skroch was also named NDMTA's Teacher of the Year in 1996-97.

As a member of the Nationally Federated Music Clubs, Skroch served as North Dakota Junior Festivals chair, SouthEast Central Festivals co-chair and a frequent festival adjudicator. She has also held numerous positions in the Valley City Music Teachers Association and a number of board positions on the Valley City Area Concert Association, including president from 2002-05. Skroch also taught private piano lessons for more than 25 years.

Skroch has presented many recitals of solo and ensemble music and lectures on pedagogical topics to area music teachers' associations and on her travels to community audiences. Her numerous pedagogical presentations have included such topics as "The Adult Student," "Preparing the Student for the College Music Program," "Learning Styles: Implications for Repertoire and Memorization," "The Piano Music of Francis Poulenc," "Memorization," "Russian Music in the Romantic Period," "Contemporary Russian Music," "Adjudication," and "Female Images in Popular Music."

For many years an adjudicator for the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Skroch has also held individual membership in the National Association of Schools of Music and in Music Educator's National Conference, serving as VCSU Student Chapter advisor.

Skroch retires from Valley City State as professor of music and chair of the Division of Fine Arts, a position she has held since 1992. Her legacy to music teaching and scholarship at VCSU—and in the Valley City area and the state of North Dakota and beyond—is evident in the rich body of work described above.



## Bev McAllister

Bev McAllister began working at Valley City State University in August 1990 as secretary for student affairs and student academic services.

She previously had worked for the Oriska Public Schools and Otter Tail Power Company.

In her position at VCSU, McAllister served Glen Schmalz,

vice president for student affairs, and Jan Drake, director of student academic services, for more than 20 years.

In March 2012, McAllister's role was changed to administrative assistant for student affairs and career services. In this position she worked under Marcia Foss, director of career services, and, with his arrival on campus in June 2012, Vitaliano Figueroa, vice president for student affairs.

McAllister and her husband, Jim, live in Sanborn, N.D. The couple enjoys spending time with their family, which includes two adult children—a daughter, Kris, of New England, N.D., and a son, Jay, of Fargo—and seven grandchildren.





### Tim Schilling '70

Tim Schilling began serving Valley City State University as assistant professor in 2003. A member of the Division of Business and Information Technology, Schilling taught accounting and other business courses.

A 1970 graduate of VCSU, Schilling holds a bachelor's degree in business education and physical education and a master's degree (1976) from the University of North Dakota in business and vocational education.

Prior to joining the VCSU faculty, Schilling taught and coached at Valley City High School from 1970–2003.

Schilling played football, basketball and baseball at VCSU; he captained the football and baseball teams and was named all-conference and all-district in both sports.

Schilling's role in athletics continued past his Viking days as both a

coach and official. He coached football, basketball and track at Valley City High School from 1970–2003 and coached Valley City Recreation Department programs at all levels, including American Legion baseball. He was named North Dakota Boys Basketball Coach of the Year in 1986.

On the officiating side of the field, Schilling served as head official in football, working high school games—including play-off and championship games at all levels—and collegiate games as well.

A member of the Pi Omega Pi and Delta Pi Epsilon business education honor societies, Schilling also maintains professional membership in the National Education Association, North Dakota Education Association and National Business Education Association, among many others.

Schilling was named North Dakota DECA Advisor of the Year in 2003 and North Dakota Phi Beta Lambda Outstanding Chapter Advisor in 2005. He served on the board of the VCSU Century Club and is a member of the VCSU V-500 club. Active in Trinity Lutheran Church in Valley City, Schilling is also a charter member and past president of the Valley City Optimist Club.

Schilling's wife, Jan, is a special education teacher in the Sheyenne Valley Special Education unit. The couple has three adult children—Tara, Tricia and Jon—and two grandchildren, Jordan and Jay. In retirement Schilling intends to continue teaching for VCSU as an adjunct, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy life at a Minnesota lake home.



### Joe Stickler

Joe Stickler holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Ohio Wesleyan University and master's and doctoral degrees in organic chemistry from the University of Illinois.

He came to Valley City State University in 1981 and retires as professor of chemistry and chair of the Division of Mathematics, Science, and Health and Physical Education.

He previously taught at the University of Colorado at Denver and the College of Ganado

(Ariz.). During his time at VCSU, he also served as visiting professor at North Dakota State University and Ohio Wesleyan University and did research at Purdue University and the University of Chicago's Argonne National Laboratory.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, the North Dakota Academy of Science and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Stickler is the author of numerous articles in scholarly journals and has made many presentations at academic conferences and meetings.

An engaging and intellectually demanding instructor, Stickler received the VCSU Teacher of the Year award four times—in 1991, 2004, 2008 and 2013.

Stickler served as VCSU planetarium director from 1983–92; for more than two decades he wrote "Skywatcher's Corner," an astronomy column for the Valley City *Times-Record* newspaper and website.

Although Stickler leaves the campus with a rich teaching legacy, he also has left VCSU and Valley City with a physical monument as well. Medicine Wheel Park, located on the bluff southeast of campus, was designed by Stickler and constructed by him, his students, VCSU alumni and Valley City area residents and businesses beginning in 1992.

The solar calendar, medicine wheel and park is a unique attraction and destination, emphasizing human connections to the Sheyenne Valley, the planet Earth, the solar system and the universe.

Stickler received both the Community Service Award and the Community Spirit Award from the Valley City Chamber of Commerce for the construction and continued maintenance and evolution of Medicine Wheel Park.

In retirement, Stickler intends to travel with his life partner, Diana Skroch; continue his work with Medicine Wheel Park; and maintain his close connection with the people and alumni of Valley City State University. ♦







# 2013 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## ▲ 1958 Football:

(l to r) front row: J. Overbo (student manager), J. Dwyer, D. O'Conner, B. Lewenski, B. Carpender, I. Lehman, M. Charnetzki, D. Knutson, R. Murdock, G. Griffin, D. Leyton, A. Olson (student manager); second row: K. Huber, D. Townsend, A. Strand, M. Burgad, J. Roles, K. Schatz, R. Litsey, P. Hand, J. Stanczyk, J. McLean, C. Walby, J. McCord, V. Gale (head coach); third row: A. Flath (head line coach), F. Hilborn, E. Morris, J. Walby, G. Ringdahl, J. Ramey, M. Reib, B. Reynolds, M. Halmrast, C. Thompson, E. Kringstad, J. Halmrast, B. Thomas, W.E. Osmon (athletic director); back: V. Olson (assistant coach), F. Vetter (student assistant), J. Blazek, J. Washtock, D. Stiles, D. Hesse, A. Larson, K. Gengler, J. Stenhjem, J. Martin, T. Aichele, G. Cederberg, J. Bock, D. Whitnah (assistant coach)

## 1958 Football Team

The VCSC football team won the conference championship in 1958 with a 6-1 record.

Jim Bock and Bill Thomas were first team all-conference selections for the Vikings. Receiving honorable mention were Jerry Halmrast, Gordon Ringdahl, Al Strand, Delton Hesse and Jack Dwyer.

Bill Thomas ran to a fifth-place finish in total rushing in the NAIA.

Coached by Vern Gale, the Vikings enjoyed wins over Jamestown, Wahpeton, Minot, Ellendale, Bismarck and Dickinson en route to their conference title.



## ▲ 1981 Baseball

(l to r) front: Bob Fleming, Mike Smith, Jeff Larshus, Warren King, Jim Lowe, Kyle Davison, Mark Smetana, Doug Black, Darwin Subart, Craig Berry, Loy Ham, Kent Schweigert; back: Jed Klein, Brent Ham, Mark Woodbury, Scott Radloff, Al Olson, Mike Even, Brent Lick, Todd Haag, Kevin Subart, Dennis Reep, Jeff Dehne; not pictured: Coach Jim Dew, Steve Walker, D. Johnson, Lee Johnson

## 1981 and 1982 Baseball Teams

Coached by Jim Dew, the '81 and '82 Vikings achieved back-to-back conference championships.

The 1981 team finished 22-10 overall with an 11-3 conference record, while the 1982 team compiled a 20-12 overall mark and a 13-1 conference record.

The 1981 team won the NDCAC tourney but were defeated in the District 12 tournament at Spearfish, S.D.

All-conference performers on that team included Kyle Davison, Mark Smetana, Scott Radloff, Jim Lowe and Darwin Subart. All-district that year for the Vikings were Kyle Davison, Mark Smetana and Scott Radloff, with Brent Ham and Doug Black receiving honorable mention.

All-conference performers on the 1982 team were Scott Radloff, Darwin Subart, Bob Fleming, and Terry Stargardt, with Mike Even and Doug Black receiving honorable mention for the Vikings. Scott Radloff earned all-district honors for a second consecutive year.



## ▲ 1982 Baseball

(l to r) front: B. Bushaw, D. Subart, Bw. Fleming, M. Woodbury, K. Schweigert, M. Even, S. Radloff, B. Ham, J. Larshus, C. Berry, L. Jungling, D. Johnson; back: Coach Jim Dew, B. Lick, C. Lima, K. Blaskoski, L. Bayley, T. Stargardt, A. Olson, T. Haag, M. Smith, L. Kretchman, J. Klein, L. Ham





## Robert "Bob" Maresh (1968–73)

Maresh was a conference wrestling champion in both 1970–71 and 1971–72. In 1971, he competed at the NAIA National Tournament, where he earned runner-up honors. In 1973, the team elected him as their most valuable wrestler. During the last three years that Maresh wrestled for Valley City, the Vikings compiled a 30–12 team dual record.



## Brent Lick (1981–85)

A first team all-conference baseball selection in 1984, Lick played on the 1981 and 1982 baseball conference championship teams. In basketball, he was a four-year letter winner and an all-conference selection in 1984–85; he was also selected as team MVP that season. The 1983–84 basketball team that Lick played on won the conference championship.



## Terry A. Corwin (gymnastics coach, 1982–89)

Corwin guided the 1984–85 team to its highest finish, placing 10th at the national meet in Minot, scoring a team record 125.35 points. In 1985–86, the Vikings equaled that finish with a 10th-place showing at the NAIA national meet; the team placed 11th at nationals in 1986–87. ♦

## Potts named SID/MCS



Mark Potts began work June 17 as VCSU's new sports information director and media communications specialist.

The dual

appointment will have Potts handling media relations, programs, statistics and records for Viking athletics, while also assisting the university's marketing efforts with photography, videography and social media.

A 2008 journalism graduate of North Dakota State University, Potts previously served as a news reporter for the Williston (N.D.) *Herald* and sports editor of the Valley City *Times-Record*.

Most recently he worked for Ingstad Family Media, first as news director in Jamestown and then as sports director in the Valley City office. In the latter position Potts handled play-by-play sports announcing, hosted a live afternoon radio show on KOVC 1490 and contributed sports content to the NewsDakota.com website. ♦

# Join VCSU Alumni and Friends for HOMECOMING 2013!

The VCSU Alumni Association invites you to join alumni and friends of VCSU for the many events scheduled for Homecoming 2013. The Alumni Association encourages everyone to call your classmates and come back to VCSU for Homecoming 2013.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 1:30 p.m. ....Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
VCSU Rhoades Science Center
- 2:00–4:00 p.m. ....Rhoades Science Center Tours
- 2:30 p.m. ....Alumni Welcome Back Ice Cream Social  
VCSU Rhoades Science Center
- 5:00 p.m. ....Meet and Greet Hall of Fame Social  
VCSU Student Center Skoal Room
- 6:00 p.m. ....Hall of Fame Banquet  
VCSU Student Center Cafeteria

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9:00 a.m. ....Alumni Honors Breakfast  
VCSU Student Center Cafeteria
- 11:00 a.m. ....Homecoming Parade
- 11:00–1:00 p.m. ....Rhoades Science Center Tours
- 12:00 noon.....Pregame Picnic  
Sponsored by VCSU Booster Board
- 1:00 p.m. ....Football game @ Lokken Stadium  
**Vikings vs. Presentation College**
- 4:00 p.m. ....Post-game Social  
Valley City Town and Country Club  
500 12th Ave NE ♦ Valley City
- 10:00 p.m. ....College and Alumni Dance  
Valley City Eagles Club (downstairs)  
345 12th Ave NE ♦ Valley City





# VIKING SPORTS

## Fall Schedule 2013

All dates and times are subject to change.  
For complete up-to-date schedules of all sports,  
visit [vikings.vcsu.edu](http://vikings.vcsu.edu).

\*North Star Athletic Association contest

## FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (CST)
Aug. 31	Jamestown College* (Jamestown, N.D.)	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	Morningside College (Sioux City, Iowa)	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>Dakota State University*</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
Sept. 28	South Dakota School of Mines (Rapid City, S.D.)	2:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>Presentation College* (Homecoming)</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 12	Mayville State University* (Mayville, N.D.)	1:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>Gustavus Adolphus College</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>Jamestown College*</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>Mayville State University*</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Nov. 16	Menlo College (Atherton, Calif.)	2:00 p.m.

## VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 17	Jamestown Triangular, Jamestown College, Jamestown, N.D.
8/17	Viterbo University
8/17	Waldorf College
Aug. 23-24	Red Raider Classic, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa
8/23	Morningside
8/23	Dordt
8/24	Northwestern
8/24	Doane
Aug. 30-31	Corn Palace Classic, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S.D.
8/30	St. Marys College
8/30	Dakota Wesleyan
8/31	Clarke
8/31	York
<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>Jamestown College*</b>
Sept. 13-14	Peru State Tournament, Peru State College, Peru, Neb.
9/13	College of Saint Mary
9/13	Mount Marty College
9/14	Peru State
9/14	AIB
<b>Sept. 18</b>	<b>Dakota State University*</b>
Sept. 20	Presentation College*, Aberdeen, S.D.
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Mayville State University*</b>
Sept. 27-28	Clarke University Tournament, Dubuque, Iowa
Oct. 1	Bismarck State College, Bismarck, N.D.
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Briar Cliff University</b>
Oct. 5	Dakota Wesleyan University, Mayville, N.D.
Oct. 9	Dakota State University*, Madison, S.D.
Oct. 11	Jamestown College*, Jamestown, N.D.
<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>Presentation College*</b>
<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Dickinson State University</b>
Oct. 18-19	Waldorf Tournament, Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa
10/18	Buena Vista
10/18	York
10/19	Cardinal Stritch
10/19	Waldorf College
Oct. 23	Mayville State University*, Mayville, N.D.
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>Bismarck State College</b>
Oct. 1	Dickinson State University, Dickinson, N.D.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 30	Valley City State University Invitational, Valley City, N.D. Valley City Country Club Women's 4K race @ 4:00 p.m./Men's 5K race @ 4:45 p.m.
Sept. 6	Bemidji State Invitational, Bemidji, Minn.
Sept. 13	Randy Smith Invitational, Moorhead, Minn.
Sept. 28	Roy Griak Invitational, Minneapolis, Minn.
Oct. 11	Jamestown College Invitational, Jamestown, N.D.
Oct. 19	Tim Young Invitational, Vermillion, S.D.
Oct. 26	Mount Marty Invitational, Yankton, S.D.
Nov. 2	St. John Invitational, Collegeville, Minn.

## MEN'S and WOMEN'S GOLF

Aug. 28	Jamestown Season Opener Hillcrest Golf Course, Jamestown, N.D.
Sept. 15-16	Jamestown College Invite Jamestown Country Club, Jamestown, N.D.
Sept. 18	United Tribes Invite (men only) Apple Creek Country Club, Bismarck, N.D.
Sept. 22-23	Viking Invite CrossRoads Golf Course, Carrington, N.D.
Sept. 27-28	Palace City Classic (men only), Mitchell, S.D.

## MEN'S and WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Full schedule can be viewed at [vikings.vcsu.edu/basketball](http://vikings.vcsu.edu/basketball).



## VCSU helps form new North Star Athletic Association

Valley City State University is one of five colleges and universities in the Upper Midwest to form a new athletic conference—the North Star Athletic Association.

This new National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) conference will begin competition with the start of the 2013-14 academic year.

In addition to VCSU, the other four schools that have actively been working on the new conference and are charter members include Dakota State University (Madison, S.D.), Jamestown College (Jamestown, N.D.), Mayville State University (Mayville, N.D.), and Presentation College (Aberdeen, S.D.).

Presentation College, previously an NCAA Division III independent, was admitted into the NAIA at the NAIA National Convention on April 22, 2013. The other four institutions are long-time NAIA members and competed in the NAIA's Association of Independent Institutions (AII) Conference the past two years.

The NAIA granted formal recognition to the new conference at its Council of Presidents meeting April 22 in Kansas City, Mo.

Dickinson State University (Dickinson, N.D.), currently a member of the NAIA's Frontier Conference, has accepted an invitation to join the North Star Athletic Association beginning with the 2014-15 academic year.

"During the past year, significant efforts went into forming the new conference," said VCSU President Steven Shirley, who sits on the NAIA Council of Presidents and led conference formation efforts. "The North Star will be a tremendous source of pride for our institutions as well as our student-athletes, supporters, coaches, communities, and alumni."

The North Star Athletic Association hired Cory Anderson '89 as commissioner in July 2013. Anderson most recently was executive director of the James River Family YMCA in Jamestown. He had previously served VCSU as head baseball coach and assistant football coach. ♦



## 2013 Spring Sports Recaps

### WOMEN'S GOLF

Due to weather-related cancellations, the Viking women's golf team was only able to compete in one meet, the A.I.I. National Qualifier in Victoria, Texas, on April 29–30. The Viking women played 18 holes each day and placed sixth.

From day one to day two, the team improved by 29 strokes, with senior Ashley Hinrichs (Harvey, N.D.) leading the team with scores of 83 and 84, placing 21st in the field. Rounding out the team were freshman Haley Christofferson (Lisbon, N.D.) placing 28th, junior Alyssa Tait (Valley City) 29th, freshman Michelle Holien (Cando, N.D.) 30th, and senior Katie Paulson (Valley City) 31st. The team improved greatly throughout the year, and next year looks promising with three players returning.

The Women's Golfer of the Year award went to senior Ashley Hinrichs. Hinrichs had a stellar year with five top-10 finishes, including a win at the VCSU Invitational and a second-place finish at the Jamestown Invitational. Hinrichs and teammate Katie Paulson also received Senior Athlete Awards.

### MEN'S GOLF

Like the Viking women, the men's team was only able to compete in one meet this spring due to weather. The Viking men played 18 holes on day one and 36 holes on day two as they placed eighth overall at the A.I.I. National Qualifier in Victoria, Texas, on April 29–30.

On day one the men struggled on the opening 18 holes but improved by 21 strokes on day two's opening 18. Freshman Ben Sorenson (Valley City) led the team with a 54-hole total of 245, placing 31st individually. Rounding out the team were sophomore Sean Krall (Valley City) placing 36th, freshman Darren Young (Leeds, N.D.) 37th, senior Matt Sorenson (Valley City) 39th, and senior Ryan Lenoue (Barnesville, Minn.) 40th.

The team's season was highlighted with a win in their first fall tournament hosted by Jamestown College and scoring 300 as a team in the opening round of the Cobber Open. Next season looks promising with eight returning golfers, including five players who received valuable playing time throughout the year.

The men's Golfer of the Year award went to freshman Ben Sorenson. Sorenson led the team in scoring average, shot a first round -2 (70) at the Cobber Open and had five top-10 finishes, including a second-place finish at the Mystic Open in Mandan, N.D. Ben's older brother, Matt Sorenson, and teammate Ryan LeNoue received Senior Athlete Awards.

### BASEBALL

The Valley City State baseball team spent most of its time on the road in 2013, playing 36 of 41 games away from Charlie Brown Field. An unusually cold and wet spring was to blame for the schedule quirk.

The Vikings finished the 2013 season by making a strong run in the A.I.I. National Qualifying Tournament.

After opening the tournament with a loss to Dakota State in a 12-inning affair, the Vikings rallied on day two to beat Dickinson State and Dakota State before falling just short against top-seeded Mayville State in the semifinal game on day three of the tournament.

VCSU was led offensively by Preston Jensen (senior, Valley City), who hit .333 for the Vikings in 2013 and finished his career with a .340 average.

In total the Vikings had nine players hit over .300 for the year, including Jensen, Josiah Churchill (senior, Winnipeg, Manitoba), Thomas Houdek (freshman, Grafton N.D.), Brenden Shearer (senior, Winnipeg, Manitoba), Cliff Vazquez (senior, Tucson, Ariz.), Scott Stephenson (senior, Ontario, Calif.), Colin Waldner (senior, Altona, Manitoba), Brady Anderson (freshman, Jamestown N.D.) and Dan Buehner (junior, Blaine, Minn.).

The hard-hitting Viking squad finished the year ranked second in the nation in triples per game.

On the mound, four VCSU pitchers led the way by collecting over half of the total innings for the year—Ronnie Blagg (senior, La Puente, Calif.), Ryan Shaw (senior, Cardale, Manitoba), Derek Zitzow (senior, Valley City) and Bryce Venaas (junior, Fargo, N.D.). Venaas led the Vikings with a 3.17 ERA and 51 Ks.

Three Vikings received postseason awards: seniors Brenden Shearer

(first base) and Ronnie Blagg (pitcher) were named to the 2013 A.I.I./Frontier Baseball all-conference first team, and senior Colin Waldner earned a conference Gold Glove award for his defensive play at second base.

### SOFTBALL

The Viking Softball team finished the spring of 2013 playing their best softball of the season, winning seven of their last 12 games.

VCSU also put up a good fight during the A.I.I. National Qualifying Tournament, winning their opening-round game before being defeated by eventual champion Dickinson State 3-1 in the second round. The Vikings then ended the season of rival Mayville State University in an elimination game before being beaten by tournament runner-up University of Great Falls 6-3.

The Vikings played one of the toughest schedules in recent years, squaring off against six opponents in the regular season that would eventually go on to qualify for the NAIA National Softball Tournament.

The offense was led by five .300 hitters, with sophomore Savannah McMillin (Roseville, Calif.) leading the way at .342. Junior Liz Hall-Sewell (North Pole, Alaska) came on strong at the end of the season to finish at .337, while seniors Adrianna Boychuk (Portage La Prairie, Manitoba,

Canada) and Hilary Kulczewski (Windsor, Calif.) hit .329 and .320 respectively. Sandwiched between the two seniors was junior Brittany Lehner (Watertown, S.D.), who finished with a .324 average.

In the circle, Samantha Nalley (Pocatello, Idaho) led the Viking pitching staff, collecting nine wins and pitching 153 innings.

Season highlights for the Vikings include finishing 18th in the NAIA in stolen bases per game at 1.8 and 25th in the nation in triples with 14. The Vikings also defeated rival Mayville State for the 100th time in program history with an 8-5 victory April 25.



### TRACK AND FIELD

The 2013 outdoor season saw a number of personal and school records set both on the track and field this past spring.

The highlight of the season was junior Amber Volanti (Rolla, N.D.) competing in the javelin competition for the third consecutive year at the NAIA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. She concluded her season with a throw of 37.76m (123 ft. 11 in.), finishing 13th overall. Her performance capped off another successful season, which also included first-place showings in the javelin earlier in the season at Dickinson State University and Concordia College.

The Vikings had a number of other notable performances, including junior Philip Reuer (Napoleon, N.D.) finishing second in the 400m at the Al Cassell Relays at Jamestown College with a PR run of 50.63.

Freshman Jessica Meland (Harvey, N.D.) took first place in the shot put at Dickinson State University on April 20 and returned to Dickinson State on May 10 to win the hammer throw with a personal and school record of 43.21m.

Junior Anna Fuka (Lidgerwood, N.D.) finished third at Concordia College in the 800m on May 4 with a PR run of 2:26.06; she also won the 800m at Dickinson State on May 10. ♦

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The VCSU Alumni Association's annual Phone-A-Thon is one of our major activities of each academic year and allows our alumni to show their Viking Pride in supporting VCSU.

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*Froemke*
- Oct. 11 Choir and University Singers ..... 12:15 p.m.  
*Vangstad*
- Oct. 11-12 Ployhar Festival  
*Vangstad*
- Oct. 12 Ployhar Honor Band and Choir ..... 4:00 p.m.  
*Vangstad*
- Oct. 14 Andrew Allen, saxophone ..... 7:30 p.m.  
*Froemke*
- Oct. 19 Piano Seminar  
*Froemke*
- Oct. 21 Garage Bands ..... 7:30 p.m.  
*Vangstad*
- Oct. 28 General Student Recital ..... 7:30 p.m.  
*Froemke*
- Nov. 12 Barnes County Music Festival ..... 7:00 p.m.  
*Vangstad*
- Nov. 15 Woodwind Day  
*Froemke*
- Nov. 17 Andrea Swartz, soprano ..... 3:00 p.m.  
*Froemke*
- Nov. 18 General Student Recital ..... 7:30 p.m.  
*Froemke*

## VISUAL ARTS

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- Aug. 26-Sept. 27 Sue Fink, Paintings and Drawings
- Sept. 26 Sue Fink, Reception ..... 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 25 Aaron Coleman and Jess Christy,  
Printmaking—Mixed Media
- Oct. 28-Nov. 22 Craig Clifford, Ceramic Sculpture
- Oct. 28 Craig Clifford Reception ..... 7:00-8:30 p.m.
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## Portrait of An Artist: Penny Lam '13

There comes a time when the work of the student exceeds that of the teacher, and that's exactly what Linda Whitney, VCSU professor of art, says has happened with Penny Lam, a spring 2013 Valley City State graduate.

Whitney has been submitting her art for many years to the Annual Five-State Juried Exhibit of the Custer County Art and Heritage Center (now known as the Waterworks Art Museum) in Miles City, Mont., and she's encouraged her students to do the same.

So this year Lam submitted three works, and the young artist from Valley City came away with "Best in Show," garnering first-place with her linocut print *Dalton* (shown at right), along with receiving honorable mention for *Self Portrait*, another linocut print. Of the 127 entries that were submitted, 62 were selected for exhibition Jan. 27–March 9, 2013, including all three of Lam's submissions.

The success was a breakthrough for Lam, who first took a printmaking class from Whitney in 2009 and has focused her efforts in that art form the last two years.

To create a finished print, Lam first draws an image on paper with a pencil. The paper, with the pencil drawing side down, is then placed on top of a linoleum plate, and the image is transferred in reverse to the linoleum. She then carves the image into the linoleum with knives and gouges. The finished linoleum plate is inked and placed on the press bed; the print paper is then pushed down with great pressure onto the inked linoleum. Once the pressure is released, the artist pulls the finished print from the plate. Note that the linoleum is carved with a reverse image drawn by the artist; the printing paper receives the positive image from the plate on the press.

Whitney describes Lam's work as "very detailed," but Lam indicates that even that level of detail is a reduction and simplification of the original image necessitated by the process itself. "In linocuts you're really dependent on line and composition to create tone and texture," says Lam, "because with these black-and-white prints, there really isn't texture or color."

Linocut portraits have become Lam's specialty, and she uses candid photographs of family and friends—Dalton Streiler, the subject of

the prize-winning work *Dalton*, and Penny were married June 8—as the basis of her work. From there she simplifies the image to accommodate the carving and gouging process on the three-foot by two-foot linoleum plate.

Lam credits much of her success to her experience at VCSU. "I've been able to work very closely with Linda [Whitney] and have received lots of individual attention," she says, adding that she also appreciates the access to supplies, studio space and the press.

Although Lam's future plans are a bit indefinite, she'll continue working with Whitney through the summer and take some additional studio classes to prepare herself for the possibility of graduate school. She's also rented an apartment in Valley City where she'll set up a studio and continue working and studying other linocut artists and their work.

"There's much to learn," says Lam, but she humbly acknowledges that she's learned some things already. "I'm getting more familiar with the technique, and I'm finally getting closer to the direction I want to take."

And given Lam's progress and success thus far, it appears that one direction she'll be heading in the art world is up.



## VCSU Art Successes

Lam is not the only recent VCSU art student to garner accolades for her work, according to VCSU art professor Linda Whitney. Others include Jessica Christy '07, Brad Honnadel '05, Jessica Sundquist '04 and Jennifer Cabezas '06.

Christy was the only North Dakota printmaker to be juried into the Mid-America Print Council Exhibition in 2010. Her work was also named "Best in Show" at the Jamestown (N.D.) Fine Arts Association Annual Art Show, a national juried exhibition. Honnadel also took "Best in Show" at the Jamestown show, held at the Jamestown Art Center.

Jennifer Cabezas '06 and Jessica Sundquist '04 took first-place honors in painting and mixed media at the Nelson County Exhibition, the largest judged exhibition in North Dakota, which includes work from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and Canada. ♦

## In Remembrance

Le Roy Kemmesat '50, Deer Lodge, Mont.  
Miriam (Nelson) Welken, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Shirley (Rorvig) Danforth, Anaheim, Calif.  
John Goodman '56, Byron, Minn.  
Kenneth Krause '49 Fargo  
Florence (Anfinson) Erb '33, Oceano, Calif.  
Marcus Friskop '78, Hankinson  
Leah (Hopland) Berger '77, Bismarck  
Donald Markeseth, Forman  
Dr. Victor E. Burchill '41, Hudson, Wis.  
Merl Haakenson, Marion  
Brad Spenningsby '77, Valley City  
Francis W. Monseth '64, Rogers, Minn.  
Randy Nielsen, Valley City  
Doris Milbrandt '38, Lisbon  
Marjorie (Dreis) Wright, Mukilteo, Wash.  
Margaret "Peggy" Pedersen, Oakes  
Daryl D. Hornbacher '58, Denver, Colo.  
Dale Webster, Valley City  
Ester (Ahlberg) Sexhus '24, Cando  
Phyllis (Brandt) Black '46, Carrington  
Ralph Noeske, Valley City  
Josephine (Zachmeier) '51 Winkler, Fargo  
Ed Kringstad '60, Dawson  
Lillian (Seher) Grill '39, Fargo  
Terence Wawers '69, Battle Lake, Minn.  
Rosella (Billing) Dick '40, Lisbon  
Susan (Foley) Trageton '62, Breckenridge, Minn.  
Jim King, Valley City  
Esther (Beck) Flemmer '70, Brighton, Colo.  
Emil Hass, Valley City  
Bernice (Stephenson) Larson, Kent, Wash.  
Charles Thompson, Valley City  
Lindsay Sauer '11, Valley City  
Jerry Ford '72, West Fargo

## Weddings ♥

Stacy Wendel '02  
& John Monilaws '87.....February 15, 2013  
Diane Schneider  
& Ken Nordquist '62.....March 2013  
Lindsay Elsner '06  
& Jonathan Heidorn.....April 20, 2013  
Andria LaFollette  
& Evan Wentz '06.....May 18, 2013  
Galit DeWitz '07  
& Christopher Culver.....April 27, 2013  
Solveig Skolness  
& Justin Magnuson '12.....June 8, 2013  
Penny Lam '13  
& Dalton Streiler.....June 8, 2013  
Sarah Rhyan '13  
& Luke Wieland.....June 15, 2013  
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& Aaron Haugen '13.....June 15, 2013  
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& Joey Duttonhefer '13.....June 22, 2013  
Kristine Dammel '13  
& Adam Bommersbach '12.....July 13, 2013  
Tresa Didier  
& Bud Cruff '10.....July 19, 2013  
Breanna Brock  
& Travis Pierce '12.....July 20, 2013

## Vikings on the Move

### 1930s

**Juanita (Cozart) Luessen '30 and '57** was married and had four children before she completed her degree at VCSU in 1957. She taught English and French for 20 years. Juanita loved teaching and always felt she had a good relationship with her students.



▲ **Jewell Elizabeth (Schultz) Piller '32**, formerly of Valley City, celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at a party held in her honor on April 13 in Shoreline, Wash. Jewell was born April 10, 1913, to Albert and Cassie Schulz, the second of four children: Margaret, Jewell, Mary Jane and Scott. She attended two years of college at Valley City State Normal School (now VCSU) and obtained her second-grade teaching certificate in June 1932. Jewell married John Piller Jr., also of Valley City, on March 30, 1940. The Piller family owned and operated the Rex, Grand and Piller movie theaters from the 1920s to the 1940s. She currently lives with her son, John, and his wife, Sondra, in Snohomish, Wash.

**Loren Law '36 and '42** turned 96 on Feb. 8. Loren lives in Edina, Minn., from May through November and the other months in his condo on Singer Island, Fla.

### 1940s

**Hilbert "Si" Seiwert '42** celebrated his 92nd birthday and later took a trip to Oahu, Hawaii. He had lots of fun on the North Shore and watched the high waves at that time of year.

**Irene (Sad) Becker '43** is still living in Leisure World, Mesa, Ariz. Irene celebrated her 90th birthday in July 2012, and she and her husband celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary this past January. They are still active and in good health.

**Esther (Haugaard) Lee '47** was widowed in 1982. Esther is in her 41st year of hospital volunteering. She is active in her church and the Thursday Music Club. Esther has three children—Sheryl, a nurse; Bonnie, a teacher; and John, an attorney. She also has six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. One of her granddaughters, Angela, is a doctor at Sanford in Fargo.

### 1950s

**Donald Frost '50** attended the ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Develop.m.ent) Conference in Chicago, Ill., March 16–17, 2013. He served on the Executive Council for two years before being elected president in 1978–79.

**Lloyd Nelson '50** moved to an assisted living home in Galloway, N.J., following the death of his wife, Blanche. Lloyd now lives close to his son, Tom.

**Leona (Geiszler) Schober '50 and '75** is retired. Her husband died of cancer in June 2001. She is very proud of her family and wishes her grandkids lived closer. She has four sons: Randall, Curtis, Douglas and Brad. Curtis has a daughter who is a Tucson College graduate and a son who is a freshman at Flagstaff College. Brad has two sons—Kyle attends South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, and Karl is a freshman at Southern University of South Carolina.

**E. Duane Holly '51** is retired; he turned 85 on January 29.

**Arvid Homuth '52** graduated with a composite degree of art and math. He thanks his teachers—Laura Mulford, and Lena and Thilda Vangstad—for helping him in high school and college. His art work has done him very well in Illinois, taking him to five different universities and colleges. Arvid is very proud of a logo he designed for the Village of Elburn. The logo can be seen on the town's three water towers and the village's vehicles.

**Donna (Lunde) Niemann '53** still lives in St. Thomas, N.D. The church organist at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Crystal, N.D., Donna loves music and likes to relax by playing her Lowry organ or piano, playing mainly by ear. Donna enjoys her local cafe and fellowship there; she also plays cards at the Senior Citizens Center and helps at the foot clinic. Donna says technology is great as she uses her cell phone and computer to keep in contact with family and friends. She has 17 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters; six of her grandchildren are involved in sports, and she enjoys attending as many games as possible.

**Barb (Langdahl) Gilbertson '54** and her husband, Russ, are enjoying their retirement. They recently returned home after spending four months in Texas. They enjoy their family, including their three great-grandchildren.

**Owen Wallace '54** still lives in Fessenden, N.D., where he spent 19 years as superintendent of schools, retiring in 1987. His wife, **Gladys (Pfingsten) '49**, was his office assistant and ran the hot-lunch program. Gladys died in 2004; she and Owen had been married for 53 years. They have four daughters: Mary lives in Arizona; Lee Ann and Sharon Lynn live in Fessenden; and Lori and her husband, Steve Foss, live in Kansas. Owen enjoys the alumni get-togethers in Arizona!



**JoAnn (Richardson) Gregory '55** retired from the Grand Forks Public Schools in 1994. She and her husband live in Mesa, Ariz., most of the time. They also maintain a little cabin near Bemidji, Minn., and spend time there each summer. Their daughter, Diane, and her husband and three boys live in Charleston, S.C.

**Delette (Berg) Winkelman '55** attended VCSU full-time in 1952-53 and then returned to school for three summers to earn her Standard Degree in 1955. Delette is very thankful for the scholarship support she received to attend college.

**Mitzi (Book) Thomas '56** is looking forward to her grandson's graduation from Texas A&M and her granddaughter's wedding in May 2013.

**Maynard '57 and Joan (Kruger) '56 Dahl** are doing fine. They have just welcomed their second great granddaughter into the fold. They enjoy reading the *Bulletin* and finding out how old friends are doing.

**Marion (Peter) Braunberger '58** is enjoying retirement in Bismarck. This past September, her three children hosted an 80th birthday celebration for her. Marion also has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Carlyn (Hagen) Stevens '58** moved back to North Dakota in the summer of 2011 after living in Connecticut for more than 50 years. The lower cost of living and the presence of her extended family drew her back, and she's very happy she made the move.

**Tilford '59 and Mary (Christensen) Kroshus '59** are still living in Wahpeton for part of the year. They also have a lake home in Ottertail County, Minn., where they spend the summer. They are both enjoying retirement—Tilford continues to play with his band, Kroshus & Krew, while Mary works part-time at the local library.

## 1960s

**Marge (Nutz) '61 and Bob Sogn '61** are enjoying their retirement in the Saddlebrooke community near Tucson, Ariz. Their involvement in church and community activities keeps them very busy. They are fortunate to have their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live near their home.



▲ On March 30, 2013, **Ken Nordquist '62** and Diane Schneider were married in Upland, Calif. Ken's wife of 49 years, **Dorothy (Cheatley) '61**, died in March 2010 from cancer. Diane's husband of 50 years, **Reiny Schneider '60**, died in January 2010, also from cancer. Even though

the Nordquists lived in Great Falls, Mont., and the Schneiders lived in California, they had been friends ever since Reiny and Ken had classes together at VCSU in the late '50s. The newly married couple will spend their summers in Montana and their winters in southern California.

**Harry '66 and Vera (Ringsaker) '61 Grammond** reside in Grey Eagle, Minn. Harry retired after six years in Sargent Central School District and 32 years as principal in the Grey Eagle (Minn.) School District. Vera and Harry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 2, 2012. They have six children and six grandchildren. The couple would enjoy hearing from their college friends.

**Corrine (Wollitz Kroshus) Johnson '66** is retired and living in Mountain Home, Ark. She spent many years as a teacher and public school administrator. Her spouse died a year ago; now Corrine spends even more time playing golf and duplicate bridge.

**Bob Nielsen '66** retired in 1999 after 30 years of teaching high school English and coaching golf, basketball and some football. He was inducted into the Coaching Hall of Fame at Prairie du Chien (Wis.) High School. Bob is widowed and enjoys spending time with his grandkids.

**Diane (Miller) Kouba '68** and her husband, Larry, have two grandsons, Ben (3) and Jack (7), and helped them celebrate their birthdays February 16. After the celebration, Diane and Larry drove to Orange Beach, Ala., traveling through seven states and spending time with many friends and family on the trip. In March, their daughter Sara turned 40. Their daughter Sue now lives in Apple Valley.

## 1970s

**Faye (Ross) Matson '71** retired after 36 years of teaching in Minnesota and North Dakota. She is enjoying her time—being able to do what she wants when she wants! In May, Faye and her husband went on an Alaskan cruise.

**Judy (Holt) Vollmers '71** and her group of Valley City State Delphi friends have gotten together every year since they graduated in 1971. This December, they plan to go to New York together. The group consists of **Glenda (Kuffenkam) Vanderlinden '71**, **Cyd (Monroe) Meidinger '71**, **Gayle (Schrader) Lamp '71**, **Myrna (Bierman) Milbrandt '70**, **Peg (O'Connell) Sola '71**, **Darlene (Wald) Eldred '71** and Vollmers.

**Larry Clark '72** retired from teaching in 2005 and still lives in Drake, N.D. He does a lot of substitute teaching in the area and still coaches baseball for 5-12-year-olds and 4th-6th grade girls basketball for Anamoose-Drake. Larry also is a substitute bus driver.

**John '76 and Lorrie (Goeller) '77 Muckenhirn** are enjoying retirement in Oakes, N.D. They also enjoy seeing old friends from Valley City State.

**Bruce '76 and Cyndi (Levi) '77 Stein** are still teaching at Hankinson, N.D., and living on the sunny shores of Lake Elsie. One of their children, Garrett, is a junior at VCSU.

**David Steele '77** teaches seventh-grade life science at Jamestown Middle School. David and his wife, Deb, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and riding bicycle around North Dakota during the summer months.

**Janis (Paulson) Wallender '77** retired after 34 years in education. Janis and her husband, Brent, now live on Lake Sakakawea. Their daughter, Kylie, will continue to contribute to North Dakota education as a school counselor in Fargo. Janis plans to do some substitute teaching and traveling to see their girls in Washington and Alaska. "Education has been good to me," says Janice. "Thanks VCSU for planting the seed!"

**Tom Stingl '79** continues to teach art at the Desoto (Wis.) Middle/High School (grades 6-12). This is his 29th year at this school. His wife, Sandra, teaches pre-school, the last 15 years at Congregational. Their daughter Elizabeth is engaged and holds an art degree in metals (jewelry), and son Nick graduated this May from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a degree in engineering.

## 1980s

**Tamara (Brown-Krueger) Flink '81** has been teaching in the Langdon Area Schools for 12 years. Previously, she spent 20 years in the Milton-Osnabrock School District. Tamara and her husband, Jeff, will continue to farm, but are heading south for the winter—so Tamara is looking forward to retirement.

**Kathy (Saylor) Pfeifle '82** is a realtor who has lived in both North Dakota and Arizona for the past 10 years. She specializes in snowbirds and investment properties or second homes in the East Valley. She spends some time in North Dakota over the summer and helps North Dakota buyers find winter homes to get away from the cold. Her husband, Robert, is still selling cars in North Dakota, and their three sons are spread out across the country attending college.

**Amy (Ottinger) Kitching '83** is enjoying her chiropractic practice in the southeast town of Statesboro, Ga. Her daughter, Annelise (21), is finishing her BFA in musical theatre at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn.; her son, Isaac (19), is a freshman business major at Georgia Southern University.

**Laurel (Ploium) Westby '84** received her master's degree in professional development in December 2012. She will be teaching summer workshops for teachers. Laurel and her husband, Neil, have somewhat accepted their roles as empty-nesters as it's now the second year that their son, Scott, has been attending VCSU and studying history education. Their daughter Erin lives and works in Grand Forks, and Mallory, their oldest daughter, lives and works in Minot.

**Kelvin Kosse '85** is in his 28th year of teaching and 26th year at Century High School in Bismarck, N.D. Last year he was named Bismarck's Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2012. The award is sponsored by the Bismarck/Mandan Chamber of Commerce. Kelvin enjoys family time with Dorothy, his wife of 22 years, and their children, Kaelen and Katie.

*Vikings on the Move (continued on p. 28)*



# Lil' Vikings

Have you had an addition to your family within the last six months? We want to know! Contact Kim Hesch at [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu) to receive a free t-shirt for your new Lil' Viking. Please be sure to tell us your baby's name and birthdate. After you have received your baby's Lil' Viking shirt, send us your baby's photo so we can include it in the next issue of our the *Bulletin*.

Email the photo to [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu).



## 1. Lane Everett Nielson

January 18, 2013

6 pounds 15 ounces, 19 inches

Siblings: Kailee (5) and Skye (3)

Annette (Finke) and Matthew Nielson '06

## 2. Riley Roelfsema

November 6, 2012

6 pounds 11 ounces, 19 1/2 inches

Riley joins big brother Parker (3 1/2).

Stephanie (Trautman) '07 and Kyle Roelfsema '08

## 3. Tucker Timothy Volochenko

February 7, 2013

7 pounds 3 ounces, 19 3/4 inches

Jessica (Huelsenman) '08 and Tim Volochenko

## 4. Grady Rick Haugen

February 7, 2012

7 pounds 5 ounces, 19 inches

Andrea (Brand) '04 and Wade Haugen

## 5. Jillian Josephine Stansbery

March 27, 2013

5 pounds 3 ounces

Dana (Maasjo) '03, M.Ed. '09, and Bill Stansbery





**6. Jase Michael Wald**

January 1, 2013

9 pounds 7 ounces, 21 3/4 inches

Michael and Megan (Nodland) '08 Wald

**7. DaeVon Herndon**

November 16, 2012

Carrie Grise and Denny Herndon

**8. Regan Emilee Scherbenske**

April 14, 2012

Regan joins big sister Avery (3).

Sheri (Stein) '05 and Matt '05 Scherbenske

**9. Jett Ole Magnuson**

July 24, 2012

4 pounds 3 ounces

Solveig Skolness and Justin Magnuson '12

**10. Sophia Rose Jenkins**

November 26, 2012

8 pounds 8 ounces, 20 inches

Sophia joins big sister Izabella.

Heather (Heck) '08 and Tony Jenkins

**11. Dashiel Blaze Radcliffe**

February 27, 2013

7 pounds 14 ounces, 20 inches

Dashiel joins big brother Jaxon (4).

Mandi (Groth) '03 and Joshua Radcliffe

**12. Luke Gregory Dobitz**

April 3, 2013

7 pounds 11 ounces, 21 inches

Luke joins big brother Joseph (4).

Greg '05 and Krista Dobitz

**13. Caleb Michael Kennedy**

December 3, 2012

8 pounds 14 ounces, 21 3/4 inches

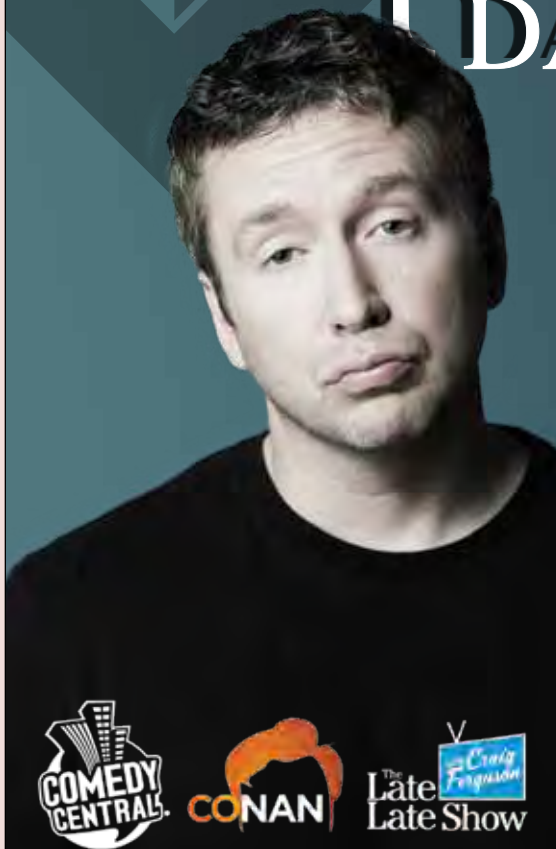
Caleb joins big sisters Audrey (4) and Rose (2).

Renae (Tshritter) '05 and Damian '06 Kennedy

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2006 Jessen Alexander

2006 Charla Bick

2006 Man Chu

2006 Lee Friese

2006 Jonathan Hanson

2006 Melie Ilogu

2006 Ashley (Johnson) Mickelson

2006 Joshua Sponsel

2006 Lindsey (Johnson) Sponsel

2006 Jenifer Wollman

2007 Heather (Docktor) Beaudoin

2007 Skye Braun

2007 Danielle Buggert

2007 Kendall Campbell

2007 Michelle Castillo

2007 Jamie Flath

2007 Joseph Foertsch

2007 Casaundra Francis

2007 Jessica (Peterson) Hanson

2007 Sarah Hanson

2007 Jenna (Poeppel) Jewett

2007 Michelle Melquist

2007 Kimiko (Mandt) Milligan

2007 Dawn (Sandbeck) Ransom

2008 Tayler Albrecht

2008 Tammy Cromwell

2008 Michael Fox

2008 Kali Henke

2008 Carl Hintzman

2008 Jacelyn (Olson) Parmer

2008 Valerie Schultz

2008 Codi Shemon

2008 Monica Townsend

2008 Michael Wieland

2009 Laura (Eide) Albrecht

2009 Brandon Boehm

2009 Jenny Colby

2009 Anthony Cross

2009 Erin (Ottinger) Low

2009 Yusuke Oikawa

2009 Wendy (Rudolph) Reister

2009 Erich Richter

2009 Kristin Wierenga

2010 Eva Dusolier

2010 Audrey Friedt

2010 Jason Hollett

2010 Alesha Horst

2010 Alicia (Rohr) Kelly

2011 Zachary Cerklefskie

2011 Brice George

2012 Brook Rufsvold

2012 Tyler Schmit

2012 Leah (Beyer) Studsrud

*Vikings on the Move (continued from p. 25)*

**Coleen (Ellefson) Asche '86** teaches math in Grand Forks; this is her 27th year of teaching. She and her husband, Rick, have entered a new phase in their lives; no kids in high school means they have transitioned into the really expensive stage—three kids in college. They have a senior at the University of Minnesota, a sophomore at UND and a freshman at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Coleen and Rick love to travel in their free time and love catching up with their college friends.

**Lorrie (Kirsch) Milford '87**, a retired social worker, is the current president of the Madison Valley Medical Center Auxiliary. She and her husband, Rick, love being in rural southwest Montana. They have a son, two daughters, and three grandsons. One grandson is 23, in college and engaged; another is 18 and graduated from high school June 13; and the youngest grandson turned 15 and is very smart.

**Thomas Spencer '87** and his wife, Christi, have been married for 20 years. They have two daughters, Emily (13) and Lauren (11). Thomas has worked for Detroit Edison for 21 years, while his wife has been in public accounting for 25 years.

**Wayne Ystaas '87** and his wife, Cynthia, live in Velva, N.D. After teaching for 13 years, Wayne is now a full-time claims representative with Great American Insurance. Their youngest child, Tyler, is a student at Minot State. Their two older children,

Heather and Darrick, both live in the Minot area. Wayne and Cynthia have seven wonderful grandchildren from age eight on down.

**Paul '89 and Jodi (Dockter) '91 Olson** have lived in Steele, N.D., since 1990. Paul works for BEK Communications, and Jodi teaches third grade. They have three children—Mattie is a junior in high school; Sydney is an eighth grader; and Jake is in third grade.

**Missy (Stowman) Vollmers '89** teaches kindergarten at Centennial Elementary School in Bismarck. Her husband, Chad, is a welding professor at Bismarck State College. Their son, Justin, is 11 years old and a fifth-grader. They spend their summers at their lake cabin on Lake Eunice in Minnesota.

**1990s**

**Ellen (Musgrave) Berg '91** is still enjoying her retirement, and now her husband, Don, is retired, too. They plan on taking a few trips this summer—one will be a train trip to Canada and a visit to Toronto; another will be traveling to Texas to visit their daughter and her family who recently moved to the Austin area. Their oldest son recently returned from duty in Iraq and has moved to the Black Hills area in South Dakota.

**Terra (Wagner) Engelhart '96** and her husband, James, still live on the Engelhart family farm; they have three daughters: Tiffany (13), Allison (7) and Jillian (3½). Terra completed her 17th year of teaching.

**Riley Skardal '96** and his family moved to Ray, N.D., in early March. Riley was transferred to Ray to manage a lentil-processing facility.

**Cory Schall '99** was nominated by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association for National Coach of the Year in wrestling. Cory, the lone North Dakota representative, will vie for the honor with coaches from all the other states. The winner will be chosen by a committee and announced in July 2013. Cory finished his 10th season of coaching at Oakes; he has coached 17 individual state champions and led his teams to four State Class B Individual Championships and two State Class B Dual Team Championships.

**2010s**

**Zach Lee '11** has been accepted in the theatre arts graduate program at the University of North Dakota. Zach is known to VCSU Theatre audiences from his performances in several productions on campus, including *Searching for David's Heart*, *Run for Your Wife* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. While earning his degree in professional communication and minoring in theatre, Zach also acted in summer-stock productions at Minot Summer Theatre and the Dakota Prairie Regional Center for the Arts in New Rockford. After graduation, Zach interned at VCSU in the Enrollment Services office and over the last year has been an admissions counselor at Dakota College Bottineau. ♦

*Milestones*

Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments. Rose Kennedy



**John '87 and Stacy (Wendel) '02 Monilaws** were married February 15, 2013. Stacy is the head coach for the All American Taekwondo team in Valley City and co-owner of the family business, Fresh Alternative Fundraising. John teaches 7th–12th grade music at Lisbon (N.D.) High School. They reside in Valley City and spend most weekends in Absaraka, where John collects and restores Farmall tractors.



**Lindsay Marie Elsner '06** and Jonathan James Heidorn were married April 20, 2013, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Page, N.D. Lindsay is originally from Hope, N.D., and works for Archer Daniels Midland–Edible Bean Specialties in Galesburg, N.D. Jon is from Page and works for a farmer near Colgate, N.D. The new couple makes their home in Hope.



**Justin Magnuson '12** and Solveig Skolness were married on June 8, 2013, in Valley City. During the 2012 Rally in the Valley parade, Justin hopped off the fire truck he was driving in the parade and proposed to Solveig. Following graduation, Justin was employed as a lab tech assistant at Sanford Health in Fargo. He is currently working for Atlas Business Solutions as an account executive, dealing with software development and sales for fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies across the United States. Solveig is a 2012 NDSU graduate and stays home to care for their 11-month-old son, Jett, as well as working for the family business, Skolness Farms, as corporate secretary.



## VCSU Scholarship Auction gets wild

The 19th annual VCSU Scholarship Auction was held Friday, April 19, at the Valley City Eagles Club. The theme "Get Wild in the VCSU Jungle" had auction committee members working hard to create a fun and wild atmosphere at the Eagles Club for the auction. Attendees were encouraged to dress up for the event, and you can tell by the photos that many paid attention to the little details in deciding what to wear to the auction.

"We had another very successful auction this year, selling over 550 tickets and raising over \$73,000," said Kim Hesch, assistant director for advancement at VCSU. "We appreciate all the support our community, alumni, businesses and friends of the university in helping make this event such a success."

The evening started with a social hour and silent auction, followed by a buffet dinner and the live auction. Attendees were able to bid on a variety of items and had the chance to get some great deals while contributing to a great cause.

The "Mystery Wine" table was back this year and proved to be popular once again. A new feature at the auction was the 52-card raffle. Cards were sold separately at \$20 apiece. Once the card was sold, it was torn in half, with one side thrown into a drawing and the buyer keeping the other half. The card drawn received choice of the first seven live auction items. This year's winning card holder chose tickets to the WE Fest country music festival near Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Scholarships are vital to VCSU's success, and all proceeds from the auction went directly to V-500 and Century Club scholarships. The VCSU Auction Committee wishes to thank everyone who attended the Scholarship Auction, bought tickets and donated items. We had another successful auction thanks to everyone's generosity. ♦

1. VCSU's own jungle headhunter Wade Hesch (winner, Creative Costume—Individual) posing with auctioneers Darren Orr and Troy Orr
2. Auction attendees check out the silent auction.
3. Dora (Kayla Evenson) and Diego (Chris Evenson) made an appearance at the auction! (winners, Creative Costume—Couple)
4. VCSU students Dillan Ostom '13, Patrick Rogers '13,

- Harrison Weber, Aurissa Martens and Anna Neufeld were ready to help out.
5. Students Stephanie Krost, Wayne Engelhard and Jake Thurston
6. Let the auction begin!
7. Sheryl Solberg got into the theme with her jungle attire.
8. David "Roup" Rausch '78 and Dennis "Jack Hannah" McCulloch

Our naughty Auction Monkey has been up to no good! He photobombed four photos throughout the Bulletin. Find all four and email us the locations. If you're correct your name will go in a drawing for a prize package! Email [alumni@vcsu.edu](mailto:alumni@vcsu.edu).





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