

V-500 Visions

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The VCSU Foundation and the North Dakota Department of Transportation are pleased to provide an opportunity to show your Valley City State University Viking Pride every day as you drive your vehicle around the state and across the country. Cost for the plate is \$25, \$15 of which goes straight to the V-500 Scholarship Program.

For more information, contact the VCSU Foundation office or the ND Department of Transportation.



Hochhalters Make a Difference!

Kassidy Ronningen is a freshman at Valley City State University and a V-500 scholarship recipient. Kassidy graduated from Valley City High School in the spring of 2015 and is currently pursuing a degree in Business Administration. "High school was a great time in my life. I participated in girl's golf and I was on the cheerleading team, both were very rewarding," said Kassidy. She has also been recruited to play for the VCSU golf team and will start competing this spring.

Upon receiving the V-500 scholarship, Kassidy discovered it was made possible by Harvey and Carol Hochhalter of Valley City. When I asked Harvey and Carol about this experience, they said, "Giving to the V-500 scholarship program is a very rewarding experience. We know we are helping students in a small way further their education." Every December, the V-500 program hosts the annual recognition banquet.



During this time, we invite all scholarship recipients to have dinner and visit with their sponsors. "It was very special to meet Kassidy Ronningen at the V-500 recognition banquet and visit with her about her classes and hopes and dreams for the future," the Hochhalters said. Kassidy added, "I feel so grateful to receive this scholarship. It was an amazing opportunity to meet Harvey and Carol and be able to thank them in person for their generosity."

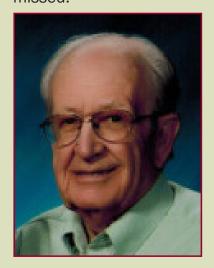
For everyone currently contributing to the V-500 scholarship program, thank you. I hope your experience has been as rewarding as the Hochhalters. The success of the V-500 scholarship program depends on the generosity of our alumni and friends. If you have any questions or would like to contribute and help a student like Kassidy, please call me using the information provided below.

Jeremy Wiebe '08
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



In Remembrance

Jake Dosch was a key member of VCSU's V-500 Board of Directors for many years. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the V-500 organization. Following his retirement from the board, Jake continued to solicit memberships and promote the V-500 organization. Jake was known for always carrying with him V-500 membership applications. When the opportunity presented itself, Jake was prepared to solicit a membership and promote VCSU and V-500. The V-500 organization and the V-500 scholarship recipients over the years owe Jake a big thank you for his dedication to V-500 and VCSU. Jake will be missed.



Jake Dosch 1931 - 2015

V-500 Recognition Banquet



Lifetime Giving Milestones

Back row (L to R): Bea Tait, Harvey Hochhalter, Gary Tait, Jerry Reinisch, Gary Retterath, Buzz Eggert, Margie Eggert, Sue Pfeifer, Paul Pfeifer, Stephanie Kruta, Clark Kruta, Theodore Weshnevski, Tisa Mason.

Front row (L to R): Deb White, Carol Hochhalter, Laurie Reinisch, Connie Retterath, Debb Bjornson, Carol Flatau, Pat Nielson, Joan Noeske, Elizabeth Weshnevski.



New and Renewed Pledges

Back row (L to R): Chad Zaun, Tracey Zaun, Kathleen Bennett-Zaun, James Jensen, Gary Thompson, Lynn Holcomb, Dennis Hoye, Roger Rand, Jeremy Wiebe, Reuben Vieland, Tisa Mason. Front row (L to R): Les Zaun, Andrea Jensen, Erica Buchholz, Lori Thompson, Linda Holcomb, Linda Lane, Joy Rand, Joan Noeske, Kara Wiebe.



Cash Contributions

Back row (L to R): Jerry Reinisch, Greg Carlson, Wesley Wintch, Natalie Wintch, Steven King, Gordon Hoff, Gilbert Kuipers, Kelli Heath, Richard Hanson.

Front row (L to R): Jan Stowman, Laurie Reinisch, Carol Flatau, Martha King, Virlyn Hoff, Naomi Muscha, Tisa Mason.



Dean Pedersen & Tisa Mason

Volunteer of the Year Dean Pedersen

Dean Pedersen is now a four-time recipient of the V-500 Volunteer of the Year award. The award is given to a V-500 board member who has extraordinarily given back to the program and received the most enlistments during the recent campaign drive. Dean has been on the V-500 board for over 13 years, has served has president for five years, and has personally raised over \$224,000 for the V-500 scholarship program.

Small Effort, BIG Difference

We often hear from folks who think their gift is too small to make a difference. Let me assure you, nothing could be further from the truth. Our V-500 program relies on a full range of gifts each and every year. This fiscal year, all gifts between \$1 - \$250 made to the V-500 scholarship program totaled \$5,301 - proof that every gift matters and that small effort can make a big difference to our students!

"An investment in education pays the best interest."
- Benjamin Franklin

Each year in December, we hold a banquet to recognize new and renewed donors in addition to those who have reached milestone giving achievements. At the dinner, we invite our V-500 scholarship recipients



Jeremy Wiebe '08Assistant Director of Annual Giving

to attend, dine, and visit with our donors. We are blessed to have such bright young talent, right here at Valley City State University. Because of the support from our alumni and friends, these students are able to receive a V-500 scholarship that makes a big impact in their lives. The main reason we invite our students to the banquet is so our donors can see firsthand, their **Return on Investment!**

Since V-500 was establish in 1972, we have been fortunate to have donors who have made a commitment to the program and have supported the program with annual contributions. The ongoing success of V-500 is dependent on all of us doing our part, no matter how small or how large the gift.

V-500 Membership Application 2015-16

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