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ON THE COVER:

At VCSU, we take great pride in all of our students. The students in this photo represent every Division in the University: l-r: Josh Evans (Math Education and Business Administration), Lindsey Friedt (Elementary Education), Kayley Erlandson (Professional Communication), Nick Faure (Chemistry, Biology, and Health Science), and Angela Morford (Art Education).

See the cover story on page 4 for details on these and many more examples of excellence at VCSU!

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NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

In an ongoing effort to stay connected with fellow alumni and promote Viking networking opportunities, Valley City State University will partner with Harris Connect Publishing Co. to produce an alumni directory. This month, Harris will begin a campaign to contact as many VCSU alumni as possible for verification of information. Alumni should expect postcards and/or emails from Harris requesting verification of graduation information, class year, college achievements, and current career information. The directory will include alumni, academic, and business information about VCSU graduates organized into easy-to-use sections. In addition to updating the VCSU Directory, everyone will be given the chance to reserve their copy in either book or CD format. This opportunity is for a limited time only as the publication will not be available at a later date.





Academic successes at VCSU!

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

As you have seen in recent issues of *The Bulletin* during the past few years, there have been many wonderful news stories highlighting campus growth at VCSU. Overall student enrollment in Fall 2011 of 1,384 students set an all-time campus record. VCSU's graduate and undergraduate programs have grown tremendously (overall student headcount has increased by 36% during just the past three years).

In addition to the growth in enrollment, a number of major campus enhancements to the physical plant have brought much excitement as well. These improvements included last year's \$3.5 million renovation to Snoeyenbos Hall, the \$1 million artificial turf field installed on Shelly Ellig Field at Lokken Stadium last summer, and the \$10.3 million renovation and expansion currently underway in the Rhoades Science Center.

However, as exciting as enrollment growth and campus renovations have been, they are only part of the story. We have also seen tremendous initiatives and accomplishments, both individually and collectively, at VCSU regarding academic excellence and quality. These are the stories that bring us the greatest sense of pride as a campus community, and the ones that we hope you as supporters and alumni of VCSU enjoy reading. You will read about several of these "good news" stories in this issue of *The Bulletin* in conjunction with the cover story.

During this past year, VCSU successfully secured a ten-year reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The accreditation process was exhaustive and encompassed the efforts of nearly every faculty and staff member on campus along with the efforts of students. The HLC is VCSU's regional accrediting agency (serving 19 Midwestern states) and assures the quality of teaching

and learning across campus. This 10-year re-accreditation is the maximum length given; it is a tremendous statement on behalf of VCSU's academic environment.

Throughout this issue, you will also read about exciting accomplishments by individual students featured in VCSU's 2012 graduating class. A number of these students will be moving on to another exciting phase of their educational career as they pursue graduate and professional school. As we think about the future of the VCSU alumni family, it is exciting to think about these recent graduates and the positive impact they will have with their careers ahead.

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VCSU's online M.Ed. concentration in Library and Information Technologies was recognized this year by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) as a quality school librarianship program – the only university in a four-state region with this designation. External validations such as these, in addition to being named the #1 Public Regional College in the Midwest by U.S. News for 2012, further solidify how effectively the academic programs at VCSU are fulfilling their missions and serving our region.

Thanks for your continued support and interest in the positive momentum of Valley City State University and our students. Enjoy reading this issue of the *The Bulletin* along with the wonderful stories of academic success. As always, please stop by campus when you are in the neighborhood and Go Vikings! ♦



VCSU Alumni Association Get-Togethers Fall 2012

Watch for more events coming soon on our Facebook page and at alumni.vcsu.edu.

August 7
VCSU at the FM Redhawks
Fargo, ND

*See ad on page 9 for ticket information

September 28 & 29
VCSU Alumni Homecoming
*See schedule of events on page 8

October 19
First Annual VCSU Rendezvous
*See ad on page 3

December 8
EBC Alumni Fraternity Presents
"We're in the Christmas Mood"
VCSU Vangstad Auditorium
7:30 pm



The alumni commitment to excellence

by D.C. Lucas '96, Alumni Board President

The renovation and expansion of the Rhoades Science Center on the VCSU campus is scheduled to be completed in 2013. This reflects VCSU's on-going commitment to provide students with an educational facility consistent with the vision and mission of the University.

With the academic landscape becoming more competitive, VCSU remains one of the top academic intuitions not only in the region but throughout the country. However, it takes more than bricks

and mortar to maintain our edge and our status as a first rate educational institution both regionally and nationally. Students of the 21st century have more choices than ever before. The philosophy that VCSU has stood by is attracting students who share our educational values and look to us as a model for learning.

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individuals that can help businesses remain innovative and fill the positions needed. Businesses throughout the region have noticed the individuals that have graduated from VCSU and the leaders they have become. This has started a chain reaction as more and more businesses look to VCSU and create internships and partnerships to hire the best students in the region.

VCSU plans to offer a new major in the business department that addresses the need of the current business landscape. The

new major is Business Process Integration Management (BPIM). This major is designed to help students develop knowledge of current business processes, knowledge of advanced enterprise systems, and a combination of skills in communication, problem-solving, and collaboration. This major is one of many offered by VCSU that emphasizes the growing need for skills in today's workforce.

I challenge VCSU alumni to continue volunteering their time and sharing their knowledge with current faculty and staff. We need to ensure that we are preparing our current and future students with the skills needed to succeed in today's job market.

While as alumni we continue to "give back" to the vision of VCSU through exceptional structures designed to meet the demands of our own academic vision, it is equally important that the alumni give back to VCSU by remaining engaged and involved in our commitment to our educational excellence. ♦



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Are you on Facebook? If so, you'll no doubt want to become a fan of Valley City State University! VCSU has several pages and groups dedicated to different organizations within the University including the **Alumni Association**, several athletic teams, the Music department, and the Medicine Wheel. Each of these pages feature headlines, photos and other ways to stay in touch. You can find them by visiting www.vcsu.edu and clicking on the Facebook logo – this takes you to a list of all the public groups and pages that are maintained by VCSU faculty and staff or you can go directly to our alumni page at www.facebook.com/vcsualumni. Join us!

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V-500 restructures: New face – Same great program

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

Valley City State University's V-500 Scholarship Program has restructured for the 2012-2013 academic year. Founded in 1972, the V-500 program has clearly stood the test of time. It has become the primary source of scholarship support for students at the University. For the 2011-2012 academic year, the program allocated in excess of \$250,000 in scholarship support.

Since its founding 40 years ago, the program has been structured on a five year pledge concept. Donors elect to make a commitment to the program over a five year time period. The pledge payments are made either annually, semi-annually or quarterly until the pledge is paid in full. Most recently, the basic membership has been set at \$200 per year for a five year time period. The new structure calls for a \$250 payment per year over a four year time period. A special opportunity to sponsor a scholarship for a specific student is available for a commitment of \$375 per year. Donors in this category will have the opportunity to actually meet the student who is the recipient of their contribution. According to Alison Kasowski, assistant director of Annual Giving, "This is a great opportunity for the donor and the recipient to meet each other face to face."

The V-500 program is changing to better reflect the demands of the time. The new format is an enhancement to a great program. A new face, a new structure, for the same great program.

New and renewed V-500 members will receive two complimentary tickets to the annual V-500 recognition banquet held each December. Every attempt will be made to allow for you to sit at the same table with the student recipient of your scholarship donation. As in the past, all in attendance will be invited to the EBC Fraternity's "We're In the Christmas

Mood" program in Vangstad Auditorium.

Upper level memberships will continue to be available at a variety of levels.

Commitments of \$1,250 or more per year include an invitation for dinner with

President Steve Shirley. The V-500 program is changing to better reflect the demands of the time. The new format is an enhancement to a great program. A new face, a new structure, for the same great program. V-500 has been responding to the needs of students at VCSU for 40 years. We fully expect that to continue in the future. We are very thankful to our V-500 donors for their continued support.

To learn more about the new V-500 Scholarship program, contact Alison Kasowski in the Foundation Office at 845-7216 or email at alison.kasowski@vcsu.edu. ♦

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What is Academic Excellence?

When people think of academic excellence, they tend to think in terms of the Ivy League such as Harvard and Yale.

Should they also think of VCSU?



"We certainly share a commitment to excellence," said Dr. Margaret Dahlberg, vice president of Academic Affairs at VCSU. "It runs throughout our Mission and Vision statements with references to 'visionary leadership and exemplary practices in teaching, learning, and service,' and advancing 'quality learning opportunities.' The very first goal of our 2010-2015 Strategic Plan is to 'Provide accessible, innovative, high quality educational experiences and programs for all students.'" But should VCSU be truly known for academic excellence?

Evidence of Academic Excellence

According to Dr. Dahlberg, plenty of evidence supports that conclusion. "Our teacher education program has an outstanding reputation across the state, and there is plenty of evidence to support the idea that all areas of VCSU offer an excellent academic experience. It really becomes a question of how you measure quality and what kind of hard data you can provide to back that up."

One useful source of hard data is the annual "Accountability Measures" report produced by the North Dakota University System. The most recent report (2011) provides a number of indications of academic quality at VCSU.

For example, the report provides pass rates for the Praxis II, which measures knowledge of specific subjects that K-12 educators will teach as well as general and subject-specific teaching skills and knowledge. VCSU education students had a first-time licensure pass rate of nearly 93%, among the highest in the University System.

Satisfaction among various constituents is another way to get at academic quality, and the "Accountability Measures" report shows that students, alumni and employers alike all give VCSU high marks for satisfaction:

- VCSU's first-year students indicated the highest level of satisfaction in the entire System with 93% evaluating the entire educational experience as "Good" or "Excellent," while an impressive 88% of Seniors gave VCSU the same evaluation.
- 82% of VCSU's 2005-07 alumni rated VCSU as "Good" or "Excellent," and 90% of those who responded indicated that their experience prepared them for their current job adequately, more than adequately, or exceptionally well.

- The average employer satisfaction with recently hired graduates (2007-09) from VCSU was consistently among the highest in the University System.

Another well-known indication of excellence at VCSU is the ranking by U.S. News as the #1 public regional college in the Midwest for 2012. Given that U.S. News has ranked VCSU for 14 years in a row, and given that their rankings are based on a set of 16 indicators of academic excellence, this provides solid evidence of the quality of VCSU's academics.

Excellence in Students

Another way to gauge academic quality is to look at outcomes, and one way that VCSU students do well is success in finding jobs. A survey by the VCSU Office of Career Services of 2010-12 graduates provided a placement rate of approximately 90%.

VCSU grads are being accepted and successful in graduate and professional schools. This spring, two VCSU students were selected to receive Graduate Student Research Assistantship (GSRA) awards through the North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) program. Statewide, only three other students were selected to receive these prestigious awards. In recent years, six other VCSU students received EPSCoR awards.

VCSU students also benefit from better support than they can get from many other universities. VCSU's low student/faculty ratio rivals that of many private institutions, and VCSU's Learning Center, which is staffed by students, offers one-on-one tutoring services in several areas including writing, math, and English.

VCSU also takes steps to develop a culture of scholarly achievement that reaches all corners of campus. Coaches, for example, emphasize

the need for student-athletes to perform both in the classroom as well as on the field. The DAC honored VCSU with the 2010-11 Dakota Athletic Conference Scholars Award. The award is presented annually to the school with the highest percentage of athletes honored as DAC Scholar-Athletes, which requires a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better. Forty-three percent of Viking athletes were recognized with this honor.

Investing in Faculty

In many respects, scholarship starts with the faculty, and this is an area in which VCSU has been making a conscious effort to invest. "We hire talented, dedicated faculty, and we do our best to support them once they are here," said Dr. Dahlberg.

For example, terminal degrees are an important qualification for new faculty, and those that do not have their terminal degrees are encouraged to get them.

Faculty is also encouraged to engage in scholarly activity such as participating in professional organizations or delivering presentations at academic conferences. Many of these events involve travel, and VCSU's investment in this area has increased by nearly 60% since 2010. Over 80 travel requests were approved for faculty development in Academic Year 2011 - 2012.

Improvements in the Curriculum

To keep up with the changing interests of students, regional needs, and the requirements of employers, VCSU has been developing new academic programs. Recent examples include majors in Health Science, Enterprise Applications, Psychology, Professional Communication, and Fisheries & Wildlife Science. Some of the new programs have quickly grown to become the most popular at VCSU, and have been important drivers of enrollment growth.



Examples of excellence at VCSU

The best evidence of academic excellence is in our graduates, and though we are proud of all our graduates, here is one example of excellence from each academic division (from left to right):

Kayley Erlandson is from Breckenridge, MN, and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a major in Professional Communication with an emphasis in Media. She received the Outstanding Professional Communication Award, and was inducted into the Lambda Pi Eta honor society. She plans to attend NDSU graduate school for Mass Communication and become a teaching assistant.

Nick Faure, from Valley City, ND, graduated Summa Cum Laude with majors in Chemistry, Biology, and Health Science, and delivered the undergraduate student address at

Commencement. He served on the Student Senate, the Pre-Professional Club (president), the Spanish Club (treasurer), and the Viking Ambassadors. He was named the Outstanding Chemistry Student, a Viking Pilot, and the 2011 Student Employee of the Year. He testified on VCSU's behalf at the ND Legislature, and participated in study abroad in China and Peru. He has been accepted to Dental school at Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Oregon, and received a sizeable grant from WICHE to cover out-of-state tuition costs.

Josh Evans, from Hayfield, MN, majored in Math Education and Business Administration and was named the Outstanding Business Administration Student, Accounting Option. He was the starting pitcher for the Viking baseball team and was named the Male Graduating Senior of the Year by Viking Athletics.

Angela Morford, from Bismarck, ND, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a major in Art Education, was named the Outstanding Senior Art Education Student, and received the Outstanding Student in Teacher Education award.

Lindsey Friedt, from Mott, ND, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a major in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood endorsement and certificates in Title I reading and math. She received the Outstanding Student in Teacher Education award, was employed Spring semester as a long-term substitute teacher in the Title I classroom at Milnor Public School and as a kindergarten, junior kindergarten, and grade 1 teacher at the Sundale Hutterite Colony. For the 2012-2013 school year, she will be the kindergarten teacher at Milnor Public School. ♦

Two VCSU students selected for GSRA Awards



One definite indicator of academic excellence is the success of our graduates. In particular, two members of the Class of 2012 are shining examples: Jessica Halvorson (left), from Valley City, and Christine Gilbertson (right), from Milnor, have been selected to receive Graduate Student Research Assistantship (GSRA) awards through the North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) program.

The awards recognize the academic achievement of these students and provide

significant financial support as they pursue M.S. and/or Ph.D. degrees in science, engineering, and mathematics at the University of North Dakota (UND) and North Dakota State University (NDSU). Statewide, only three other students were selected to receive with these prestigious awards.

Christine graduated Magna Cum Laude with majors in Health Science and Biology Education and minors in Chemistry and Office Management. She plans to conduct her research within the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at NDSU. Jessica graduated Magna Cum Laude with majors in Biology and Health Science and a minor in Music, and will be conducting research under Dr. Julie Pasche in the Department of Plant Pathology at NDSU. Jessica was also named the Outstanding Biology Student.

EPSCoR was established by the National Science Foundation and is now a family of competitive merit-based programs spanning seven federal research and development agencies: the National Science Foundation; the National Institutes of Health; the Departments of Defense, Energy, and Agriculture; the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration; and the Environmental Protection Agency.

ND EPSCoR implemented the GSRA program to increase opportunities for graduating seniors from the North Dakota University System baccalaureate universities, or who have been participants in ND EPSCoR's Nurturing American Tribal undergraduate Research and Education (NATURE) program, to obtain M.S. and/or Ph.D. degrees at NDSU and UND. Each student's award provides an \$18,000 per year stipend for up to 24 months. Students who complete the program can be eligible for a ND EPSCoR Doctoral Dissertation Award that provides support to complete their doctoral research upon completion of their course work and written examinations.

Christine and Jessica join six other VCSU graduates from recent years who received EPSCoR awards: Fakira (Soumaila) Borkovec '11 (Rome, Italy), Jesse Martin '11 (Valley City, ND), Jacob Mertes '10 (Omaha, NE), Michael Tomlinson '10 (Rolla), Ryan McCulloch '10 (Valley City), and Steven Fasching '10 (Mandan). ♦

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As required by the North Dakota University System, VCSU conducts Program Reviews for every major at least once every seven years. VCSU takes this a step further by conducting Annual Program Updates in which faculty report on short term goals, assessment data, and recommendations for the future. The vice president of Academic Affairs presents recommendations to the Academic Policy and Affairs Council (APAC) and the President's Cabinet. As an indication of the importance of this area, VCSU recently added a director of Institutional Research and Assessment to assist with program reviews and help faculty with assessments.

External constituents also provide input that improves the curriculum. For example, the Division of Business and Information Technology and the School of Education and Graduate Studies (SEGS) both have advisory boards in place. VCSU's Strategic Plan calls for every Division to have an advisory board by 2015.

Improvements in Facilities

Facilities are an important part of the learning experience, and VCSU has a number of recent accomplishments in this area. The most significant and visible improvement is the \$10.3 million expansion and renovation of the Rhoades

Science Center, which is currently underway and scheduled to be completed by August, 2013. This improvement will provide state-of-the-art lab facilities and support growth in several key areas including STEM education and other programs in math, science, health, and physical education.

Improvements in technology have also been significant. Going back to 1996 when VCSU became a laptop campus, this program has evolved to take advantage of improvements in hardware, software, network technology, and support. This year, students in certain majors, faculty, and staff could request MacBook laptops by Apple Computer instead of laptops running Microsoft Windows, and had access to tablet computers such as iPads. Classroom technology has kept pace as well.

Innovation and New Initiatives

Continual improvement requires continual change, and in recent years, this has been a true strength of VCSU.

A prominent area of innovation is the emphasis on student research in the sciences, and VCSU students have outstanding opportunities in the Macroinvertebrate and Toxicology labs, and more recently, the Prairie Waters Education and Research Center. In recent years, an impressive 13 students have presented the results of their research at academic conferences.

The culture of innovation is moving VCSU into a leadership position in some prominent areas. For example, in 2009, VCSU entered into a partnership with Minnesota State University – Moorhead and North Dakota State University backed by a \$6 million grant from the Bush Foundation to create more opportunities for teacher recruiting and training. In 2010, VCSU established the Great Plains STEM Education Center to provide education and training opportunities for K-12 students and teachers as an essential step in the process of increasing the technology and engineering capacity of the U.S. workforce.

Does all this mean that VCSU should be thought of as being a peer with Yale or Harvard? "Certainly not," said Dr. Dahlberg. "They are entirely different institutions that serve entirely different constituents, so a direct comparison wouldn't even make sense. I do believe, however, that we have something important in common: a true commitment to academic excellence that guides everything we do, and this commitment ends up being the single most important factor that shapes the experience we offer our students and the value we provide for our constituents." ♦

Online programs having growing impact

VCSU has been a leader in developing online degree programs in order to improve accessibility, and Commencement 2012 highlighted a number of success stories.

One case in point is Laura Bearce, who came to VCSU already holding some impressive credentials including a bachelor's degree in Economics and International Relations from Concordia College (Moorhead), a Master's in International Education from George Mason University (Fairfax, VA), and experience both in the classroom and with the Peace Corps in Azerbaijan. Laura was interested in moving back from the Washington D.C. area to her native North Dakota and changing her teaching focus from ESL to English, and chose VCSU to help her make the transition. This Spring, Laura was one of the first graduates of VCSU's new online English Education program. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and earned the Outstanding English Student Award. She will be teaching English at Williston High School this Fall.

One of our more innovative online programs is our new online Music program, which produced its first graduate at Commencement 2012: Jessica Hall Shuler. In this program, students complete their academic courses online through VCSU and their ensembles and applied lessons at an institution in their home area. Jessica performed live at her home university, then provided video recordings for the VCSU faculty, who also critiqued and approved her performances. She presented a beautiful clarinet recital in November, 2011. Jessica, who was also named the Outstanding Senior Music Major, is currently

living in Louisiana where her husband, a B-52 navigator, is stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base. Jessica operates an independent music studio, and next fall plans to embark upon a Master's degree in clarinet performance at Northwestern State University (Louisiana), working toward her goal of teaching at the university level.

Of course, our online M.Ed. is also having an impact, having produced 150 graduates to date. Jennifer Crom, who presented the graduate student address at this year's Commencement, was also the first student to complete the ELL concentration. Jenni is a teacher at a Global Studies Elementary School in Sioux Falls, SD where about one third of her class consists of English language learners.

Another graduate of the online M.Ed. was Toni Gredesky, a 61 year old librarian at Wahpeton High School. According to Toni, the Library and Information Technology concentration she completed is affecting her work in two key ways: it is helping to improve the library program, and it is helping her to collaborate more and more with classroom teachers. "I can't say enough about how great the faculty and staff at VCSU are – they have figured it out!" This isn't Toni's first contact with VCSU: she also has two daughters who are alums: Alison '99 is currently the director of human resources at The Emily Program, a clinic in Minneapolis that treats eating disorders and was recently ranked #1 on the *Minneapolis Star & Tribune's* list of top midsize companies. Megan '02 taught English and theatre at West Fargo for five years, and is now attending a program in drama therapy in San Francisco. ♦



Laura Bearce



Jessica Hall Shuler



Jennifer Crom



Valley City State University

2012 COMMENCEMENT



1) John and Becca (Salisbury) Huber had a big year, graduating together along with their newborn daughter, Aubriana Francesca Huber, who was born on October 7, 2011. John, originally from Ellendale, and Becca, who lived in Japan for 13 years, met as Freshmen while attending Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, then transferred to VCSU. Becca graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education, was named the Outstanding Math Student, and has accepted a job at North Shore High School in Makoti, ND. John received the Gordon Hoff Outstanding Social Science Award and has been accepted into the online Forensic Psychology Master of Arts program at UND.



2) Travis Pierce of Kenai, AK, was a linebacker on the Viking football team and was named a DAC Scholar Athlete. Breanna Brock received her ADN from Dakota College at Bottineau and is working at the Legacy Place in Valley City.



3) Kyle Vareberg (right) of Valley City, graduated Summa Cum Laude, received the Outstanding Professional Communication Award, and was a member of Sigma Tau Delta, Lambda Pi Eta, and Alpha Lambda Delta academic honor societies. Ellen Drevecky (left) comes from a long line of alums including her father, Lance Drevecky '77, her mother Marian (Baarstad) Drevecky '77, her brother Dana Drevecky '09, and her sister Eden (Drevecky) Cuypers '11.

4) Brian Dahlberg (left) graduated Summa Cum Laude, was named the Outstanding Computer Information Systems Student, and was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta. He is the son of Dr. Margaret Dahlberg, VCSU's vice president of Academic Affairs (center), and brother of Kevin Dahlberg '08 (right), who is currently living in Bismarck and working for Verizon, and Nathan (not shown), who attended VCSU in '05 and '06.



Music Educators recognize Sue German with Citation of Excellence



Sue (Holmes) German '73, band director at Oakes High School, was awarded the North Dakota National Band Association's "Citation of Excellence" award at the North Dakota Music Educators' Conference in Bismarck in March.

The award is given to a band director who has completed at least 11 years of teaching band music. Candidates are nominated by their peers, and a committee reviews the applications and chooses one candidate to receive this award annually in each state.

The candidate must have displayed outstanding success in many critical areas of education that include: teaching skills, musicianship, leadership, and consistent high level of performance by ensembles.

Sue has been the band director at Oakes Public Schools since 1997. In addition to teaching band, grades 5-12, and jazz band, which she organized, she also teaches some elementary music classes. The Oakes Concert Band was recently named the North Dakota Governor's Band for 2011-12.

Sue is the second VCSU alum to receive this honor in recent years: the Lisbon High School Concert Band under the direction of John Monilaws '87 was selected as the Governor's Band for 2006 by Governor John Hoeven.

She is a member of the local, state, and national Education Associations, currently serving as her local OEA vice president, and she is an active member in the North Dakota Music Educators' Association (NDMEA).

Sue has served on the Music Advisory Committee of the North Dakota High School Activities Association since 2000, and she has been the manager for the Region 6 Large Groups Music Contest since 2000.

Currently, she serves as secretary of the North Dakota chapter of the National Band Association, and has served as president for the past five years of the North Dakota chapter of Phi Beta Mu National Bandmasters Fraternity. ♦



The Oakes High School Concert Band, under the direction of Sue German, was named by Governor Jack Dalrymple as the 2011-12 ND Governor's Band.

JOIN VCSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS FOR HOMECOMING 2012

The VCSU Alumni Association invites you to join alumni and friends of VCSU for the many events scheduled for Homecoming 2012. This year, we are hosting reunions for the classes of the 80's. The Alumni Association encourages everyone to call your classmates and come back to VCSU for Homecoming 2012.

SCHEDULE OF ALUMNI EVENTS:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 2:30 pm Alumni Welcome Back Ice Cream Social
@ VCSU McFarland Hall - 2nd Floor
- 5:00 pm Meet and Greet Hall of Fame Social
@ VCSU Student Center Cafeteria
- 6:00 pm Hall of Fame Banquet
@ VCSU Student Center Cafeteria
- 7:00 pm Reunion and Alumni Social*
@ VFW (138 Main Street / Valley City)

**Special guests include the classes from the Decade of the 80's. Cost to attend is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple which includes drink tickets, light appetizers and music by Big Hammer Music Entertainment at the Valley City VFW*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9:00 am Alumni Honors Breakfast
@ VCSU Student Center Cafeteria
- 11:00 am Homecoming Parade
- 12:00 noon Tailgating Opportunities!
- 1:00 pm Football Game Vikings vs. South Dakota School of Mines
@ Lokken Stadium
- 4:00 pm Post-game Social
@ Valley City Town & Country Club
(500 12th Ave NE / Valley City)
- 10:00 pm College and Alumni Dance
@ Valley City Eagles Club (Downstairs)
(345 12th Ave NE / Valley City)
\$3 per person cover charge

HOMECOMING 2012
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28 THRU SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29



2012 VCSU Golf Scramble

The 2012 VCSU Viking Scramble was held at the Valley City Town and Country Club and Bjornson Park on Saturday, June 2. Twenty-seven teams participated in the golf tournament to raise money for scholarships for student athletes.

The tournament was a 5 person scramble with three divisions. The tournament featured 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 runner ups. All entrants received an entry gift along with lunch and dinner.

The VCSU Booster Board would like to thank everyone for helping make the VCSU golf scramble another success. We are looking forward to another great event next year. ♦

VCSU Scramble Results



OPEN

(l to r) Shane Ost, Mike Lentz '88, Tim Ost, Tom Glandt, and Jim McDaniel '93.



CHAMPIONSHIP

(l to r) Steve Kelley, Jaden Pederson, Scott Goffe '03, Dennis Moritz, and Ace Anderson '02.



SENIOR

(l to r) Jack Egan, Rollie Enstad, Don Bauer '63, Bob King '55 and Jim Dew.

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

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Cost: \$12 per person (includes reserved ticket and pre-game picnic of 2 hotdogs, chips and soda)

Pre-game Picnic: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Game Time: 7:05 pm

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

Please RSVP to reserve your tickets by July 31, 2012 to 701-845-7203.

Go Vikings!



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Five Years of Service: Jennifer Jenness, Ben Ferguson, Pete Gjovik, Joy Smith, Stephanie (Trautman) Roelfsema '07. Not shown: Janice Klein, Pat Johnson, Taka Yamauchi.

Ten Years of Service: Anthony Dutton '97, Hilde van Gijssel, Don Hoff. Not shown: Randy Jess, Heather (Metcalf) Kvilvang '98, Everett Walker.

Fifteen - Thirty Five Years of Service: Erik Kringlie '92 (15 years), Sharon Jacob (15 years), Diana Skroch '75 (35 years), Ralph Hooper (30 years), and Pat Egeberg (20 years). Not shown: Gary Thompson (25 years), Tilmer Gienger (30 years).



Student Advocate

Rick Ross

Rick started his employment at VCSU in 1995 at the Center for Innovation in Instruction (now known as EduTech), where he served as the training coordinator, and was responsible for developing and conducting the training for the faculty, staff and students to make the notebook initiative successful. He has held many positions at VCSU since then including serving on the faculty and as chair of the Division of Business and Information Technology, as a trainer and director for Enterprise University, as assistant golf coach, and now as coordinator for the Career and Technical Education program. ♦



Teacher of the Year

Dr. Hilde van Gijssel

This is the second time van Gijssel has been recognized with the "Teacher of the Year" award; the first was in 2002-03. A native of The Netherlands, Dr. van Gijssel has been with VCSU since 2002. Her previous experience includes working at Leiden University in The Netherlands and the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD. At VCSU, she is responsible for the Health Science major and the new Medical Laboratory Science major, she runs the Toxicology Lab, and she was instrumental in creating the Valley City site of the Dakota Nursing Program. She is the advisor of the Pre-Professional club, is involved with the Great Plain STEM Education Center and is currently enrolled in VCSU's online Master of Education program working on a concentration in Technology Education. ♦



Don Mugan retires

After 39 years of exemplary service to VCSU and a career that has had a true and lasting impact on the field of Education, Dr. Don Mugan retired at the end of Spring semester.

Don is known for many accomplishments but is perhaps best known as a tireless and leading advocate for the need to improve the competitiveness of America's workforce through fundamental reforms in education. Specifically, Don fought for the integration of technology

and engineering into other disciplines such as math, science and social studies, and in relationship to the real world.

It was this philosophy that guided the development of the Department of Technology Education at VCSU of which Don was named the Chair in 1990. By 1998, he had developed the nation's first standards-based online program in Technology Education. In 2005, this program provided one of the first concentrations for VCSU's online Master of Education program and played a key role in its development and approval.

As the philosophy that drove Don gained national momentum and became known and accepted as "STEM Education," he began to form partnerships with other national pioneers in the field that would lead to the establishment of the Great Plains STEM Education Center at VCSU. Don's most recent role has been serving as the Director of this Center which is providing the leadership necessary to bring North Dakota to the forefront of STEM Education with student engagement as the top priority.

Help Endow the Don Mugan Distinguished Scholars Award

If you would like to contribute, please send your contribution to:

The VCSU Foundation/
Don Mugan Distinguished Scholars Award
Valley City State University
101 College St. SW
Valley City, ND 58072

In addition to these contributions in Technology Education and STEM Education, Don was instrumental in several other historic milestones for VCSU including the adoption of universal computer access as the nation's second laptop university and the adoption of a digital portfolio requirement for all graduates. His efforts have led to millions of dollars of successful grant applications to fund these revolutionary initiatives and bring them from the conceptual state to implementation in the classroom.

Don was granted Faculty Emeritus status and recognized at the annual Employee Recognition banquet. Dr. Larry Grooters, one of the speakers recognizing Don's accomplishments, said, "Although he never sought recognition or at times was given the credit due, Dr. Don Mugan has been one of the preeminent leaders of the University for the past 40 years." ♦

Annual recognition luncheon



Mary Simonson, VCSU Foundation Chair (left) and Dr. Steve Shirley, VCSU president (right), with Diamond Level Recipients Dick Gulmon and Paige Bjornson of Dacotah Bank.

The VCSU Foundation Board hosted its annual Recognition luncheon on Monday, June 18 with over 50 donors attending. The luncheon is hosted each June to recognize the donors who have reached a new level of giving over the past year. Recipients this year included:

Diamond Level (\$100,000 - \$249,999)

Dacotah Bank
Robert and Jan Ingstad
Ralph and Carolyn Kolstoe

Regents Level (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

AmericInn Lodge & Suites	Ludvigson, Braun & Co.
Dave and Patty Bass	James and Gayle Retterath
Dakota Plains Cooperative	Dr. Steven and Jennifer Shirley
Ben and Marge Herr	Valley Sales Co. Inc. / Budweiser
John Deere Seeding Group	

Executive Director of Advancement, Larry Robinson, also recognized Mark & Kathy Finstad and Jim & Rae Ann Vandrovec for joining the Legacy Society. The Legacy Society encourages people who have supported the VCSU Foundation to continue to have impact on the University after the time of their death. Gifts can come in the form of money, property, stocks, bonds, life insurance or a percentage of an estate. ♦



Mary Simonson, VCSU Foundation Chair (left) and Dr. Steve Shirley, VCSU president (right) with Regent Level Recipients: Back row - L to R: JoAnn Hooper (Ludvigson, Braun & Co.), Ken Astrup '73 (Dakota Plains Cooperative), and Jennifer & Steve Shirley. Front row - L to R: Dave Bass '77, Jeff Kennedy and Dawn Haugen (John Deere Seeding Group).

Vitaliano Figueroa named VP Student Affairs



Filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Glen Schmalz '76, Dr. Vitaliano Figueroa has been named to the position of vice president for Student Affairs. Vitaliano comes to VCSU from the College of Southern Nevada where he served as Director of Student Life, Leadership Development & College Conduct for the past six years. Vitaliano has a Master of Science and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rhode Island and a Doctorate of Education from Argosy University. Vitaliano and his wife Daisy, along with their two children, Vitaliano and Isabella, are excited to join the Valley City and VCSU community. ♦

Shelly Ellig Field wins Community Enhancement Award

At the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, VCSU was presented with a Community Enhancement Award to recognize the installation of artificial turf on its football field. Larry Robinson, Executive Director of Advancement for VCSU, accepted the award.

Keith Heuser, president of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, said, "Artificial turf at VCSU's football field is a tremendous asset to both VCSU as well as the region. Its durability means that it can be used for many purposes in addition to Viking football such as hosting games for area high-schools. The field is also a valuable asset to VCSU since it is very attractive to prospective athletes and

enhances VCSU's ability to recruit top athletes."

The project was made possible largely through a major contribution from Shelly Ellig, the Fargo-area businessman and philanthropist who founded Stop-n-Go stores and several other businesses in the region. In recognition of this contribution, the field was named Shelly Ellig Field at Lokken Stadium. Other major contributors to the project included Valley City/Barnes County Economic Development, the City of Valley City Visitors Committee, DuWayne Bott, Dacotah Bank, Bob and Jan Ingstad - Ingstad Family Media, AmericInn, Grotberg Electric, Leever's Super Valu, and Nodak Mutual Insurance. ♦



Effective 01/01/2012, Valley City State University has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse to provide official transcript ordering online.

To use the online transcript service, a major credit/debit card and a valid email account are needed. A fee of \$5 is required per transcript, plus applicable processing fees if special order options are requested.

- Current and former students with online **CampusConnection** access may view and print an unofficial transcript free of charge through Campus Connection. To order official transcripts, Click **Self Service>Academic Records>Order Official Transcript**.
- Individuals without a CampusConnection account may order directly from National Student Clearinghouse from their secured site **www.getmytranscript.com**.
- If you do not have a major credit/debit card and valid email address, please complete our transcript request form. The transcript request form, as well as detailed information regarding transcript ordering, can be found at **www.vcsu.edu/registrar**.

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New programs present new options in information technology



VCSU is offering new options for students interested in information technology including a new major in Business Process Integration Management (BPIM) and an articulation agreement with Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB).

The BPIM major is designed to help students develop knowledge of current business processes, knowledge of advanced enterprise systems, and a combination of skills in communication, problem-solving, and collaboration. "These skills are essential to today's knowledge workers but are not often emphasized as a whole in higher education," said Gary Inman, president of the Information Technology Council of North Dakota (ITCND). "To my knowledge, VCSU's program is the first to offer this combination."

According to Assistant Professor Susan Pfeifer (pictured above), the need for this program was identified through employer focus groups, surveys, advisory board recommendations, internship results, and participation in professional organizations. "We keep our business and information

technology programs rooted in the needs of business by staying active in the business community," said Pfeifer. "This program was designed specifically in response to input from North Dakota businesses about their needs."

The articulation agreement with DCB allows students who have completed an Associate in Applied Science degree in Information Technology from DCB to earn a Bachelor's degree with a major in Computer Information Systems (CIS) from VCSU. Dr. Steve Shirley, president of VCSU, said, "DCB students have a solid foundation in general education and introductory CIS courses. This agreement provides these students with a direct path to a Bachelor's degree in CIS from VCSU."

The CIS articulation joins other collaborative arrangements between the two campuses including opportunities for students to earn DCB Associate degrees or nursing titles (Practical Nurse or Associate Degree in Nursing) by taking classes at the VCSU campus. ♦

Dr. Chaffee selected as candidate for Lieutenant Governor



VCSU president emerita Dr. Ellen Chaffee is back in North Dakota news: she is the running mate of Senator Ryan Taylor, the Democratic-NPL candidate for governor of North Dakota.

The Campaign announced they had selected Dr. Chaffee as the lieutenant governor candidate in March. In the press release announcing her candidacy, Dr. Chaffee said, "After years of participating in ad hoc groups on the future of North Dakota, I see this as my opportunity to give back to the state that has given me so much." The Taylor-Chaffee campaign is up against the Republican ticket of incumbent governor Jack Dalrymple and Drew Wrigley.

Although less visible on the VCSU scene since leaving in 2008 after 15 years as president, Dr. Chaffee has been much in demand nationally. She served Harvard University as a President-in-Residence and currently serves as a Senior Fellow, consultant, and project director for the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB). She and her husband David Schwalbe still live on a ranch near Bismarck. You can keep up with her latest news through her web site: www.ellenchaffee.com. ♦



Track & Field: Darren Moore hammers home a national championship

The Vikings' second season of track & field competition since the sport was reestablished produced some impressive accomplishments.

At the Bluehawk Games in Dickinson, performances were led in the ring with second place finishes by Karlie Thompson in the shot put and Amber Volanti in the javelin, plus a sixth place finish by Volanti in the discus. Darren Moore also chalked up second place finishes in the discus and hammer throw and a first place finish in the shot put.

At the Jamestown College Heptathlon, Lisa Oliveras finished second overall and narrowly missed qualifying for Nationals.

The Vikings had an impressive showing at the DAC Championships, with five Vikings earning All-Conference honors. Richard Wright took first place in the 10,000m. Darren Moore won all three throwing events. Others to earn All-DAC titles included Philip Reuer (100m and 200m), Kinsly Tarmann (800m), and Amber Volanti (hammer, discus, and javelin). Moore and Volanti qualified for the NAIA nationals.

The highlight of the season came at the NAIA National Championships held in Marion, IN, where Moore became a national champion in the hammer throw with a toss of 60.89m (200 feet). With this accomplishment, Moore became only the second Viking to win a national championship in track & field (Gary Schafer won the marathon in 1989).

Moore also earned All-American honors in the shot put with a personal record throw of 17.35 meters (56'10") to finish fifth. With Moore's performances, the Viking men's track & field team finished 19th overall with 14 points. For the women, Amber Volanti made her own mark at the nationals in the javelin with her second best throw of the season (42.55 meters or 139'6") to finish ninth. ♦

Baseball: Team and individual honors

The Viking baseball team collected nine individual DAC and A.I.I. awards in 2012 and one Daktronics-NAIA Baseball Scholar Athlete award.

Ronnie Blagg (Jr, La Puente, CA) finished second in the DAC and the A.I.I. with an ERA of 2.31. Blagg received first team All-DAC honors and second team all A.I.I. He also was second on the Viking team in wins with four. Blagg walked only eight hitters while striking out 47.

Preston Jensen (Jr, Valley City, ND) also received first team All-DAC and second team All-A.I.I. His season was highlighted with a team leading batting average of .385 which was good for second in the DAC and fifth in the A.I.I. Jensen was also recognized as a second team DAC selection as a relief pitcher and earned the Daktronics NAIA Baseball Scholar Athlete award for the second straight year.

Other award winners for the Vikings were Brenden Shearer (Jr, INF, Winnipeg, MB), Kyle Skinner (Sr, INF, Seattle, WA), Ryan Shaw (Jr, P, Cardale, MB), Scott Stephenson (Jr, OF, Ontario, CA), who all received second team DAC recognition.

VCSU finished the season with a record of 12-33. ♦



Softball: A season of streaks



The 2012 softball season was one for the record books. It was the ultimate team performance by the Vikings. Although not one individual or team record was broken throughout the

season, the team posted 26 wins on the season, the second highest number of wins in Viking softball history.

The Vikings put together three streaks of at least four wins in a row including seven in a row in the last week of the season, and finished the year winning eight of their last 10 games. The Vikings also won three of four junior varsity games (JV games do not count on overall record).

Six seniors performed to a very high standard to lead a total team effort. Jane Pettit (Rushford, MN), Jen Shadlock (Brandon, MB), Katie McBride (Grand Rapids, MN) and Sara Gullickson (Spiritwood, ND) all finished the season with career highs in many statistical categories. Emma Nelson (Grand Rapids, MN) and Cyndi Figol (Brandon, MB) also finished their careers as Vikings posting high numbers and starting every game of the season.

VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

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2012 Fall Schedules



Viking Football

DATE	OPPONENT - HOME GAMES IN BOLD	TIME
Aug. 30	Morningside College (IA)	7:00PM
Sept. 8	Mayville State University	1:00 PM
Sept. 15	Dakota State University	4:00PM
Sept. 22	Jamestown College	1:00PM
Sept. 29	South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	1:00PM
Oct. 6	Mayville State University	1:00PM
Oct. 13	Gustavus Adolphus (MN)	1:00PM
Oct. 20	Jamestown College	1:00PM
Oct. 27	Lindenwood-Belleville (IL)	1:00 PM
Nov. 3	Robert Morris (IL)	1:00PM
Nov. 19	NAIA Playoffs-1st Round	TBA
Nov. 26	NAIA Quarterfinals	TBA
Dec. 3	NAIA Semifinals	TBA
Dec. 17	NAIA National Championship	TBA



Viking Cross Country

Dates of cross country meets are subject to change; check vikings.vcsu.edu/crosscountry for the latest updates.

DATE	NAME OF MEET	LOCATION
Aug. 31	VCSU Invitational	Valley City, ND
Sept. 8	St John's Invitational	Collegeville, MN
Sept. 14	Wiley Wilson Memorial Cross Country Meet	Burlington,ND/Wild Wood Golf Course/Host school Minot State University
Sept. 29	Roy Griak Invitational	University of Minnesota, Les Bolstad Golf Course
Oct. 5	Roe Granger Invitational	Northern State University, Aberdeen,SD
Oct. 12	Jimmie Invitational	Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
Oct. 20	Mount Marty Invitational	Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD
Nov. 3	Association of Independent Institutions Conference Championship/ NAIA National Qualifier	San Marcos, CA
Nov. 17	NAIA Cross Country Championships	Vancouver, WA

Women's Golf: Hinrichs takes DAC top individual golfer

Ashley Hinrichs, a junior from Harvey, ND had a terrific year and became the first All-Conference woman golfer since VCSU reestablished the program in 2009. Hinrichs finished in the top 10 of seven events. In five of those meets, she was in the top 5. That consistency helped her take the DAC top individual golfer (medalist).

Lacey Nelson had a slow start to the year but ended the season on top of her game. The freshman from Lidgerwood, ND shot her best two rounds of the year in the national qualifier, and she finished 12th in the DAC.

The golf team lost Mandi Bindas (Oxbow, ND) to graduation, but the program has four new signees for the 2012-2013 campaign. The team will look to continue its growth and compete regionally and nationally this fall and next spring. ♦

Pettit and McBride were designated A.I.I First Team All-Conference. Both also were chosen along with Figol and Adrianna Boychuk (Portage La Prairie, MB) to the DAC All-Conference team. Hayley Bevan (South Surrey, BC) was tabbed for her first DAC Gold Glove Award for her outfield defense.

As good as the Vikings were on the field, they were just as impressive in the classroom. Pettit, Gullickson, and Bevan were all designated as 2012 Daktronics-NAIA Academic Scholar Athletes, the highest academic award given to softball players that requires an overall grade point average of at least a 3.5. The Vikings also had 14 of 19 players make the DAC Scholar Athlete list, maintaining an overall GPA of a 3.25, and finished with a team 3.445 GPA in the 2012 Spring semester. ♦

Men's Golf: Second place in the DAC

The VCSU men's golf team once again enjoyed improved success in the third year of the program.

Taylor Henrickson (senior, Barnesville, MN) led the Vikings finishing third overall in the conference and also won three individual tournaments. Ryan Mehus (senior, Finley, ND) finished fourth overall in the conference. Ryan LeNoue (sophomore, Barnesville, MN) finished sixth overall in the conference. Matt Sorenson (junior, Valley City, ND) and Casey Colemer (sophomore, Gwinner, ND) rounded out the top five for the Vikings.

A big highlight for the Vikings in 2011-12 was winning the Dickinson State Invitational in April for their first tournament win since the program was reestablished three years ago. Taylor Henrickson and Ryan Mehus were also named All-Conference for their performances. ♦



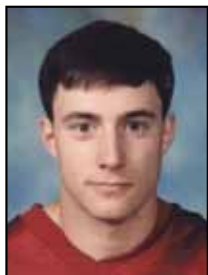


2012 Hall of Fame Inductees



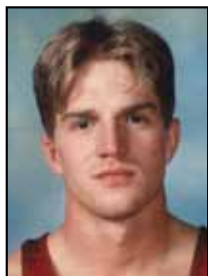
◀ Terry Anderson 1971 - 1973

Terry Anderson, who was a three year letter winner for the Vikings golf team, claimed NDCAC conference titles in 1971 and 1973. He was also First Team All-District and a medalist at the NAIA golf meet in 1971 where he shot a 71. Terry was instrumental in leading the Vikings to three consecutive conference championships.



◀ Mikah Boudreaux 1994 - 1996

Mikah Boudreaux was the 1996 Viking football team MVP. He also received First Team All-Conference honors during the 1994, 1995 and 1996 seasons, was a NAIA Scholar Athlete, and the 1995 Offensive Player of the Year. Mikah was instrumental in leading the 1996 Viking football team to a 9-1 record and a playoff berth.



◀ Kirk Zink 1994 - 1996

Kirk Zink was a very accomplished wrestler while competing for the Vikings. During the 1994 season, Zink reached the national finals and placed second. In the 1996 season, Zink placed seventh in the nation and helped the Vikings to an 8-1 dual record. Zink was also a NDCAC Conference Champion. The 1996 team placed ninth in the nation as a team, and Zink placed third that season making him a three time All-American.



◀ Trevor Bakalar 1995 - 1997

Trevor Bakalar was a 1995 and 1996 football All-American while playing for the Vikings. Trevor also received First Team All-Conference recognition during the 1995 and 1996 seasons. Trevor played a huge role contributing to the success of the 1996 football team that went on to a 9-1 season and a playoff berth. Trevor was also named the NDCAC Player of the Year; he was a 1997 Scholar Athlete and the 1995 Special Teams Player of the Year.



◀ Sarge Truesdall 1996 - 1998

Sarge Truesdall was a very accomplished football player and wrestler. In 1996 and 1997, Sarge was named to the NAIA All-American team in football, and was a First Team All-Conference selection. He was named Defensive Player of the Year and was part of the 1996 playoff team. In wrestling, Sarge was a three time All-American. In 1996, Sarge placed fourth in the nation, and during the 1997 and 1998 seasons, he reached the national finals placing second both seasons. During the 1998 season, Sarge was NDCAC most valuable graduating senior. The 1997 wrestling team placed ninth in the nation.



Viking Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT - HOME GAMES IN BOLD	TIME
Aug. 18	Waldorf College	12:00 PM
Aug. 18	Jamestown College	4:00 PM

Northwestern Classic - Orange City, IA

Aug. 24	Dordt College	2:30 PM
Aug. 24	Northwest College	8:30 PM
Aug. 25	Baker	11:00 AM
Aug. 25	Dakota Wesleyan University	1:00 PM

Aug. 31	Dickinson State University	7:00 PM
Sept. 4	Minot State University	7:00 PM

Corn Palace Classic (Dakota Wesleyan University) - Mitchell, SD

Sept. 7	Dakota Wesleyan University	10:00 AM
Sept. 7	St. Mary's (NE)	2:00 PM
Sept. 8	South Dakota School of Mines	8:00 AM
Sept. 8	Clarke University	2:00 PM

Sept. 11	Mayville State University	7:00 PM
Sept. 14	Trinity Bible College	4:00 PM
Sept. 14	Briercrest College	8:00 PM
Sept. 15	Bismarck State College	3:00 PM

Sept. 21	Dakota State University Tournament, Madison, SD	TBD
Sept. 21	Dakota State University Tournament, Madison, SD	TBD
Sept. 22	Dakota State University Tournament, Madison, SD	TBD
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Sept. 25	Minot State University	7:00 PM
Sept. 28	Jamestown College	7:00 PM
Sept. 30	Dakota Wesleyan University	3:00 PM
Oct. 4	Dickinson State University	7:00 PM
Oct. 6	Williston State College	12:00 PM
Oct. 6	Williston vs Presentation	2:00 PM
Oct. 6	Presentation College	4:00 PM
Oct. 9	Mayville State University	7:00 PM
Oct. 13	Presentation College	3:00 PM

Waldorf Tournament at Forest City, IA

Oct. 19	Mount Marty	8:00 PM
Oct. 20	Waldorf College	10:00 AM
Oct. 20	Buena Vista	11:30 AM

Oct. 23	Bismarck State College	7:00 PM
Oct. 26	Dakota State University at Jamestown	6:00 PM
Oct. 27	South Dakota School of Mines	4:00 PM
Oct. 30	Trinity Bible College	7:00 PM

1971-72-73 Golf teams ► Conference Championships

The 1971, 1972 and 1973 golf teams won three consecutive NDCAC golf titles, with Terry Anderson winning titles in 1971 and 1973. The 1971 team defeated defending champ Minot State by 16 strokes. The 1972 team trailed by three strokes on the first day but came back to win the tournament in great fashion the second day. Joe Vandrovec finished in second place. The 1973 team had three medalists in Terry Anderson, Joe Vandrovec and Jay Melland. ♦

1971 Team, L-R: Glen Schmitke, Jim Vandrovec, Hugh Welsh, Richard Colman, Terry Anderson, Joe Vandrovec.

1972 Team, L-R: Back row: Gary Schulz, Stan Johnson, Dan Langemo, Jay Nicholls. Front: Glen Schmitke, Jim Vandrovec, Joe Vandrovec, Terry Anderson.

1973 Team, L-R: Kneeling Jim Vandrovec, Joe Vandrovec. Standing: Jay Melland, Rich Livesay, Dan Langemo, Terry Anderson



1971



1972



1973

1996 Football team ► Conference Championships

The 1996 football team, coached by Steve Legrand, finished the season with a 9-1 record. During the season, the team defeated Jamestown College, Dakota State, Dakota Wesleyan, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Mayville State, Dickinson State, South Dakota Tech and Minot State. Seven players received first team All-Conference recognition (Gerald Urlaub, Mikah Boudreaux, Trevor Bakalar, Mark Pippin, Ray Reinhart, Sarge Truesdall and George Perich). The team lost a hard fought playoff game against Northwestern (IA) by a score of 14-7. ♦



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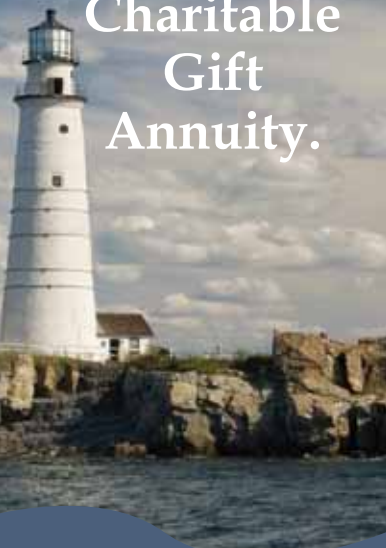
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Aug. 24-25	24 Hour Theatre Extravaganza	Vangstad	7:00 pm
Aug. 27-Sept. 28	Jennifer Wells & Andrea Moon Exhibition	VCSU Gallery	
Aug. 27	Auditions for Third and for Valley City: Comedy Tonight	Theatre 320	7:00 pm
Aug. 28	Call-backs for Third	Theatre 320	7:00 pm
Sept. 5	New York Kammermusika	Froemke	7:30 pm
Sept. 15	Annual Choir Rummage Sale	Foss Hall..9:00 am-1:00 pm	
Sept. 15	Valley Childrens' Choir Reunion Concert.....	Froemke	4:30 pm
Sept. 15	Music Hall of Fame	Valley City Town & Country Club.	6:00 pm
Sept. 24	Jorge Variego, Clarinet & Composition*	Froemke	7:30 pm
Sept. 27	Wells & Moon reception	VCSU Gallery	6:00-8:00 pm
Sept. 28	Wells & Moon lecture	McCarthy 356	7:00 pm
Oct. 1-12	NDUS Summit Student & Faculty Exhibition	VCSU Gallery, Allen Memorial Library & Student Center Skoal Room	
Oct. 4-6	Third, by Wasserstein.....	VCSU Campus	7:30 pm
Oct. 6	Third, by Wasserstein.....	VCSU Campus	2:00 pm
Oct. 5-6	Ployhar Honor Band Festival	Vangstad	
Oct. 6	Ployhar Honor Band Concert.....	Vangstad	4:00 pm
Oct. 11-12	Arts & Humanities Summit		
Oct. 13	Lydia Artymiw, Piano Recital*	Froemke	10:00 am
Oct. 13	Lydia Artymiw, Piano Masterclass.....	Froemke	1:30 pm
Oct. 19	Rick Walentine, Baritone & Jaime Namminga, Piano*	Froemke	7:30 pm
Oct. 20	Viking Visit Day & Music Scholarship Auditions		
Oct. 22	Garage Bands	Vangstad	7:30 pm
Oct. 22-Nov. 2	Penny Lam, Senior Exhibition.....	VCSU Gallery	
Oct. 26-27	MTNA/NDMTA Competitions	Foss Hall	
Oct. 29	Penny Lam Presentation	McCarthy 356	7:00 pm
Oct. 29	General Student Recital	Froemke	7:30 pm
Nov. 1-3	Valley City: Comedy Tonight II.....	Theatre 320.....	7:30 pm
Nov. 2	Penny Lam, Reception	VCSU Gallery	6:00-7:30 pm
Nov. 3	Concert Band & Jazz Ensemble*	Vangstad	3:00 pm
Nov. 5-21	Stephani Steffen, Senior Exhibition	VCSU Gallery	
Nov. 5	Stephani Steffen presentation.....	McCarthy 356	7:00 pm
Nov. 13	Barnes County Music Festival	Vangstad	7:00 pm
Nov. 16	José Gómez, Clarinet & Chamber Ensembles*	Froemke	7:30 pm
Nov. 17	Viking Visit Day & Music Scholarship Auditions		
Nov. 17	Kirci Wagner, Soprano	Froemke	7:30 pm
Nov. 20	Stephani Steffen, Reception	VCSU Gallery	7:00-8:30 pm
Nov. 26-Dec. 7	Fall Semester Student Exhibition.....	VCSU Gallery	
Nov. 26	Auditions for Tartuffe	Theatre 320.....	7:00 pm
Nov. 26	General Student Recital	Froemke	7:30 pm
Nov. 27	Call-backs for Tartuffe	Vangstad	7:00 pm
Nov. 29	East Region Instrumental Music Contest		
Nov. 29	Christmas at St. Catherine's***		7:30 pm
Dec. 1	Concert Band & Jazz Ensemble*	Vangstad	3:00 pm
Dec. 1	Valley City & Jamestown Orchestras; Valley Voices, Valley Childrens' Choir***	Vangstad	7:30 pm
Dec. 7	Fall Semester Student Exhibition Reception.....	VCSU Gallery	5:00-6:30 pm
Dec. 8	EBC Christmas Hit Parade.....	Vangstad	7:30 pm
Dec. 9	CSA Recitals	Froemke ..	2:00 pm; 4:00 pm
Dec. 10	Garage Bands	Vangstad	4:00 pm
Dec. 11	Courthouse Carol Sing; Valley Voices, Valley Childrens' Choir	Courthouse	7:30 pm

***Fee Concerts: \$5.00 Adult Admission Charge; Students/Children Free
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North Dakota University System's Arts & Humanities Summit

October 11-12, 2012 ♦ Valley City State University

Faculty, students, and community members from across the state will come to the VCSU campus to attend the North Dakota University System's 2012 Arts and Humanities Summit. This biennial event showcases a wide variety of talent from throughout the state including musical performances, visual arts, readings, and scholarly work.

"This is the single most important event focusing on the arts and humanities in the state," said Steve Shirley, VCSU president. "We are honored to be selected to host this exciting event and look forward to bringing together some of the greatest talent in the region."

A special guest of the Summit this year will be Joy Harjo, a member of the Mvskoke Nation and the author of many books. Her most recent is the young adult novel, *For a Girl Becoming*. She is also a musician, and won the 2009 Native American Music Award for Best Female Artist of the Year. She has released four award winning CDs – her most recent, *Red Dreams, A Trail Beyond Tears*, is a traditional flute album. Her participation in the Summit will include a live performance at 7:00 pm on October 11 and a reading at 10:00 am on October 12.

Proposals are currently being accepted for discussion panels, presentations, readings, concerts, performances, and exhibitions. The Call for Proposals and additional information, including a more detailed agenda, registration materials, and lodging information, is available at www.vcsu.edu/NDUSAHS. All events are open to the public. ♦

Music Hall of Fame- Banquet

SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

Valley City Town & Country Club

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Dinner

INDUCTEES:

Gloria Peterson (in memoriam)

William Lydell ('55)

TICKETS: \$30

Payment must be received by September 7.

Tickets will not be available at the door.

Contact Paula Larson:

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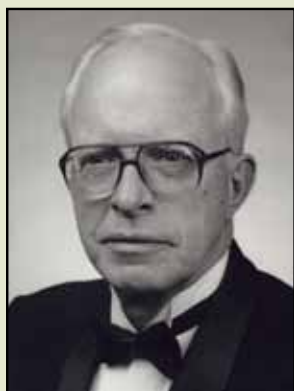
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Nominations for 2014 Hall of Fame Awards Encouraged!

**Alumni may contact the Department of
Music for more information.**

Bill Lydell '55 and Gloria Peterson to be inducted into the Music Hall of Fame

Jazz pianist William Lydell, of Minneapolis, MN, and Gloria Peterson, will be inducted into the VCSU Music Hall of Fame during a ceremony being held September 15, 2012, at the Valley City Town & Country Club.



Lydell, a loyal alumnus of VCSU, holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education and English from VCSU; and a Master of Music (Piano) from the University of Michigan. He was born in Mercy Hospital in Valley City while his father was employed as a member of the music faculty at the University. His extensive musical background includes over 30 years as a public school music teacher in Minneapolis, 15 years as a church organist and choir director, and professional experience as a jazz pianist

in clubs and on cruise ships. He has served as clinician and adjudicator for music festivals and contests through the upper Midwest and Arizona, and as music editor for Schmitt, Hall, and McCreary Publishing. He is perhaps best known as a composer and arranger, and to North Dakota audiences, for his performances with Lawrence Welk.



Gloria Peterson had a long and distinguished career in the field of music education, culminating with a 32-year term as a music professor at Valley City State University. Born and raised in Turtle Lake, ND, she earned music degrees from Concordia College and the University of North Dakota, teaching music for five years in the Hatton Public School along the way. In 1963, she was appointed instructor of Music Education at VCSU, eventually reaching the rank of associate professor. She taught music education

courses, music theory, ear-training, and supervised student teachers. She served as the Music Department chair at the University from 1986 until the time of her death in February 1995. In addition to her teaching duties, she organized the college Handbell Choir, coordinated annual Christmas madrigal dinners, oversaw production of performances of Handel's *Messiah*, and J. S. Bach's *Magnificat in D*.

In the words of a former student, she "epitomized the quality of teacher for which Valley City State has always been famous." ♦

In Remembrance

Russell A. Lee '42, Cokato, MN
 Rolandis McComb '40, West Fargo
 Pearl (Johnson) Oehlke '42, Enderlin
 Florence A. (Liska) Halvorson '34, Phoenix, AZ
 Myrtle (Christensen) Nelson '63, Fargo
 Russell Janssen, Wyndmere
 Noella Utgaard, Mesa, AZ
 Vance Cink '72, Mesa, AZ
 Marion Ness '42, Jamestown
 Doris Eller '42, Los Angeles
 Dolly (Wilkins) Peterson '49, Davidson, NC
 Evelyn (Rohde) Thomsen '64, Fargo
 Jean (Lies) Kappel '52, Fargo
 Sharon (Aukland) Lerud, Valley City
 Inez (Myer) Haugland, Valley City
 Freda (Mellin) Pedersen, Crookston, MN
 Jerome (Jerry) Furuseth, Mesa, AZ
 Annabel (Favorit) Hill '77, Fargo
 Kenneth Kohler Sr., Valley City
 Phyllis (Berg) Kramer, Valley City
 Harriet L. Halvorson '54, Valley City
 Laura M. (Formo) Stahl '33, Grand Forks
 Arnold K. Peterson '57, Fargo
 Rachel (Birkeland) McNett '77, New Rockford
 Curtis Lee, Jamestown
 Dolores (Wilke) Henninger '42, Forman
 Mary (Bon) Subart '50

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Dr. Charles Walker, Manhattan, KS

Vikings on the Move

1940's

Loren Law '42 spends his winters in Riviera Beach, FL and his summers in Minneapolis, MN. He is 95 years old and proud of VCSU.

Eunice (Pera) Hafemeister '48 is still healthy and active. She enjoyed a Caribbean cruise which was a welcome getaway from the Minnesota winter.

1950's

Helen (Brown) Ryder '50 is enjoying doing watercolors and collages in her art studio. She is a member in a co-op art gallery, Penn Cove Gallery in Coupeville, WA. She enjoys her annual trip to southern California where she visits with friends and enjoys warmer weather. Helen has had two knee replacements and both knees work fairly well. Her husband, Charlie, is also a retired teacher. They have two daughters, Tena - employed in education, and Lisa - a P.A. at Stanford Medical Clinic.

Donald Frost '50 and his wife, Joanne, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary June 1, 2012 and are enjoying retirement. They have traveled to many countries through the Grand Circle Tours and enjoy their grandchildren's ballgames and activities.

Jens Jorgensen '51 and his wife, Anne, spend 9 months in Fort Myers, FL, and 3 months in the Twin Cities. They like not having to fight the cold and snow. Jens worked for 3M for 31 years and retired in 1993. P.S. His chemistry teacher was Dusty Rhoades.

Gunnar '51 and Ruth (Moellenkamp) '52 Fog celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in January of 2012! Their three children and 10 grandchildren were all able to attend the celebration.

Ruth (Saar) McMillan '52 lives in Arizona in the winter months and Jamestown in the summer months. She enjoys reading news of Valley City and of VCSU.

Mitzi (Book) Thomas '56 is enjoying retirement and grandchildren.

1960's

Mark Motis '61 spent the past year serving as the North Dakota Grand Chaplin for the Masons of North Dakota. His legion Post 86 offers the public a breakfast every 4th Sunday. As the Minnewaukan City Council president and mayor, Mark has been very busy putting together the necessary items and paperwork to move the town and build two new schools due to the rapidly expanding Devils Lake.

Dick '61 and Marj (Smith) '60 Stiles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 13, 2011. Their three children (Todd, Carrie and Doyle) and five grandchildren all live nearby. Marj still substitute teaches at schools in Estacada, OR, and spends several weeks in Palm Springs while Dick stays home and feeds his bird dogs and goes to all the athletic events of his grandchildren. They live in Estacada, OR, where Dick has been a very successful coach, and his teams have earned state championships in track. Dick was also selected to coach at the Shrine Football game.

Don '63 and Marilyn '60 (Knutson) Wilke celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2, 2012.

John '66 and Verna (Triebold) Manstrom '66 are retired and enjoy traveling and spending time with their family. John was in the navy for eight years and worked for Delta Airlines for 30 years. Verna taught school in San Diego, CA and in Georgia. Later she co-owned a bookstore.

Janet Schultz '66 is enjoying retirement. This July, she will complete 30 years as a Toastmaster (Second Crossing Toastmaster Charter Member). She still enjoys photography, antiques and spending time with family and friends.

Kathy Crandall '67 will retire after 39 years of teaching, 17 years in ND and 22 years in AZ. She has returned to being a foster parent, looks forward to new happenings in her life, and hopes to do some traveling.

Diane (Miller) Kouba '68 is retired and now spends her time as a Minnesota Zoo volunteer and representative to the zoo volunteer board that meets with zoo staff to improve the Zoo. She is also the president of New Sociables which boasts a membership of 169 ladies that help in their community south of the Minnesota River. Diane and her husband, Larry, have two grandsons ages 2 and 6.

1970's

Paul Hentges '70 retired from teaching and coaching in Atwater, MN, in 2004. He and his wife, Patty, are enjoying their 11 grandchildren and have one more on the way. Paul wrote, "When someone asks, 'How do you like retirement?' my answer is, 'Living the dream and that couldn't have happened without the four great years I had at VCSU!'"

Dan Schlecht '72 has retired after 38 years of teaching junior high and high school science in Parker, AZ. He coached football for 25 years and was

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a Fulbright Exchange Teacher in Bradlington, England for the 1984-85 school year. Dan and his wife, Marion, have been married for 42 years and their two children and grandchildren all reside in Parker.

Sally (Sprunk) Frantz '73 is employed in the accounting department at Farmers Pride, a locally owned poultry business in Fredericksburg, PA. She enjoys her four grandchildren. Sally plays the organ for several churches in Lebanon, PA, has a small garden, likes counted cross-stitch crafts, and also leads a womens group at her church.

Carol (Prodzinski) Lees '74 has been the office manager for Creative Energy in Jamestown for the past 23 years. Carol and her husband, Joel, live on a farm near Buchanan, ND. They have three children and five grandchildren.

1980's

Kari Presler '84 and her husband, Paul, live in Mandan, ND. Kari has worked for the NDSU Extension Service for 20 years as an administrative assistant. Their daughter, Kirsten, is 16 and is a sophomore at Mandan High School. Life is busy with work, school activities, 4-H and their daughter's music functions.

Meggen (Zinke) Henke '85 is the office manager for the Foundation for Advancement of Christian Education in Jamestown. Meggen and her husband, Randall, have two children, Logan, a 6th grader, and Erin, a kindergartner. Both children attend St. John's Academy and keep their parents very busy.

Lorrie (Kirsch) Milford '87 is happily retired in McAllister, Montana.

Bill '87 and Michele (Bischoff) '86 Trader will be completing their 25th year of work at the IRS in July. Bill is currently a team manager in the Large Business & International Division while Michele is a revenue agent in the Small Business & Self-Employed Division. They continue to follow their children, Jennifer (15) and Matthew (10) throughout their sports seasons. Jennifer is a sophomore at Grand Forks Red River while Matthew is a 4th grader at Century Elementary.

Kay (Schlecht) Albrecht '88 and her husband, Rick, still live northeast of Wimbledon where Rick farms and Kay teaches kindergarten for the Barnes County North School District. They have three children; **Brandon Albrecht '06** (28), Travis (25) and Emily (18). Brandon married Jessie Bartz and they have two children; Chase (3) and Quinn (1).

Mary Halvorson '89 is currently in her 23rd year of teaching. She spent 12 years teaching 1st grade in Carrington, ND. The past 11 years she has been in Valley City teaching 2nd grade and Title I at Jefferson Elementary. She spends her summer months working part time at Bank Forward in the crop insurance department.

1990's

Judy Cochran '91 retired from teaching and is busy with her grandchildren, getting them for hockey in the winter and ball in the summer. She still finds time to go to their northern cabin and go walleye fishing.

Kevin Trotter '98 was recently promoted to the position of case manager at the Federal Correctional Institution Mendota, CA.

2000's



▲ **Brady '02 and Jill (Legge) '02 Swenson** have been married for 9 years and have two children, Drew, age 5½, and Tanna age 3. Jill has been working as a System Administrator for The Forum for the past 10 years and Brady has been working in IT with Professional Advantage for the past five years. They live in West Fargo and recently moved into the house they built in the spring of 2011.



▲ **Kurt '06 and Jamie (Huelsenman) '07 Ziebarth** moved from Duluth, MN, to Turtle Lake, ND last summer. They are glad to be closer to family. In May 2011, Jamie graduated from pharmacy school and in June 2011, she passed her board exams. She is employed at Turtle Lake Rexall Drug. Kurt teaches 5th grade and is the assistant varsity football coach for the Central McLean Cougars which made it to the 2011 state quarterfinals.

Andrew Hager '10 was recently hired as a lab manager in two reserach laboroatories at UCLA. The labs are working on synthesizing new fossil fuels and creating medical materials. This is a new position and Andrew says he will have his work cut out for him as he gets the lab organized, creates an inventory, and gets a handle on the mechanics of the lab. ♦

Les Wong named president of San Francisco State



The Board of Trustees of California State University has named Les Wong the president of San Francisco State University. Dr. Wong served as the vice president of academic affairs at VCSU from 1999 to 2004.

Since 2004, Dr. Wong has served as president of Northern Michigan University, in Marquette, with an enrollment of approximately 10,000 students. He spearheaded a number of initiatives during his tenure at NMU including improved academic quality; developed a comprehensive strategic plan for the university; secured funding for the construction of a new academic building; dramatically increased fundraising and grants, and integrated technology throughout the campus.

His wife, Phyllis, also made substantial contributions to VCSU, helping develop VCSU faculty's expectations regarding interactive engagement in the online environment. Dr. Wong is expected to begin his responsibilities in August. ♦

milestones...

Valerie Sannes and **Jackson Sussex '08** were married May 19, 2012 in Wahpeton, ND. Valerie played basketball for UND from 2003-2008 and now works for the womens basketball program as an Assistant Coach/Director of Operations. Jackson played basketball at VCSU from 2003-2007 and majored in Business Administration; he is currently working as the Assistant Manager for Wells Fargo. The couple purchased a home and live in Grand Forks.



Adam Watterson '04 and his wife, Jess, were blessed with another son, Sloan Patric, on March 28, 2012. Sloan joins big brother, Lane Matthew (2). The family lives in Fargo where Adam has worked as an inside sales rep at McNeilus Steele Inc. for the last 7 years. Jess has been at Sanford Hospital for the last 5 years as a radiology tech and is starting her 12th year in the Air National Guard.



David Fiebiger '00 and his wife, Brittany, are the parents of four daughters; Molly is 3 years old, the twins, Katie and Macy are 2 years old and the newest daughter is Paige, 4 months old. They are also the granddaughters of Lonnie and Theresa (Clauson) '71 Fiebiger.



Derrick Rogers '08 and his wife Nicole welcomed their daughter, Graecyn, on February 15, 2012. The family lives in Valley City and Derrick is currently a bank teller at First State Bank of North Dakota in Buffalo and Nicole is in her fourth year at Eagle Creek Software Services.



Chad Larson '05 and Paula Malone were married on May 12, 2012.



Molly (Schultz) Terveen '08 and her husband, Joe, are the proud parents of Tenley May Terveen born December 12, 2011. Tenley weighed 9 lbs 2 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long. Molly teaches in Kenmare, ND, and Joe is a supply sergeant with the ND Army National Guard.

Weddings

Jenni Crom '07
& Pete Egstad May 19, 2012

Christine Gilbertson '12
& Kellan Borchert June 2, 2012

Kallie Van Hal '11
& Rick Gruman '09 June 29, 2012

Ashton Ulmer '11
& Ethan Rode July 7, 2012



Tiffany (Christiansen) Ziegler '10 and her husband, Denny, are the proud parents of Bryce Christian Ziegler born April 10, 2012 weighing 8 lbs 6 oz and was 21 inches long. Her grandparents are **Todd '83 and Tres (Pritchard) '80 Christiansen**.

Krista (Abel) Amann '04 is a 2nd grade teacher with the Barnes County North School District. Her husband, Kody, is self employed in farming and ranching. The couple resides in Rogers, ND, with their 3 children; Parker (5), Addison (4) and Camden (2 months).



Tara (Triebold) Praska '05 and her husband Jay Praska welcomed their third son, Samuel Francis Praska on May 15, 2012. He was 7 pounds 8 ounces and 20.5" long. Samuel joins big brothers Luke, 4 years and Elijah, 20 months. The Praskas live in Valley City, and Tara is the graphic designer and manager of the FMC at VCSU.

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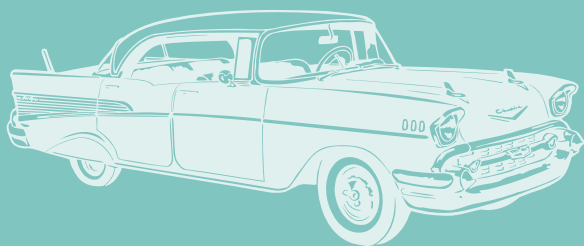
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1975 Donna (Dawes) Flemmer
1975 Carole (Olson) Gates
1975 Larry Hanson
1975 Michael Hellman
1975 Edna Olson
1975 Monica (Stenseth) Sabo
1975 Gail Wagner
1976 Cynthia Abraham
1976 Carlos Alvarez
1976 Vernon Engblom
1976 Helen (Feist) Gassmann
1976 Lynda (Carlson) Goggin
1976 Judy Hoyt
1976 Judith Kaiser
1976 David Lloyd
1976 Koreen Schlecht
1976 John Thomas
1976 Adeline Thorne

1976 David Tischer
1977 Larry Abdallah
1977 Connell Dillard
1977 Archie Gillis
1977 Tatsuya Saji
1978 Brenda Anderson
1978 Kathryn (Eddy) Roth
1978 Nancy (Bodiford) Smith
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1979 Luanne (Rubbert) Liebl
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1983 Diane (Obenchain) Trevino
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1984 Brian Neuhardt
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1984 Brian Samdahl
1984 Evelyn (Laube) Youle

1985 Roger Kvien
1985 Ronald Reardon
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1986 Marc Davis
1986 Janette Erickson
1986 Shannon Rose
1987 Douglas Anderson
1987 Todd Goolsbey
1987 Paul Kronebusch
1987 Theresa (Baker) Marcellais
1987 LeRoy Robinson
1987 Elizabeth Schmitt
1988 Lee Finnson
1988 Susan Larson
1988 Darwin St. Clair
1988 Julie Ulrich
1989 Samuel Payne



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Back to the 50's

18th Annual Scholarship Auction



The 18th annual VCSU Scholarship Auction was held on Friday, April 20 at the Valley City Eagles Club. The auction committee took a trip back in time and decked out the Valley City Eagles 50's style. Attendees were encouraged to come dressed in keeping with the theme, and you can tell by the photo collage just how creative the attendees were!

Kim Hesch, assistant director of Advancement at VCSU, said, "The scholarship auction is our single biggest event in terms of generating scholarship dollars, and it has become the social event of the season."

The evening started with a social hour and silent auction followed by a buffet dinner and 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.

According to Hesch, "We brought the "Mystery Wine" table back this year which featured bottles of wine that were boxed to hide their identity. Each of the bottles had a minimum value of \$20 and were available to attendees to choose from for \$20 each. This was an opportunity for attendees to get a deal on some great wine!"

Scholarships are vital to VCSU's success and all proceeds from the auction went directly to V-500 and Century Club scholarships. The event raised over \$65,000, surpassing the goal of \$60,000. Over 540 people attended the event.

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 the generosity of these folks. ♦





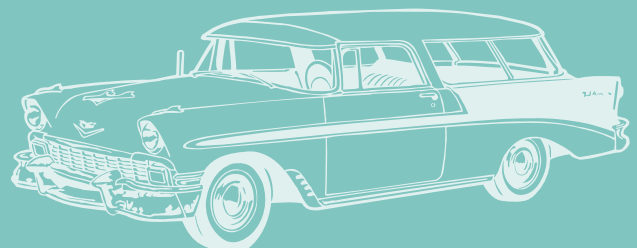
Scholarship Auction Goes Back in Time to the 50's

- 1) Dick Gulmon, George Berger '75, and Jack Denholm.
- 2) Toyin Oladosu '12, Loree (Meyer) Morehouse '89, Kayla Hoots, and Kari Stricklin '92.
- 3) Tres '80 (Pritchard) and Todd '83 Christiansen and Jim & Lenora Ziembra.
- 4) Jenny and Marty Costello.
- 5) Katie Sather and Sabrina Heywood '11.
- 6) Charlene (Stromsodt) '83 and Dean Stenson.
- 7) VCSU Scholarship recipients helped out during the auction. Back Row (l to r): Tommy Zinke (Rolla), Jill Noeske (Valley City), Courtney Titus (Hankinson), Jenna Guttormson '12 (Hendrum), Katelyn Ralston (Dahlen), Hayley Bevan (Surrey, British Columbia, Canada), Hilary Kulczewski (Windsor, CA), Kayla Jilek '12 (Dickinson), and Dillan Ostrom (Finley).
Front Row (l to r): Mardee Lander '12 (Rouleau, Sask. Canada), Garrett Jackson (Fairbanks, AK), Kyle Varberg '12 (Valley City), and Toyin Oladosu '12 (Lagos, Nigeria).
- 8) Nicole Swenson '05, Mary Bostrom, Randy (Tompt) Buttke '06, and Jenny (Callahan) Enger '06.
- 9) Aarika Thornton, Jill (Henningsgard) Taylor '92, Becky (Conlon) Ukestad '78, Deb (Gruman) Burchill '98, Randy (Tompt) Buttke '06 and Tara (Erdmann) Glandt '05.
- 10) William '03 & Bridget (O'Brien) Blunck '05.
- 11) Sheryl and Rudy Hanson '66.



SAVE THE DATE:
The 2013 Scholarship Auction
will be held on
Friday, April 29, 2013
Put it on your calendar and
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