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V-500 Brings Quality Student to VCSU

Jacob Johnson is a freshman here at Valley City State University. A native of Milnor, N.D., Jacob graduated in a class of 21, one of Milnor High School's largest classes. An avid hunter and trapper, he knew he was destined to stay in North Dakota. Jacob said of his high school experience, "I played a few sports but quit at an early age to make more time for trapping. It wasn't a difficult decision for me to choose my major of fisheries and wildlife management." Ironically, Jacob's first encounter with VCSU was at a college fair in Oakes, N.D., where I met him for the first time. That's where he received initial information about the VCSU fisheries and wildlife program.

"I chose to pursue the program at VCSU for a few reasons," said Jacob. My mother went to school here, it's close to home, my major at VCSU has a great reputation, and the V-500 scholarship made the tuition more affordable."

Upon receiving the V-500 Scholarship, Jacob was notified that his scholarship was sponsored by Bob and Bonnie Burchill, Valley City. They were able to meet each other at the V-500 Recognition Banquet in December. Said Jacob, "I was glad to be able to thank them for supporting the program and my scholarship at VCSU."

Jacob currently holds a 4.0 GPA and was on the President's Honor Roll his first semester here at VCSU. He's involved in CRU/FCA, intramural basketball, Fisheries & Wildlife Conservation Club, Barnes County Wildlife Federation, and Ducks Unlimited. He humbly added that he also placed fourth in the Barnes County Wildlife's Big Buck contest this past fall.

When I asked what his dream job would be, Jacob replied, "I definitely want to stay in North Dakota and work for Upland Game & Habitat Management to increase the numbers of species like ring-necked pheasants and sharp-tailed grouse."

Jacob is a great representative of the type of student the V-500 program is designed to bring to VCSU. He has a bright career ahead of him, and he is already involved in his community. Quality students like Jacob are on the campus of Valley City State University because of the donors and volunteers of this important scholarship program. If you are a part of this program, you can be proud of Jacob and know that you played a part in this young man's education and promising career.



Alison Kasowski
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Thank you for your support!

“As a child, I was taught that if I worked hard and kept my grades up, I would be able to go to a good college at a fairly reasonable cost. For many years, I had a strong belief that this would be the case. However, upon entering my senior year, I was made painfully aware of the fact that not everyone would be able to live out my childhood dream. The V-500 scholarship makes it possible for me, and others like me, to live out that dream, and it reinforces that hard work and good grades really do pay off. I wish to thank all those that are responsible for the funding and promoting of the V-500 scholarship, your aid to students in their quest to reach their full potential is, and will always be, greatly appreciated.”



Jessica Gylden
Valley City, N.D.

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V-500 Recognition Banquet



Lifetime Giving Milestones

First row: Helen Metcalf, Carole Flatau, LouVay White, Marcella Richman, Sharon McCarriar, Lynnette Karges, Dean Karges **Middle row:** Ralph Metcalf, Darlene Mueller, Linda Lane, Penny Zaun, Sharon Anundson, Dennis Anundson, Ross Powell, Dr. Steve Shirley **Back row:** Mike Morehouse (Star Enterprises, Inc), Rob Mients (Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co), Phil Mueller, Dennis Hoye, Larry Zaun, Ken Astrup (Dakota Plains Coop), Hilde van Hijssel, Brian Fogarty (AgCountry), Joe Beckstrand (Valley Plains Equipment)



New and Renewed Pledges

Front row: Loni Trapp, Connie Retterath, Pat Nielson, Jessica Trautman, Bev Enger, Hilde van Hijssel, LouVay White **Back row:** Luke Trapp, Gary Retterath, Jen Pedersen, Matt Pedersen, Nadja Johnson (PEO Chapter Z), Don Enger, Jim Knutson, Carol Knutson



Cash Gifts

Front row: Helen Metcalf, LouVay White, Carole Flatau, Marcella Richman, Sharon McCarriar, Kathy Schlotman (Sharon Clancy Estate), Lynette Karges **Back row:** Rob Mients (Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co), Ralph Metcalf, Phil Mueller, Darlene Mueller, Dennis Hoye, Linda Lane, Harvey Hochhalter (Kiwanis), Penny Zaun, Larry Zaun, Sharon Anundson, Ken Astrup (Dakota Plains Coop), Dennis Anundson, Hilde van Hijssel, Ross Powell (Wells Fargo), Paige Bjornson (Dacotah Bank), Brian Fogarty (AgCountry), Dean Karges, Joe Beckstrand (Valley Plains Equipment), John Clancy (Sharon Clancy Estate)



Shown l to r: Larry Robinson, VCSU director of advancement, Dean Pedersen, Alison Kasowski, VCSU asst director of annual giving, VCSU President Steve Shirley.

Dean Pedersen Receives V-500 Volunteer of the Year Award

Dean Pedersen was the first and second recipient of the recently established (2012) 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 of Directors for over 10 years and in that time has single-handedly raised shy of \$200,000 for the V-500 Scholarship Program.

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

The Power of Giving

We live in a world where there is much to be excited about. For the most part, we have a good quality of life, nice homes, health care, good jobs, great neighbors, good schools, and a clean environment. It is also important to remind ourselves from time to time that there is much sadness in this world, but there are also unlimited ways to make a positive difference. One easy way to make a difference is to give of your time, talent or treasure. Without question, you gain tremendous benefits from giving. Among these benefits are new friends, a feeling of security, better health, happiness, and a sense of pride. You are at your best when you make a difference and contribute. Passion for a worthwhile cause helps you tap into your creativity. An individual only needs so much to be happy. Therefore, to live to your potential and create abundance, you need to do something larger than yourself, thus the need to give.



Larry Robinson
Executive Director of Advancement

You are a conduit-the more you allow giving to flow through you, the more abundance flows back into your life. The more you give, the more you receive. Needless to say, giving is a beautiful experience. It has been said that we spend our whole life accumulating wealth only to realize that the real joy is in giving it away. On behalf of all of us at the VCSU Foundation Office, thank you for giving and thank you for your continued support of V-500.



V-500 Membership Application 2013-14

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Email _____

Annual Commitment:

- \$250 per year for 4 years
- \$625 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$2,500 scholarship
- \$375 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$1,500 scholarship
- \$1,250 per year for 4 years
Sponsor a \$5,000 scholarship
- Other (Please specify: _____)

Payment Frequency:

- Annual
- Quarterly
- Semi-Annual
- Monthly

If you would like to make your payment during a specific month, please list:

Method of Payment:

- Check:** Payable to VCSU Foundation/V-500
- Credit Card:** MasterCard Visa Discover Check here to automatically charge this credit card when payments are due.

Card #: _____ Signature on Account _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Validation Code _____

- Automatic Withdrawal:** Enclose voided check.

I authorize the VCSU Foundation/V-500 to withdraw \$ _____ on the 15th of the month to begin in _____

Signature on Account Date



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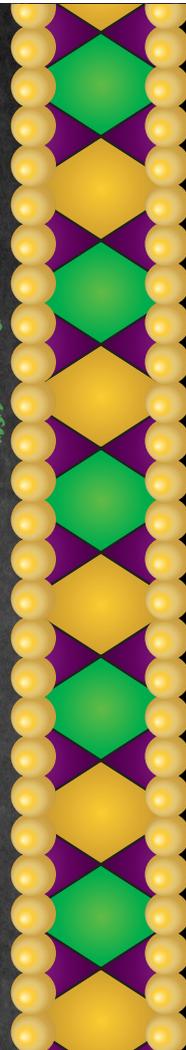


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 Dinner

7:00 pm.
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