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V-500 Elects New Officers

The 2012-2013 V-500 Officers are Katie Sather, President (right) and Jenny Enger, Vice-President (left).



Jamestown Implement Sponsors V-500 Scholarship Recipient

Jessica Hager is a freshman from Pembina, ND. She is attending Valley City State University as a Health Science major and hopes to attend medical school after completing her undergraduate work at VCSU. Jessica was offered a V-500 scholarship when she showed interest in VCSU her senior year, and when she arrived this fall, she was notified that her V-500 scholarship had been made possible by Jamestown Implement. Jessica jumped at the opportunity to meet her scholarship's sponsor. At the end of September, Jessica visited Jamestown Implement to thank them in person. "Knowing who sponsored my scholarship makes receiving the scholarship even more exciting and personal." says Jessica. "Everyone at Jamestown Implement was very welcoming, and I am very thankful to them for making my V-500 scholarship possible. This scholarship was one of the factors that influenced my decision to attend VCSU, and it has been a wonderful fit for me."

Jamestown Implement has been a long-time supporter of the V-500 Scholarship Program, and they welcomed the chance to personally sponsor a student's V-500 scholarship when they learned of the new sponsorship opportunities. Jamestown Implement's Valley City location manager, Joe Beckstrand, expresses "As a company, we feel education is a great investment, and are happy to support our local college in this way." Jamestown Implement and Jessica will have another opportunity to meet, when they both receive complimentary tickets to the V-500 Recognition Banquet on December 8th.

Alison Kasowski, Assistant Director of Annual Giving at VCSU explains, "Anyone can sponsor a V-500 scholarship. If you want to make your gift to V-500 even more personal, the sponsorship program is a great way to see the impact of your generosity."



Jamestown Implement's Valley City location manager, Joe Beckstrand, meets the recipient of the V-500 scholarship sponsored by Jamestown Implement.



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The Impact of Your Gift

The impact of your gift is best conveyed through the stories of our recipients.



"The V-500 scholarship means a lot to me because although I did not participate in sports in high-school to get scholarships, I still got awarded for my effort that I put forth in the area of academics. It is a feels great to be recognized for the work that I did and it gives me the motivation to keep up the good work in college."

~Ashten Edinger, Valley City, ND



"The V-500 scholarship meant so much to me, because I have a single mother who raises three children. So, the money is very tight, and any chance at a scholarship I could get, I would take. This scholarship was a very easy way for me to get a good sized scholarship to take care of some of my college expenses."

~Bailey Goolsbey, Milnor, ND

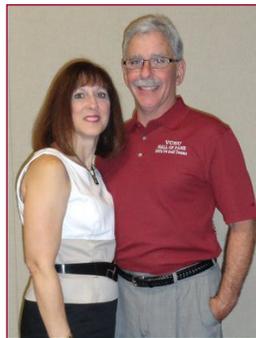
1st Annual VCSU Rendezvous is a Success!

The VCSU Rendezvous was held Friday, October 19th at the Eagles Club in Valley City. The sold-out event was emceed by comedian, Jeff Blanchard and headlined by The River Rats Dueling Pianos. Harrison Weber, a V-500 scholarship recipient and senior at VCSU, spoke to the audience on what the scholarship meant to him and how important the program is to the University and community. Weber emphasized, "This program greatly aided in my decision in coming to VCSU. While in my senior year of high school, I was recruited to numerous schools for basketball—many of which offered me scholarships. But it was VCSU that caught my eye. Valley City State and their offer was something I couldn't refuse. The V-500 scholarship that I received was definitely a deciding factor when making my decision. And I couldn't be any happier in choosing VCSU." The event was made possible with the sponsorship by Bank Forward, Invest Forward and Insure Forward. The Rendezvous generated over \$6,000 for V-500 scholarships. The V-500 Board of Directors is already making plans for the 2nd Annual VCSU Rendezvous.



Alumni Leaving Their Legacy

The Legacy Society was created to allow longtime supporters of the V-500 Scholarship Program, or other funds in the VCSU Foundation, to continue their support long after their passing. When enlisting in the Legacy Society, your gift becomes a "gift that keeps on giving". The students of tomorrow will benefit from your action today. Gifts can come in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, life insurance, or a flat percentage of your estate. More often than not, there are attractive tax benefits associated with such a bequest.



Jim '74 and RaeAnn (Rolshoven) Vandrovec '75 have made the decision to join the Legacy Society. "Jim and I are pleased to be part of the Legacy Society. We have great memories of meeting at VCSU and attending college activities, while learning from wonderful and caring instructors."

For further information on leaving a Legacy gift to the V-500 Scholarship Program, contact the VCSU Foundation office at 1-800-532-8641 or email Larry Robinson at larry.robinson@vcsu.edu. We advise our alumni and friends to consult with their tax attorney or accountant to determine the benefits of making a gift to the VCSU Foundation/V-500 Scholarship Program.

V-500 Recognition Banquet Scheduled for December 8th

The V-500 Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at 5:30pm in the newly-remodeled VCSU Cafeteria. All V-500 donors will be invited to attend the celebratory banquet and this year, all V-500 donors who have given or pledged to give at least \$200 since last year's banquet will receive two complimentary tickets to the banquet. The V-500 Banquet is a wonderful time to recognize all donors, especially our new and renewed members. Those who have reached a lifetime giving milestone also receive special recognition.

If you are not a current member, you can receive complimentary tickets by joining V-500 before Friday, November 23rd. If you are a V-500 member, expect to receive your invitation the last week of November. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Following the meal and banquet, you are invited to Vangstad Auditorium where you'll have reserved seats for the EBC's "We're in the Christmas Mood" show. This is a heart-warming evening that will inevitably get you in the Christmas mood!



Large or Small...All Gifts Matter



We often hear from folks who think that because their gift is small, it doesn't matter. Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that all gifts matter! Our V-500 program depends on a full range of gifts each and every year. Some are large, some are small. The important thing is that folks continue to give and support this important program. I often think of the famous quotation by Mother Teresa, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." What a statement! Since the beginning, the V-500 program has been fortunate to have donors who have made a commitment to the program and have supported the program with annual contributions. The composite impact of those contributions has provided important scholarship support for thousands of students over the years.

Each year we hold a banquet here on the campus in early December to recognize our new and renewed members. It is a special time for our V-500 family. Every effort is made to realize our revenue goal by the time of the banquet to increase the excitement of the occasion. A year ago, we received a big surprise in the mail. A generous couple elected to gift an IRA to the V-500 program. The impact of the gift was without question. The gift provided us with the dollars necessary to reach our revenue goal and respond to the scholarship commitment we had made to the Enrollment Services Office. We are indebted to all of our V-500 donors and to this generous couple. If you are a current V-500 member, we thank you for your support. If you are not a current member, please consider renewing your membership today. The ongoing success of this important program is dependent on all of us doing our part, no matter how small or how large our gift. Until next time, happy holidays and safe travels.



Time is Running Out!

Receive a Charitable Tax Deduction Before the Year Ends!

Did you know that you can make a gift of cash or appreciated property before **December 31** and enjoy a charitable tax deduction on this year's tax return?

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V-500 Membership Application 2012-13

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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