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Ostrom Joins Advancement Team

Dillan Ostrom joins the Alumni Office as a Marketing Intern this spring. He grew up in Finley, N.D., and is currently is a senior at VCSU. Ostrom is majoring in Media Communications and Exercise Science, which he will use to pursue a marketing position. He is part of the Viking Men's Basketball team, DECA and Viking Ambassadors.



Peterson's Leave One Last Gift to V-500

A loyal donor is one who consistently gives to an organization they believe in. DeForest and Dolly Peterson were more than loyal donors. Not only did they give generously and faithfully during their living years, but they set up a gift through their estate to come back to V-500 after their passings in 2011 (DeForest) and 2012 (Dolly). It was their legacy.

Peterson's son, Lee, said, "My parents loved Valley City and VCSU. My dad graduated from VCSU and my mother took courses there while a student nurse at Mercy School of Nursing." Both Dolly and DeForest grew up in Valley City, and then moved away for the army and professional school opportunities.

They returned to Valley City in 1957 and remained there until 2005, when they decided to move closer to Lee in North Carolina.

"They always wanted to go back to Valley City to visit before their health declined. They talked about Valley City all the time. It was the people that meant the most to them."

DeForest came back to Valley City to work for his father at Hub Peterson Funeral Home, then later bought his father's share and saw the home through different ownerships—Peterson-Olson,

Peterson-Schuldt and finally Peterson-Johnson-Schuldt, before his retirement in 1991.

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Dolly was a nurse and worked at Mercy Hospital until 1968, when she decided to join DeForest at the funeral home, directing visitations. After retirement, the Petersons continued to support VCSU athletics, attending many football and basketball games. DeForest and Dolly were stand-up citizens in this community.

Larry Robinson, executive director of the VCSU Foundation, said, "They were 'fixtures' in the community and attended all functions. They were always willing to help, to volunteer, to do what they could for our community."

In 2001, DeForest and Dolly joined the Legacy Society, an organization of donors who have let the foundation know that they are leaving a charitable bequest. Their gift made a great impact on the scholarship program, and they were able to help students aspiring to attend VCSU. This community-minded couple has set a wonderful example for others on the meaning of loyalty.



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The Impact of Your Gift

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



Like many college students, I have the responsibility of paying for my college education on my own, and money was certainly a determining factor in deciding which college was best suited for me. Living away from home has made college an expensive journey for me, one that is not that easy to afford. The V-500 scholarship rewarded me for the hard work put in during my high school career and made my decision to attend VCSU that much easier. As a Canadian not being allowed to work in the United States. the V-500 scholarship has made the opportunity to come to another country to study and play volleyball a reality.

> ~Kaitlyn Heuring Winnipeg, Manitoba

Become a fan of the V-500 Scholarship Program on Facebook

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As a fan, you will get updates on the campaign, donor and student testimonials, and the latest news on events.



Pedersen Awarded V-500 Volunteer of the Year

The V-500 Board of Directors held its annual Recognition Dinner and Banquet on Saturday, December 8, at the VCSU Student Center. A highlight of the banquet was awarding Dean Pedersen with the first V-500 Volunteer of the Year award. Alison Kasowski, assistant director of annual giving, says, "Dean has enlisted over a hundred members to the V-500 Scholarship Program throughout his 10 year tenure on the board. He is very valuable to the V-500 Board, and we were thrilled to present this award to him."



New & Renewed Members



Back; L to R: Paul Pfeifer, Dennis Hoye, Linda Lane, Dr. Machayya, Bob Burchill, Monte McDaniel, Lloyd Anderson, Roger Rand, Bob Bruhschwein

Front: L to R: Sue Pfeifer, Debb Bjornson (Barnes County Abstract), Bonnie Burchill, Patricia McDaniel, Erna Anderson, Joy Rand, Rosalyn Bruhschwein



Back; L to R: Dennis Smith, Jill DeVries, Vitaliano Figueroa, David Rickford, Steven King, Jon Jury (Drug Plastics & Glass), Howard Trapp, Brian Heath, Doug Dawes, Ross Powell (individual and Wells Fargo Bank), Jake Dosch (Knights of Columbus)

Front: L to R: Adele Smith, Daisy Figueroa, Patti Rickford, Martha King, Karen Richman, Diane Trapp, Lori Heath, Sherith Dawes, Charlo Shirley

Lifetime Giving Achievement



Back; L to R: Pat Edinger, Josh Kasowski, Dennis Smith, Gilbert Kuipers, Luke Trapp, Steve Corwin Front: L to R: Lou Vay White, Kathy

Edinger, Maureen Pytlik, Alison Kasowski, Adele Smith, Loni Trapp, Terry Corwin



We invite you to join V-500 and support VCSU students.

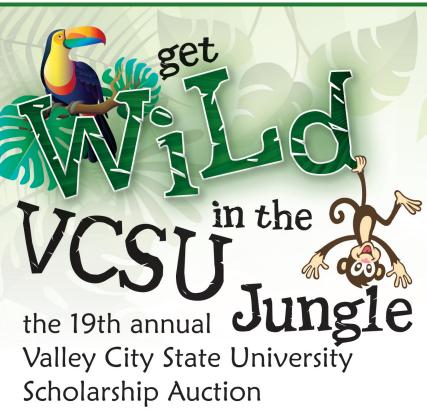
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- Valley City Eagles Club
- * Friday, April 19, 2013
- 5 pm Social/Silent Auction
- · 6 pm Dinner
- * 7 pm Live Auction
- \$35/ticket
- * Ticket Includes: dinner, 2 drinks, 1 big chance to win Groceries & Gas! (A \$500 Gift Card to Leevers, sponsored by Leevers AND a \$250 Gift Card for Gas at Dakota Plains, sponsored by Dacotah Bank)
- Music provided by Big Hammer

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