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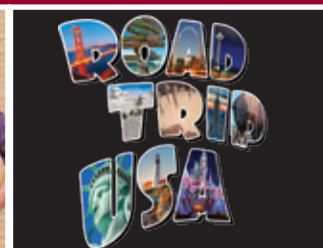


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The Valley City Health, Wellness and Physical Education Center continues to move forward. Bids were let in March for the \$17 million project, to be constructed on the VCSU campus east of W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse. The Wellness Center is a collaborative project of the Valley City Parks and Recreation Department, VCSU, the Sheyenne Valley Community Foundation and other community partners.

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## Fall Semester Brings Growth and Change

President Tisa Mason, Ed.D.

It is a great day to be a Viking! That was my exact thought when I was announced as the 13th president of Valley City State University, and it is the thought with which I begin each day. I once read a book in which a university president described becoming a president as akin to having a child—from the moment a child is born you never stop thinking about her. That has definitely been my experience, constantly thinking about our beloved university and the journey upon which we are traveling.

Valley City State University is a thriving university clearly focused on the student. As a first-generation student myself, the learner-centered approach of the university is very important to me. The core values of the university serve as the “magnetic north” for leadership decisions and are precisely why I eagerly submitted my application:

**Mission Driven:** We are committed to a learner-centered philosophy. We make education meaningful with positive relationships and effective practices.

**Quality and Integrity:** We have high expectations for results, integrity, and positive interpersonal relations in all we do.

**Innovation:** We are flexible, creative, and free to try new things. We have a strong work ethic, positive attitude, and open mind. We embrace change.

**Community:** We trust each other, we work well together, and we are involved with our local and extended communities.

**Diversity:** We believe that diversity of all kinds enriches the quality of thought, discussion, and learning.

The campus visit was my opportunity to learn if these words were simply nice words written down on a piece of paper or values truly embraced in word, thought, and deed by the university members. Throughout the selection process I continually found evidence that these values are lived every day and that the university is an amazing collection of people who make a distinct difference for our students and our community.

Alumni and friends of the university are a significant part of this amazing collection of people. I have a great appreciation for the important role our alumni play. At all of the institutions where I have worked, I have consistently taken the time to thank alumni and friends for their many contributions. Most importantly, I have had the privilege to remain engaged in the lives of many alumni through a myriad of milestones: new jobs, further education, marriage, children, and loss. That is a role I will continue to enjoy—to actively appreciate and celebrate our alumni and friends of VCSU.

In fact, I just returned from a magnificent “gratitude trip” to Arizona, where I heard many stories from alumni and friends who expressed their love for Valley City State University by “paying it forward” through scholarships, service, good will, and numerous other ways which help the university excel. That is a theme which continues to resonate as I learn more about VCSU—the endless number of people who feel VCSU gave so much to them that they in turn express their gratitude by paying it forward.

The stories told to me at these VCSU alumni events varied. Some wanted to go to a different college but life’s circumstances dictated otherwise. Many struggled financially to make it through. Some started at VCSU but later transferred. Others knew all along that VCSU was their college of choice and plans were easily followed through. And yet others experienced the university not as a student but as a member of the faculty or staff or through a university board/committee—or perhaps as a spouse. I loved listening to stories of how some met their soul mates during their college days, roommates who stayed in touch over the years, and sounds of delight when during introductions long-lost friends were suddenly reunited. And I, of course, thoroughly enjoyed the stories of mischief!

But what really stood out is that everyone described an incredible community where others believed in them and where the faculty, coaches, staff, and citizens of the Valley City community were committed to making sure VCSU students experienced an affordable, high-quality education. Their gratitude was loud, their love for their alma mater unwavering.

VCSU is rich, full of people helping one another individually to succeed and collectively to contribute to the greater good. We count our riches in our people: outstanding faculty; accomplished artists, musicians, teachers, scientists, executives; students excelling in their studies; winning athletic teams; a variety of active and effective shared-governance groups (Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Staff Senate); engaged alumni serving their professions and communities; and citizens who call VCSU their university whether or not they have ever taken a class.

Bill and I are very grateful for the enthusiastic welcome we’ve received from both the campus and the community. What a joy to be part of such a caring community who consistently demonstrates a genuine appreciation and love for the university. Although it was the university mission that led to my application and ultimately the decision to accept the offer, it was the people who stole our hearts. We look forward to seeing you around town, on our travels, and hopefully at an exciting Homecoming 2015!



### VCSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GET-TOGETHERS SPRING AND SUMMER 2015

**April 24** ..... **VCSU Scholarship Auction** ..... **Valley City**  
5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Buffet Dinner, 7 p.m. Live Auction  
Tickets are \$40 each.

**June 19** ..... **Viking Golf Scramble** ..... **Valley City**  
Country Club/Bjornson (see ad on p. 14)

**Aug. 12** ..... **VCSU @ the FM Redhawks** ..... **Fargo**  
Picnic at 6 p.m. and Game at 7 p.m.

**Oct. 2–3** ..... **VCSU Homecoming Weekend** ..... **Valley City**

**Watch for more VCSU events coming soon on our Facebook page and at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu).**

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**For further information on the Leave a Legacy program, contact the VCSU Foundation Office at 701-845-7217 or email Larry Robinson, executive director of university advancement, at [larry.robinson@vcsu.edu](mailto:larry.robinson@vcsu.edu).**



## Phone-A-Thon, the Scholarship Auction and Homecoming: Join In!

by Kim Svenningsen-Hesch '91, Assistant Director  
for Advancement & Alumni Relations

Greetings from your alma mater!

As I'm putting my article together for this issue of *The Bulletin*, our students are wrapping up contacting our alumni during the annual Phone-A-Thon. Thank you for taking the time to visit with these students and for making a financial commitment to VCSU.

The Phone-A-Thon is the only fundraiser conducted by the Alumni Association. Money raised through this effort funds scholarships, publications, correspondence with alumni, reunions and socials, and our alumni awards programs.

If you have not yet been called for the Phone-A-Thon, we hope you will help us reach our goal of \$80,000. If you've never donated before, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you have already donated, thank you for what you have done. The importance of giving, whether it is \$10 or \$1,000, is that everyone does his or her part. To donate online, go to [secure.vcsu.edu/alumni/vp.htm?p=1457](http://secure.vcsu.edu/alumni/vp.htm?p=1457).

Next up—we're busily preparing for the annual VCSU Scholarship Auction. This year's auction is scheduled for Friday, April 24. The auction committee has chosen the theme "Road Trip USA—All Roads Lead to VCSU."

The scholarship auction is the single biggest event in terms of generating scholarship dollars that the

VCSU Foundation office works on each year. Scholarships are vital to VCSU's success, and all proceeds from the auction go directly to V-500 and Century Club scholarships. The Scholarship Auction is a collaborative effort of the VCSU Booster Board and V-500 Board. All proceeds from the event are split 50/50.

If you can help by donating items for this important event, please give our office a call. Popular items include condo rentals, fishing and hunting equipment/trips, handcrafted items, tools, etc.

Tickets to the auction are \$40 each, which includes admission, two beverage tickets and a full buffet dinner. To purchase a ticket, call the Foundation Office at 701-845-7203.

As you start planning for vacation, remember to plan a trip back to campus—join us as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of VCSU.

Join us as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of VCSU. Come back and enjoy the Homecoming festivities October 2 and 3. We are inviting all Greeks back to campus for a social on Friday evening and all those inducted into the Viking Hall of Fame for a gathering on Saturday evening following the football game. See p. 8 for a complete list of events.

In closing, I want to remind you to watch our website, [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu), for the latest news and events, along with how you can donate to your alma mater. And remember, if you are ever in the area, please stop by—the coffee is always on!

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## 125 Years: The Tradition Continues

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

By the time you receive this issue of *The Bulletin*, we will be nearing the end of another academic year at Valley City State University.

This year, 2014–15, has been an exciting year here on the campus. We began the year with near-record enrollment, just six students shy of an all-time record. The fall semester also brought us another conference championship in football.

We started the year in the midst of a presidential search. That successful effort brought us Tisa Mason, Ed.D., formerly vice president of student affairs at Fort Hayes State in Kansas. President Mason—our 13th president—began her work at VCSU in mid-December and has hit the road running. We're very excited about having President Mason on board: She brings a career of higher education leadership to the position, and she's energetic, outgoing, and personable—an outstanding ambassador for our university.

The fall semester also kicked off the beginning of a yearlong celebration of the 125th anniversary of VCSU. The celebration will wrap up during Homecoming Festivities, Oct. 2–3, 2015. Further information regarding the schedule of events for that celebration can be found on p. 8 of this *Bulletin*.

We are also in the midst of a legislative session. VCSU is hoping to receive funding to replace the boiler plant on the campus. In addition, we are seeking support to replace Foss Music Hall, which unfortunately, sits on the wrong side of a flood wall that will be built this spring on the north side of College Street. Plans call for the construction of a replace-

ment building for Foss Hall and the music program elsewhere on the VCSU campus. Once that facility is constructed, the current Foss Hall will be demolished.

Although the appearance of the campus will change with new facilities and new faces among our faculty and staff, rest assured that we remain a campus that is focused on our students and their ultimate success. We've always been a compassionate and caring community. That tradition remains true today; it is our culture and our way of doing business.

I found that to be true as a VCSU student in the late 1960s. I remember walking on the campus for freshmen orientation in 1967. Faculty and staff who would go out of their way for students made an impression on me then. Since then, the university has been a major part of my life for all but four years following graduation when my wife and I were teaching at Warwick, N.D.

Today we remain focused on our students and their success. Educational excellence, innovation, best practices, and service to our state and our region is who we are and what we do. Our tradition is as much a part of our future as it is our past.

We hope you will stop by and visit us during this 125th anniversary of Valley City State University. You're always welcome in our office, and should your travels bring you through on a weekend, just let us know in advance, and we would be more than happy to meet you for a tour of the campus and conversation.

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# Teaching the

# Teachers

VCSU excels in preparing K-12 teachers

Cover photo: Heather (Metcalf) Kvilvang '98, assistant professor of education, teaches in the model classroom on third floor McFarland. Kvilvang taught second grade for four years at Ashley and North Central of Barnes prior to joining the VCSU faculty in 2002.

**F**ounded as a normal school in 1890 to prepare teachers for the state, Valley City State University continues that legacy today, preparing almost half of its students to teach. This past year, VCSU graduated more undergraduate teachers than any other North Dakota college or university.

The university not only prepares many students for teaching careers; it prepares quality teachers. Anecdotal evidence from teachers and administrators throughout the state give VCSU high marks for the preparation it gives its teacher candidates; according to Gary Thompson, dean of VCSU's School of Education and Graduate Studies (SEGS), "Superintendents tell me that our students are well prepared; they're ready to hit the ground running."

VCSU's teacher education program is formally recognized as well. The program has been accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since the council's inception in 1954. In its 2008 review, the NCATE team described VCSU's education program as "world class." (In October 2015, VCSU will host an NCATE/CAEP site visit as part of its reaccreditation process.)

VCSU participates in the Network for Excellence in Teaching (NExT) program, begun in 2010 through funding by the Bush Foundation of St. Paul, Minn. VCSU and North Dakota State University (NDSU) work with Minnesota State University Moorhead in the 10-year, \$5.6 million "Valley Partnership" grant under this program to strengthen teacher effectiveness.

The Valley Partnership aims to improve recruiting, teacher preparation, placement and support. Through grant support, education curricula were revised to provide students with clinical and student teaching experiences, extensive study and practice in utilizing state-of-the-art classroom strategies, and the knowledge and skills to assess their own students' progress.

Thompson puts much emphasis on VCSU's

ability, because of the Bush grant, to embed field experiences in methods classes—getting preservice teachers out into classrooms to help them translate theory into practice.

Another aspect of the grant's impact can be found in providing new teachers with support. Kathleen Bennett Zaun, SEGS instructor, visits new VCSU graduates in their first year of K-12 teaching to ensure their positive transition into their teaching positions, address any concerns they may have and provide resources to them. That support is provided for three years into each new teacher's first classroom assignment.

Apart from what happens at VCSU and in the field, it's *who* is making it happen that also contributes to VCSU's preeminent program in education. All of VCSU's faculty bring K-12 classroom experience to their university teaching, and the quality of the faculty directly translates into the success of the new teachers they prepare.

Kim Knodle, SEGS director of field experiences, places 100 student teachers a year. An experienced educator himself—he taught and served as principal at Valley City High School prior to joining VCSU—Knodle uses a team of former principals, teachers and higher education professionals to supervise VCSU student teachers.

The university has long-standing relationships with K-12 administrators, principals and school district human resources offices to help place student teachers. These placements now follow a co-teaching model, where teacher candidates teach alongside a cooperating teacher.

In addition to VCSU's "homegrown" preservice teachers—those who take classes in Valley City—the university also supports NDSU students by sending faculty to Fargo to teach VCSU elementary education courses on the NDSU campus. Graduates of the program earn dual degrees from NDSU and VCSU.

VCSU also supports an active elementary education program in Wyoming through ar-

ticipation agreements with seven community colleges. Through online work and face-to-face workshops in January and in the summer, Wyoming students with associate degrees are able to earn VCSU education degrees.

Population growth in the Fargo/West Fargo area and in the Bakken has created a great need for more K-12 teachers, and Minnesota and Wyoming need more teachers as well. That puts VCSU graduates in a good place when it comes to looking for work, and the university is doing its part by preparing good students to become good teachers.

*Two profiles of recent VCSU graduates teaching in North Dakota schools follow.*

## Lisa (Gader) Anderson '13: Teaching is Her Business

Lisa (Gader) Anderson '13 and her husband, Joel, live on a farm south of Glenfield, N.D., where she teaches business at Midkota High School. In addition to her classroom work, Anderson also coaches the high school speech team and serves as FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) advisor.

Anderson's paths to VCSU and to her teaching job were both a little roundabout. A graduate of Napoleon (N.D.) High School, she started her college career at Concordia College, but after a week decided that "it wasn't a good fit" and came to VCSU, thinking she would probably transfer somewhere else after Christmas.

That wasn't what ended up happening, says Anderson. "After my first day of classes, I knew I wouldn't be transferring anywhere. Everyone was so kind and helpful, and I instantly felt right at home in Valley City."

Teaching wasn't her first choice either. "I didn't decide to go into education until my





*In addition to teaching, Lisa (Gader) Anderson '13 enjoys reading, baking, sewing, gardening and walking her dogs when she gets a chance. That spare time will diminish this spring, however, as she and her husband, Joel, are expecting their first child in May.*

senior year of college. I was planning to use my business degree to get an office job," says Anderson, "but after an internship in business, I knew that wasn't right for me."

Her academic advisor—Tim Schilling—had suggested that perhaps she should teach, so Anderson took his advice and enrolled in some education classes. According to Anderson, "He was right. I loved being in the classroom, interacting with students, and never having the same day twice."

Anderson is high on VCSU's brand of teacher preparation. "One of the program's biggest strengths is that I was taught by former teachers," she says. "My instructors had real-world experience with elementary, middle school and high school students, and they could pass their experiences on to us."

VCSU's education program also gave Anderson some real-world experience of her own. "Through classes, practicums and student teaching, I felt that I was well prepared for my first teaching job. We had many opportunities for real classroom experience, and that was very valuable," she says.

Anderson also cites VCSU's small class sizes as a strength—"That allowed us to connect with our classmates and develop personal relationships with our instructors."

In addition to her advisor, Tim Schilling, faculty members Dave Bass, Brenda Finger and Dave Melgaard served as mentors for Anderson. "These four instructors were not only wonderful in the classroom, but they were great role models," she says.

"My favorite class was Business Methods taught by Tim Schilling," adds Anderson. "I loved it because it was a small evening class, and by the end of the semester, all of us felt like family."

According to Dave Bass, assistant professor in VCSU's School of Education and Graduate Studies, Anderson is something special.

"During her undergraduate career, Lisa consistently demonstrated a mature, professional approach to achieving academic success," says Bass. "She was always highly prepared, self-motivated and willing to assist others in the learning process. Lisa is the consummate professional educator who makes a difference in her students lives every day."

Making that difference involves connecting with students on a deeper level, suggests Anderson. "Spending time with students both inside and outside of the classroom has let me get to know the students, and that makes even the hard days worthwhile," she says. "Some of my best times are with the students doing things outside the classroom. That's when I feel like I really get to see their personalities shine through. Watching one of my students win a speech award after practicing and working for weeks makes the practices and Saturdays spent on the road worth it."

Those are the words of a proud VCSU alumna and a young, dedicated teacher, Lisa (Gader) Anderson—"the consummate professional educator."

## Emily (Waswick) Harrison '14: *The Heart of a Teacher*

She always wanted a career working directly with people, and Emily (Waswick) Harrison '14 focused that notion by volunteering to help out in a few of her high school classrooms and working with kids at summer camp.

By the time she arrived at VCSU (its small class sizes were an attraction for her), Harrison knew she wanted to teach either English or elementary education. "My VCSU advisor, Joan Aus, helped me narrow down which major I would choose by showing me my career options," she says. And according to Harrison, "I'm very happy with my choice."

That choice is now a reality—Harrison currently teaches fourth grade at Eastwood Elementary in West Fargo. At Eastwood, she relies on her VCSU preparation for the skills and strategies she uses everyday in the classroom. "The classes at VCSU are targeted toward current best practices," says Harrison, "and the professors work so hard to deliver the best information on teaching in the 21st century."

For Harrison, the strength of VCSU's education program lies in the balance between theory and practice. She says, "I find myself doing the things I practiced and observed during student teaching, yet I go back to theory when I problem-solve everyday in the classroom."

At a close-knit campus like VCSU, faculty and staff get to know each other quite well. Emily babysat for the children of Heather Kvilvang, assistant professor of education, and



*Emily (Waswick) Harrison '14*

Kvilvang's children were in the wedding when Emily married Josh Harrison, a 2013 VCSU alumnus, in July 2014. Josh works as an IT analyst for Wallwork Trucking of Fargo, and the couple has recently moved to West Fargo.

In her free time, Emily enjoys baking, crafting and travel. She scratched that travel itch while still a student in the summer of 2012, traveling to Mexico and visiting UABCS (*Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur*), VCSU's sister institution in La Paz, Baja California Sur. "I encourage everyone to travel abroad," says Harrison. "I didn't think I could afford to do it, but my advisor worked with me and I realized it was something I could totally do! I'm so glad I did."

Teaching is Emily's bread and butter now, and according to Kvilvang, she's well suited for the profession of education. "Emily has the heart of a teacher," she says. "We could all see it in her when she was taking classes. Her students are blessed to have a teacher who is so positive and caring."

That reference to Harrison's effect on her students resonates with Emily's own take on her career. "What I love most about teaching is knowing that every day counts when working with kids," she says. "It motivates me to know that it's not about what I teach, but how I make a child feel that really matters. I love building relationships with my students and creating a community in my classroom."

VCSU strives to be a student-centered school and to create a sense of community on campus. Hearing one of its young, successful alumna—Emily (Waswick) Harrison—echo that educational framework in talking about her own work in the classroom suggests that VCSU is indeed a good place to learn how to teach and what's important in teaching.



## Arizona Alumni Gatherings

Mesa (photos 1–3) and Surprise (photos 4–7)

- 1) (front, l to r) Jon & Mary '70 Koeplin, Pat (Hafner) '59 Thomas; (back) Connie Seaborn '61, Howard '71 & Olive (Berntson) '70 Rassmusson, President Tisa Mason, Bill Thomas '59, and Kay (Bong) '67 & Jack '60 Holm
- 2) (front, l to r) Pat (Sheldon) '67 Parrish, John '70 & Pat Mosal; (back) Dan Parrish '65, John '67 & Ardyce Argent, President Tisa Mason, Mary (Kruschwitz) '65 Schroeder, John Ostlie '60
- 3) (front, l to r) Coke (Erickson) '52 Aafedt, Nancy (Bultema) '73 Bernhagen, Karen (Bultema) '69 Krause, Marie (Vining) '74 Topp; (back) Bob '68 & Linda (Sander) '70 McKenzie, Al Bernhagen '74, Gary Krause '67, President Tisa Mason, Jerry Topp '74
- 4) (front l to r) Marge (Nutz) '61 Sogn, Joann (Murdock) '60 Lonbaken, Gwen (Simonson) '61 Flynn, Kenneth Wendt '76, Mary (Kruschwitz) '65 Schroeder, John Ostlie '60; (back) Dan O'Connor '61, Bob Sogn '61, Susan & Pius Lacher '58, President Tisa Mason, Mike Flynn '61, Curtis '62 and Lorna Olson, Roger Lonbaken '60
- 5) (front, l to r) Darlene (Popp) '58 Zabel, Ruth McMillian '52, Coke (Erickson) '52 Aafedt, Dee (Isensee) '69 Hillstrom, Owen Wallace '54, Jerry Olson '55; (back) Vinton Zabel '58, unidentified, Curt



- & Mary Johnson, President Tisa Mason, Dale Hillstrom '69, Joe Welder '67, Arline Prochnow '64, Grant Archer '75
- 6) (front, l to r) Deanne (Rose) '60 Horne, Judy Dosch, Jim & Paulette Dew, Nancy (Dethloff) '73 Leno, Julie Anderson; (back) Bob Horne '59, Bill Thomas '59, Don Lemnus '58, Al Dosch '55, President Tisa Mason, Arnie Leno, Terry Anderson '74
  - 7) (front, l to r) Nyle & Arlene Burchill, Dennis & Joann Nathan, Edna Anderson, Jenneice Sommerfeld '67; (back) Pat (Hafner) Thomas '59, Carol (Skogen) '68 Meyers, Kathy Crandal '67, President Tisa Mason, LeRoy Anderson '66, Myron Sommerfeld '62



# Winter **ALUMNI** Socials



## Fargo Force Gathering

Top: (front) Stacy (Wendel) Monilaws '02, Amanda Lanter, Tressa (Braun) '99 Lanter, Braeden Lanter and Marty Lanter '98; (back) John Monilaws '87 and Natalie Monilaws. Bottom left: Alex Beach '13, Travis Albrecht and Alyssa Sorensen '07. Bottom center: Jeremy Wiebe '08, Jamie Paurus and Jamie Wirth. Bottom right: Wade and Kim (Svenningsen) '91 Hesch.



## A Viking Rally in Tucson!

The VCSU Alumni Association invited VCSU baseball and softball families to gather for a Viking Rally while the teams played in Tucson, Ariz., over Spring Break. Hosted by Jack Denholm, VCSU athletic director, the gathering, held March 16 at Peter Piper Pizza, attracted more than 175 players, coaches and family members for an evening of food and fellowship!

The VCSU softball team played 18 games while they were in Tucson March 11-20. The Lady Vikings are coached by Elle Fracker, in her second year as head coach.

The Viking baseball team is coached by Casey Olney, who enters his 10th season at VCSU and eighth season as head coach. The baseball team played 14 games during their March 12-22 stay in Tucson.

## ATTENTION GREEKS

The VCSU Alumni Association invites back all of our Greek Alumni for a reunion and social on **Friday, October 2**, at the **Valley City Eagles Club** starting at **8 p.m.**

Start contacting your fellow Greeks and make plans to come home for the weekend! Come home to VCSU!

Registration information to be mailed in May.

## Do You Own Mineral Rights?

Please consider making a gift of your land or mineral interest to our organization. You may be able to transfer your land or mineral rights to a charitable remainder trust or fund a charitable gift annuity that will provide you (and your spouse) with payments for the rest of your lives. You will receive a charitable deduction in the year you make your gift, and the VCSU Foundation will benefit from the future proceeds. To learn more about the benefits of gifting land, wind or mineral rights, please call us at 701-845-7203.



# VCSU First Fridays VIKING PRIDE DAY!

Join alumni, friends and students in showing your passion as a Valley City State Viking by wearing your Cardinal or Viking attire the **FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH** to show your support for your alma mater.

We ask that you wear VCSU Viking apparel to your place of work, at home and/or around town to help promote your school pride and to celebrate our great university on the first Friday of every month.

Email your pictures to [alumni@vcsu.edu](mailto:alumni@vcsu.edu), and we'll post the photos on our VCSU Alumni Association Facebook page and, of course, put your name in a drawing for VCSU gear.

If you don't have any gear, go online to the VCSU Bookstore at

**[bookstore.vcsu.edu/  
merchandise.aspx](http://bookstore.vcsu.edu/merchandise.aspx)**

## Inauguration, Greek and Hall of Fame reunions highlight 125th celebration at Homecoming

Valley City State University continues its celebration of its 125th anniversary this semester with a Spring Festival and Earth Day Celebration slated for May 6 and its 123rd commencement exercises on May 16.

This coming fall, the inauguration of Tisa A. Mason, Ed.D., as Valley City State University's 13th president on Oct. 1 will kick off an event-filled Homecoming weekend, which will also include an all-Greek reunion and a Viking Hall of Fame reunion. The weekend will also include the dedication of the Don Mugan Career and Technical Education Leadership Center, along with the traditional Homecoming parade, football game, and alumni social and dance.

The 125th celebration will culminate with a Founders Day Celebration on Oct. 13.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### *Wednesday, May 6*

- Spring Festival and Earth Day Celebration

#### *Saturday, May 16*

- Commencement

### VCSU Homecoming 2015

#### *Thursday, October 1*

- Inauguration of President Tisa A. Mason, Ed.D.

#### *Friday, October 2*

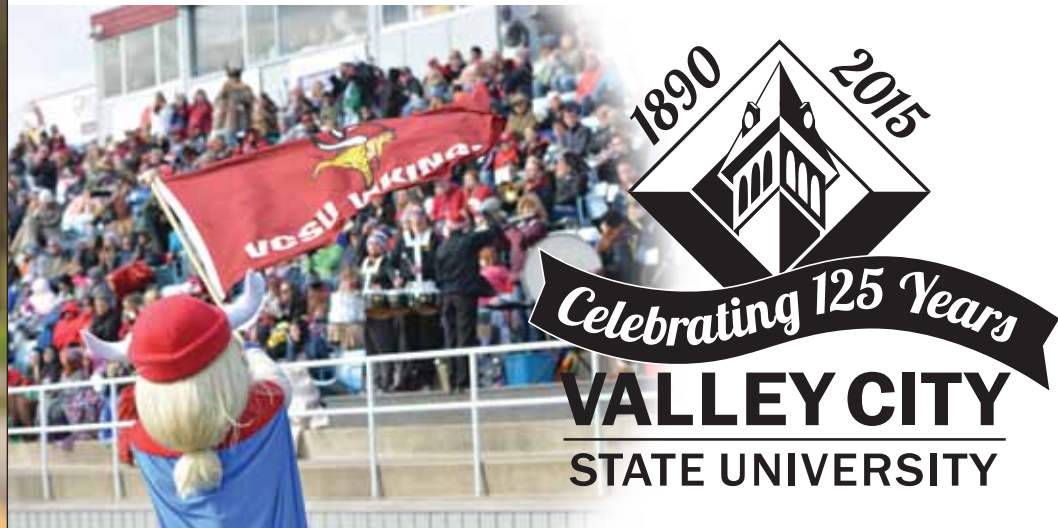
- Alumni and Friends Ice Cream Social (2 p.m.), McFarland Hall Alumni Room
- Campus Tours (2:30 p.m.)
- Dedication of the Don Mugan Career and Technical Education Leadership Center (3:00 p.m.)
- Greek and Alumni Reunion/Social (8 p.m.), Valley City Eagles Club

#### *Saturday, October 3*

- Alumni Honors Breakfast (8:30 a.m.)
- Parade (10 a.m.)
- Viking Hall of Fame Tailgating (11 a.m.–2 p.m.)
- VCSU Football Game (2 p.m.)
- Postgame Social (4 p.m.), Valley City Town & Country Club
- Viking Hall of Fame Reunion: Social (6 p.m.), Program (7 p.m.), Valley City Eagles Club
- College Student and Alumni Dance (9 p.m.), Valley City Eagles Club

#### *Tuesday, October 13*

- VCSU 125th Anniversary Founders Day Celebration





## Stemen '88 to serve on North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Greg Stemen, a 1988 graduate of Valley City State University, has been appointed to the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) effective July 1, 2015.

Stemen was appointed to the board by Governor Jack Dalrymple, and his appointment was confirmed by the North Dakota Senate on March 16.

The president of the LaMoure branch of First State Bank of North Dakota, Stemen is eager to begin his service on the SBHE. "The board needs to constantly earn and keep the trust of North Dakota citizens," he says. "I hope to bring a level of integrity and enthusiasm that provides for honest and open exchanges of ideas and information."

Ultimately, what he'd like to see is North Dakota providing its college students with the highest quality education in the country. "When it comes to being the best, we are more than capable of setting that standard in North Dakota. I truly believe that," says Stemen.

His interest in serving on the state board stems from his personal belief in servant leadership. "When I thought about applying for the opening," says Stemen, "I saw it as a chance to serve and give back to a great state for a great cause. And I'm thankful that some very important people in my life, both personally and professionally, were extremely supportive and encouraging."

Stemen's career path to banking, and now his service on the SBHE, has included positions as a pharmaceutical representative and hospital sales representative, a physician recruiter, loan officer and a very successful college basketball coach.

The coaching part of his career—which began with him serving as an assistant high school coach in football and wrestling while teaching math in Wahpeton, N.D., after graduating from VCSU—culminated with Stemen serving as head men's basketball coach at Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) in Marshall, Minn.

In eight seasons at SMSU, Stemen posted a 141-97 record, which included three 20-plus win seasons, one Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship, and an NCAA Division II regional championship and appearance in the NCAA Elite Eight. Stemen left SMSU as the winningest coach in university history.

The modest Stemen downplays those achievements, stating "As a coach, the only thing I was ever really good at was surrounding myself with good people, those who were better than I was." He also brings that philosophy off the court and into the business world: "At the end of the day, successful businesses and successful teams will always have one major thing in common—they are comprised of good people."

In addition to the good people he's been able to surround himself with, Stemen also sees his Valley City State education contributing to his success in the coaching ranks and business world. "The process of earning the degree from VCSU provided me with a solid foundation which prepared me to adapt to changing responsibilities and achieve success and professional advancement," he says.

Stemen remembers "many excellent instructors" at VCSU, including "Bob Bruhschwein and Roger Rand in math, Kathryn Holleque and Larry Grooters in psychology and education, Dave Bass and Sharron McCarriar in HPE, and Ray Brown in geography."

With that strong VCSU foundation and an extensive background in higher education from his coaching days, Stemen thinks he may have some insight to provide serving on the SBHE, and he's looking forward to joining the board this summer.

"I hope to become part of a board that does things the right way on a meeting-by-meeting and an issue-by-issue basis," Stemen explains, and always the coach, he adds, "Doing things the right way, over and over, typically results in success."



Greg Stemen and daughter Taylor

### Greg Stemen '88

Board member, North Dakota State Board of Higher Education (effective July 1, 2015)

- Age: 50
- Home: Fort Ransom, N.D.
- Family: daughter Taylor, age 11
- Education: M.S., educational leadership, Southwest Minnesota State University; B.S., mathematics education with coaching minor, Valley City State University
- Position: president/branch manager, First State Bank of North Dakota, LaMoure, N.D.
- Prior experience: loan officer, physician recruiter, men's basketball coach, pharmaceutical and hospital sales representative



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**To learn more about the benefits of making a planned gift, please call 701-845-7203 or visit our website at [www.vcsugift.org](http://www.vcsugift.org)**



## Tufte to serve as staff adviser for State Board of Higher Education

Emma Tufte, administrative and assessment assistant in VCSU's School of Education and Graduate Studies, has been elected to serve as staff adviser to the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education beginning July 1, 2015.

Tufte currently serves as president of the North Dakota State Staff Senate, which represents all staff employees in the North Dakota University System. The Staff Senate identifies staff interests and issues, acts as a forum for the discussion of staff-related matters and facilitates communication on behalf of the campus staff members with the NDUS chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education. Tufte previously served the State Staff Senate as secretary and vice president. She has also served the VCSU Staff Senate as secretary, vice president, president and past president.

A graduate of Jamestown College with a bachelor's degree in history, Tufte earned a master's degree in education with a concentration in teaching and technology from VCSU in 2014. She began her work at VCSU in 2010.

Tufte and her husband, Tyler Tufte, a web developer at VCSU, are the parents of a three-year-old daughter, Adriana.

## VCSU online programs ranked high in quality, value

Valley City State University's online offerings have received recognition for quality and value in several online rankings recently.

U.S. News included both of VCSU's online degree programs—its Master of Education (M.Ed.) and Bachelor's Degree programs—in its national rankings of 2015 Best Online Programs.

VCSU programs receiving recognition from other sources include the technology concentrations in its M.Ed. program, the online Bachelor's program, the online Bachelor's program in education, the overall online teaching program, the online business offerings, and the online communication program.

### U.S. News Best Online Programs rankings

VCSU's online M.Ed. is ranked 54th among 252 programs listed in the Graduate Education rankings of the 2015 U.S. News Best Online Programs. In the Best Online Bachelor's Program category, VCSU is ranked in the top third, coming in 111th of 297 listed programs.

Graduation rates, class sizes, retention rates, student indebtedness, technological infrastructure, and percentage of faculty with terminal degrees and with tenure were among the many factors that were considered in ranking online programs.

More information on the U.S. News rankings is available at [www.usnews.com/education/online-education](http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education).

### Best Value Online Master's in Educational and Instructional Technology 2014-15

VCSU's online Master's of Education (M.Ed.) program concentrations in technology and education, teaching and technology, and library and information technologies were ranked No. 6 in TopMastersInEducation.com's annual "Best Value" rankings for online Master's in Educational Technology degree programs based on cost, quality and accreditation.

The rankings, the Best Value Online Master's in Educational and Instructional Technology 2014-15, recognized the "lowest priced, highest quality, regionally accredited online M.Ed. educational and instructional technology programs" in the nation.

The TopMastersInEducation.com rankings can be found online at [www.topmastersineducation.com/rankings/best-value-online-masters-in-educational-instructional-technology](http://www.topmastersineducation.com/rankings/best-value-online-masters-in-educational-instructional-technology).

### Most Affordable Online Bachelor's Degrees for 2015

College Choice has ranked VCSU No. 7 in the nation in its list of "2015 Most Affordable Online Colleges for Bachelor's Degrees." The rankings were based on total cost, number of online degrees offered and regional accreditation status. The rankings can be found at [www.collegechoice.net/rankings/most-affordable-online-colleges-for-bachelors-degrees](http://www.collegechoice.net/rankings/most-affordable-online-colleges-for-bachelors-degrees).

### Best Online Teaching Degrees for 2015

Affordable Colleges (AC) Online ranked VCSU No. 10 in its "Best Online Teaching Degrees for 2015." VCSU was recognized based on the number of online teaching programs available, student-faculty ratio, six-year graduation rate, percentage of students receiving financial aid, educator preparation program accreditation and a peer-based value metric.

In describing the schools in its rankings, AC Online said that these are "...online teaching degree programs that make a difference. Not only do they have the right balance of cost and quality, but they also boast an increasing collection of program opportunities for aspiring teachers to consider."

AC Online's teaching degree rankings can be found online at [www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/education-and-teaching-programs/](http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/education-and-teaching-programs/).

### 2015 Best Value Online Business Degrees

VCSU's online business programs—business education and business process integration management—were recognized at the No. 11 spot in Online U's 2015 "Best Value Online Business Degrees."

"The business process integration management degree is especially attractive in that it combines business knowledge, computer expertise, and soft skills—communication tools—in a single program," says Margaret Dahlberg, vice president for academic affairs. "Our business faculty developed this major in consultation with their advisory board so that we have the right combination for today's business environment."

The OnlineU rankings can be found at [www.onlineu.org/best-value-colleges/business](http://www.onlineu.org/best-value-colleges/business).

### Best Online Bachelor's in Education: Students Before Profits Award 2014-15

VCSU's online Bachelor's in Education program has been ranked No. 13 by Nonprofit Colleges Online, receiving a 2014-15 Students Before Profits Award.

"The Students Before Profits Award was created to promote nonprofit colleges and universities offering online degree programs that put students before profits and education before the bottom line," according to Nonprofit Colleges Online.

Their rankings can be found at [www.nonprofitcollegesonline.com/rankings/best-online-bachelors-in-education/](http://www.nonprofitcollegesonline.com/rankings/best-online-bachelors-in-education/).

### Top Online Communications Degrees for 2015

VCSU's online program for a Bachelor's Degree in Communication has been ranked 15th on the Affordable Colleges Foundation's list of Top Online Communications Degrees for 2015.

The complete ACF Top Online Communications Degree rankings can be found at [www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/communications-programs/](http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/communications-programs/).





*Aerial concept of Communication and Fine Arts Building*

## Proposed VCSU capital projects presented to legislature

VCSU has presented two capital projects for funding to the North Dakota Legislature in its 2015 session. One is to construct a new Communication and Fine Arts Building, and the other is to replace the outdated, inadequate Campus Heating Plant.

The new Communication and Fine Arts Building would replace Foss Music Hall, an impediment to permanent flood protection along the Sheyenne River. In addition to consolidating the art, theatre and music programs in one facility, the building would include the communication arts and the language and literature departments.

By shuffling classrooms and offices, this would also allow for the razing of McCarthy Hall. Estimated at \$25.8 million, the project would facilitate the installation of permanent flood protection along the river and allow VCSU to retire more than \$7.7 million in deferred maintenance by razing both Foss and McCarthy halls.

VCSU's Heating Plant needs to be replaced because outdated boilers in an inadequate facility threaten the university's ability to provide heat to campus buildings. Installation of a new, energy-efficient boiler system would result in energy-cost savings, along with providing redundant fuel-source capabilities.

Construction of a new heating plant is estimated at \$14.3 million; the new plant would expand capacity to accommodate future campus growth and eliminate more than \$12.4 million of deferred maintenance. Plans call for the removal of the existing facility and replacement with a new heating plant on the same physical footprint.



*Outdated coal-fired boilers in VCSU Heating Plant*

## Vangstad progress slowed

The Vangstad Auditorium and Classroom Building renovation is moving forward slower than anticipated. Once asbestos plaster was removed from interior brick walls, the structural engineer determined that testing of both the brick and mortar should be done to ensure the integrity of the building. The results for the brick were fine, but not so for the mortar.

Additional shoring to the walls will be employed to increase the strength of the interior walls. This will delay the completion of the renovation. We hope that the auditorium will be available for performances in mid-November 2015.

Funded by a \$3.45 million appropriation in the 2013 North Dakota legislative session, the renovation involves refreshing the auditorium and providing new classrooms and offices for the Department of Business and facilities for the Learning Center and Student Academic Services.

## NCATE accreditation process invites comments on education program

Valley City State University is hosting an accreditation visit by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Standards, in October 2015.

Interested parties are invited to submit third-party comments to the visiting team. Please note that comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered, and should specify the party's relationship to VCSU (i.e., former student, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates).

We invite you to submit written testimony by July 10, 2015, to:

Board of Examiners

CAEP

1140 19th Street NW, Suite 400

Washington, DC 20036

Or by e-mail to: [callforcomments@ncate.org](mailto:callforcomments@ncate.org)

Correspondence, which must be received by CAEP no later than July 10, 2015, will be submitted to Valley City State University for response via CAEP's Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS). CAEP will not upload anonymous comments.

## Spring enrollment numbers continue high trend

Final student enrollment numbers for Spring Semester 2015 indicate that VCSU has attained its third highest headcount enrollment after last year's record enrollment and the second highest mark in Spring 2012.

VCSU numbers for Spring 2014 show a total headcount of 1,297 students. The 2015 figures include 1,159 undergraduate students, the second highest undergraduate headcount after last year's record.

VCSU's Spring Semester 2015 numbers continue a strong period of high enrollment at Valley City State. Since 2009, VCSU's spring headcount numbers have grown more than 35 percent (from 959 to 1,297), while FTE over the same period has increased 19 percent (from 767 to 916).



## Valley City Wellness Center progresses: Bids let, fundraising continues

In nine months, the Valley City Health, Wellness and Physical Education Center has progressed from \$2 million in hand to bidding the project in mid-March.

The private sector has committed to funding nearly 60 percent of the \$17 million estimated cost of the proposed Wellness Center, a collaborative project of the Valley City Parks and Recreation Department, Valley City State University, the Sheyenne Valley Community Foundation and other community partners.

While support has grown substantially, more than \$3.5 million in funding is still needed.

The project timeline includes a bid deadline of April 1, 2015, and a deadline to accept bids of May 1, 2015. Construction is slated to begin in July 2015 and be completed in July 2016.

The facility will include classroom and lab space for the VCSU Health and Physical Education (HPE) program, in dire need of additional space. The HPE program has grown from 60 to 175 students in the last few years.

Private funds committed to date are \$6.93 million. An additional \$1.57 million is needed in order to award bids and for the project to proceed. The project would still have

a \$2 million loan, with private fundraising continuing until the project is fully funded. The goal is for funds to be in place by the time construction is complete.

More information about the Valley City Health, Wellness and Physical Education Center, including floor plans and architect's renderings of the facility, can be found at [www.valleycitynd.org/svcf\\_wellnesscenter.php](http://www.valleycitynd.org/svcf_wellnesscenter.php).

Contact the VCSU Foundation Office at 701-845-7203 to make a gift or pledge to the project.







## Trio plays southwest concerts

A trio from Valley City—Jason Laczkoski, saxophone; Anna Draper, violin; and Geraldine Ong, piano—played Feb. 12 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and Feb. 15 at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Ong is assistant professor and Laczkoski is an instructor in VCSU's Department of Music.

## Students selected for national band

Three VCSU senior music education majors—Courtney Pederson, Bradyn Good and David Burgess—have been selected to participate in the National Intercollegiate Band.

Chosen from more than 270 applicants, the three performed with the band at the College Band Directors National Association conference in Nashville, Tenn., March 25–28.



## Art incubator designed to foster creativity

VCSU art faculty members Armando Ramos and Karri Dieken have created an “art incubator” in the Student Center hallway outside the entrance to the Viking I.

The incubator will feature various installations designed to foster creativity. “We want our students to think about art,” said Ramos, “to ask themselves what art is, what it means to create it, what it means to view it. When they start asking questions, they view the world—and their own work—from a different perspective.”

## SPRING 2015 FINE ARTS

### Music

April 6 .....	David Burgess, trombone.....	7:30 p.m.
	<i>Froemke</i>	
April 8 .....	Region 2 Instrumental Contest	
April 13 .....	General Student Recital .....	7:30 p.m.
	<i>Froemke</i>	
April 18 .....	VC & UJ Orchestras, Valley Voices, Youth Choir .....	3:00 p.m.
	<i>Nazarene Church</i>	
April 19 .....	Bradyn Good, tenor .....	3:00 p.m.
	Courtney Pederson, flute	
	<i>Froemke</i>	
April 20 .....	VC & UJ Orchestra .....	7:30 p.m.
	<i>University of Jamestown</i>	
April 25 .....	Concert Band, Jazz and Chamber Ensembles.....	3:00 p.m.
April 26 .....	Tyson Eli, recital.....	3:00 p.m.
	<i>Froemke</i>	
May 1 .....	Mozart Requiem.....	7:30 p.m.
	<i>Epworth Church</i>	
May 7 .....	Composers Concert/Competition .....	7:30 p.m.
	<i>Froemke</i>	
May 9 .....	CSA Recitals .....	2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
	<i>Froemke</i>	
May 11 .....	Garage Bands.....	4:00 p.m.

### Visual/Theatre Arts

April 7–24 .....	Hayden Swanson, Art Show
	<i>McCarthy Gallery</i>
April 27–May 8 .....	End of Semester Student Exhibition
	<i>McCarthy Gallery</i>
April 30–May 2 .....	Student-Directed One-Acts
	<i>Theatre 320</i>



“Kids from the Neighborhood,” Hayden Swanson



# INSIDE ATHLETICS

by Mark Potts, VCSU Sports Information Director

Twenty-two wins, second place in the conference and two wins over Top 15 teams were not enough to propel the VCSU women's basketball team to another NAIA Division II National Tournament berth this year.

The question I've been asked several times in the days since the season ended is: "Why?" It's an easy question to answer: "They weren't ranked high enough." But the reasoning behind that ranking is a little bit harder to explain.

The Vikings had an impressive résumé at the end of the year: 22 wins, only nine losses and two wins over Top 15 teams. Of their nine losses, four came against teams ranked in the Top 10 at the end of the year, two came against NAIA Division I teams ranked in the Top 25 and one came against an NCAA Division II school.

In the final poll, VCSU was ranked No. 29 in the country and was the third-highest ranked team left out of the tournament.

Of the 32-team national tournament, 23 teams qualify with a automatic bids through regular season and conference tournament championships, and nine team receive at-large spots. The nine at-large spots are awarded to the top nine ranked teams that did not receive an automatic bid.

This was an abnormal year in that the No. 23-ranked team in the country did not receive an at-large bid. Upsets in conference tournaments led to unranked teams claiming several automatic bids, leaving ranked teams from those conferences to swallow up the at-large spots. No. 23 Purdue-Calumet,

No. 28 Union, and No. 29 VCSU were the first three teams left out of the tournament. (Nos. 24-27 all had automatic bids.)

Now to tackle the ranking process. Throughout the season there are 12 Top 25 polls, which are voted on by one national rater from each conference. That rater—a head coach in the conference—ranks the top teams in their conference and shares those rankings with the other national raters.

Many national raters are unable to see or closely follow all the other teams around the country, and so they rely on the rankings and arguments of the conference rater when evaluating teams and also the perceived strength of the conference. At the end of the day, perceived strength of the conference is probably the root of why VCSU was not in the national tournament.

The new six-team NSAA does not appear to have the tradition and respect for its depth yet that other conferences around the country enjoy. Of the nine at-large bids this year, three went to teams with nine losses and two went to teams with eight losses. Those five teams came from the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC), the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference and the Crossroads League. Those three conferences carry a healthy respect around the nation and combined to put 11 teams in the tournament.

A similar scenario played out on the men's side, where a 20-9 Jamestown team was the first team left out of the national tournament, while a 10-loss team from the GPAC earned the last at-large spot.

Hopefully, as the North Star Athletic Association continues to grow and evolve, we'll earn more national respect and be able to put our bubble teams into the tournament more consistently, rather than have them left on the outside looking in.

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Instagram: vcsuvikings

Website: [www.vcsuvikings.com](http://www.vcsuvikings.com)

Go Vikings!



## Go Vikings!

# 2015 Viking Scramble Golf Tournament

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

**VALLEY CITY TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB / BJORNSON PARK PUBLIC COURSE**

**Registration is \$90 per person or \$450 per team**  
(includes golf, meal, mulligans and participation gift)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:**

<https://secure.vcsu.edu/vikingscramble/vp.htm?p=1452>





## Langdeaux leads Viking track team

Viking senior Richard Langdeaux claimed two individual conference titles to highlight the 2015 indoor track season for Valley City State University.

The Viking men and women competed in five indoor meets in January and February, culminating with the first-ever North Star Athletic Association Indoor Championships.

Dickinson State won the men's division, while Jamestown won the women's division. VCSU finished fourth in both the men's and women's divisions but had some strong individual showings, led by Langdeaux.

The senior distance runner from Bakersfield, Calif., wrapped up his indoor career with individual titles in both the mile run and the 5,000 meters. Langdeaux absolutely ran away from the competition, winning the mile by more than four seconds and the 5,000 by more than 31 seconds.

Junior Malik Jackson took second place in the 800 meters, finishing just 88 hundredths of a second behind first place. Misael Herrera placed third in the 5,000 meters and fifth in the mile.

On the women's side, junior thrower Jessica Meland led the way with a pair of top three finishes. She placed second in the weight throw with a toss of 13.58 meters (44-6 3/4) and took third in the shot put with a throw of 11.90 meters (39-0 1/2). Monica Madavi also placed third in the 5,000 meters.

The Vikings are slated to begin the outdoor season April 3 in Sioux Falls. The NSAA Outdoor Championships are scheduled for May 8 in Dickinson.



Malik Jackson



Richard Langdeaux

## CALLING ALL VCSU VIKING HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

*Join us for a celebration on  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3*

- Tailgating at Lokken Stadium at 11 a.m.
- Social and Reunion at the Valley City Eagles Club (Social at 6 p.m. and Program at 7 p.m.)

Registration information to be mailed in May.



## 2015 SPRING SPORTS

Check out our website, [vcsuvikings.com](http://vcsuvikings.com), to view the latest schedules for all sports.

Home games in **bold**

### VCSU Baseball

(DH)—denotes doubleheader

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>April 3</b> .....	<b>vs. Univ. of Jamestown (DH)</b> .....	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>April 4</b> .....	<b>vs. Univ. of Jamestown (DH)</b> .....	<b>1 p.m.</b>
April 6 .....	@ Mount Marty College (DH) .....	1 p.m.
April 11 .....	@ Presentation College (DH) .....	1 p.m.
April 12 .....	@ Presentation College (DH) .....	12 p.m.
<b>April 14</b> .....	<b>vs. Univ. of Winnipeg (DH)</b> .....	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>April 18</b> .....	<b>vs. Dickinson State (DH)</b> .....	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>April 19</b> .....	<b>vs. Dickinson State (DH)</b> .....	<b>12 p.m.</b>
April 25 .....	@ Mayville State (DH) .....	1 p.m.
<b>April 26</b> .....	<b>vs. Mayville State (DH)</b> .....	<b>12 p.m.</b>
April 29 .....	@ Univ. of Winnipeg .....	3 p.m.
May 1-4 .....	NSAA Tournamentt, Dickinson, N.D.	

### VCSU Softball

(DH)—denotes doubleheader

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
April 3 .....	@ Univ. of Jamestown (DH) .....	1 p.m.
April 4 .....	@ Univ. of Jamestown (DH) .....	1 p.m.
April 8 .....	@ Mayville State (DH) .....	3 p.m.
April 9 .....	@ Concordia-Moorhead (DH) .....	4 p.m.
<b>April 11</b> .....	<b>vs. Presentation Coll. (DH)</b> .....	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>April 12</b> .....	<b>vs. Presentation Coll. (DH)</b> .....	<b>1 p.m.</b>
April 16 .....	@ Bemidji State (DH) .....	4 p.m.
<b>April 18</b> .....	<b>vs. Dickinson State</b> .....	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>April 19</b> .....	<b>vs. Dickinson State</b> .....	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>April 22</b> .....	<b>vs. Mayville State (DH)</b> .....	<b>3 p.m.</b>
April 25 .....	@ Dakota State (DH) .....	1 p.m.
April 26 .....	@ Dakota State (DH) .....	1 p.m.
May 1-3 .....	NSAA Tournament, Madison, S.D.	

### VCSU Track & Field

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
April 3 .....	Vance Butler Invite .....	Sioux Falls, S.D.
April 11 .....	NSU Open .....	Aberdeen, S.D.
April 17 .....	Blue Hawks Open .....	Dickinson, N.D.
April 21 .....	Cobber Twilight .....	Moorhead, Minn.
May 2 .....	Ron Masanz Open .....	Moorhead, Minn.
May 8 .....	NSAA Championships .....	Dickinson, N.D.
May 21-23 .....	NAIA Championships .....	Gulf Shores, Ala.

## Baseball looks to build on successful fall

Coming off a solid 2013–14 season, the Viking baseball team is looking to take the next step up this season. And if the fall portion of their schedule is any indication, VCSU appears ready to make that step and compete with the top teams of the North Star Athletic Association.

The Vikings open the spring season with an 8-3 record after a successful fall portion of the 2014–15 schedule. The Vikings went 3-1 against Presentation College, 3-0 against Winnipeg, and 2-2 against Mayville State in the fall.

VCSU's spring schedule started in early March with games in Nebraska and continued in Tucson, Ariz. VCSU is now 16-13 overall.

Last season the Vikings finished with a 19-29 overall record, a positive step for head coach Casey Olney in building the program. It was the program's most wins and best win percentage since the 2007 season, when VCSU finished 22-18.

Individually, several Vikings had impressive fall seasons and will be relied upon to continue that success this spring.

Sophomores Nate Bagby (Hemet, Calif.) and Anthony Necochea (Hemet, Calif.) picked up right where they left off after successful freshman seasons. This fall, Bagby batted .424 and scored nine runs in 33 at bats. Necochea, a speedy center fielder, led the Vikings with 20 hits and 10 runs this fall and had a .417 batting average. He had three triples and three doubles and a slugging percentage of .604.

In the middle of the order, Joe Demers (Grafton, N.D.) impressed this fall after missing the 2013–14 season. The sophomore infielder

batted .381 with 13 RBIs and a .762 slugging percentage. He had two home runs, four triples and two doubles. Mike Gershman (Beausejour, Manitoba) hit .321 in the fall with two home runs, nine RBIs and a .679 slugging percentage.

Others topping a .300 batting average with significant at bats this fall were Jared Meiklejohn (.370, LaMoure, N.D.), Xavier Padilla (.333, Hemet, Calif.) and Breion Barron (.300, Hemet, Calif.)

On the mound, a new arm made an immediate impact in the fall. Junior transfer Alan Sandoval (Tucson, Ariz.) had a sparkling 1.20 ERA in 15 innings pitched this fall as a starter. Freshman Breion Barron posted a 3.00 ERA as a reliever, tallying two wins and three saves in

six innings pitched. Jaime Villarreal (Grafton, N.D.) pitched 12.2 innings and had three wins with a 4.26 ERA.

Senior Chip Rosales (La Puente, Calif.) led the team with 22 innings pitched this fall. His ERA was 6.14, and he struck out 30 batters in those 22 innings.

The Vikings are picked to finish third in the North Star Athletic Association preseason poll. The University of Jamestown is picked to win the conference, and Mayville State is picked second.

The NSAA Postseason Tournament is scheduled for May 1–3 in Dickinson, N.D. The winner of that tournament earns a spot in the NAIA National Tournament.



Alan Sandoval

## Softball seeks repeat as North Star champs



Katie Cameron



Savannah McMillin

After winning the program's first conference championship since 1990 last season, the Viking softball team brings some high expectations into the 2015 season.

The Vikings began their quest for a second straight North Star Athletic Association championship in early March and have posted an 11-9 record.

Last season, the Vikings posted a 22-21 overall record and went 10-2 in conference play to win the inaugural NSAA championship. It was VCSU softball's first conference championship since the team won five straight titles from 1986–90. The Vikings opened conference play with two losses before winning their next 10 conference games to claim the title last season.

VCSU lost a pair of all-conference seniors from that squad but return a deep group of players

and three all-conference players. Elle Fracker will once again lead the Vikings in her second year as head coach. She was named NSAA Coach of the Year last season.

Junior Katie Cameron (Alameda, Saskatchewan) is back for the Vikings after being named all-conference at second base. She batted .331 and scored 25 runs. Also back is senior all-

conference outfielder Savannah McMillin. At the plate she batted .324, hit two home runs, drove in 22 runs and led the Vikings with 29 runs. Junior Cejay Hilhorst was also all-conference as a designated player. She hit .259, had two home runs and 18 RBIs, and scored 17 runs.

On the mound, the Vikings will rely heavily on a trio of pitchers who saw significant innings last season. Senior Lindsey White (Menahga, Minn.) led the Vikings last year with a 3.52 ERA. Sophomore Ashley Metcalf (4.51 ERA/Prairie City, Ore.) and sophomore Morgan Nalley (5.42 ERA/Pocatello, Idaho) also figure to see a lot of innings this year.

The Vikings were picked by conference coaches to finish second in the NSAA preseason poll. Dickinson State, a newcomer to the conference this season, is picked to win the title. The Blue Hawks went 39-15 last year and qualified for the NAIA national tournament.

The NSAA postseason tournament is scheduled to be played May 1–3 in Madison, S.D. The winner will advance to the national tournament.





Sadiqah Jihad

## Viking women post strong season

The third-most wins in school history and a second-place finish in the North Star Athletic Association highlighted the 2014–15 women's basketball season at VCSU.

The Vikings finished the season 22-9 overall, going 8-2 during the NSAA regular season. VCSU advanced to the NSAA championship game before seeing the season come to an end with a 65-48 loss to the University of Jamestown on March 3.

VCSU had two wins over Top 15-ranked teams and was receiving votes in the final Top 25 poll, but it wasn't enough to secure a spot in the NAIA national tournament.

Sophomore guard Georgia Williams (Wulguru, Australia) was named first team all-conference, NSAA Newcomer of the Year, and Honorable Mention All American after averaging 13.9 points and 3.4 rebounds per game, while shooting 37 percent from 3-point range this season.

Senior point guard Sadiqah Jihad (Minneapolis, Minn.) was named second team all-conference. She averaged 6.3 points, 4.1 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game this season. Jihad is one of four seniors who played their final games as Vikings.

Senior forward Sierra Even (Windom, Minn.) averaged 8.5 points, 6.4 rebounds and 3 assists per game. Senior guard Steph Pedersen (Mandan, N.D.) led the team in steals and averaged 7.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. Senior guard Megan Trautman (Enderlin, N.D.) was second on the team in 3-pointers made (27) and averaged 5.4 points and 2.1 rebounds a game.

The four departing seniors will leave holes to be filled for head coach Jill DeVries's squad, but the future is still bright. Williams, a sophomore, was the team's leading scorer at 13.9 points. Junior forward Courtney Dixon (Casselton, N.D.) came on strong in the second half of the season; she finished second on the team in scoring at 10.1 points and led the team in shooting at 50 percent overall. Freshman Lexi Lennon (West Fargo, N.D.) also emerged late in the season; she averaged 7.7 points and 3 rebounds a game.

Signature wins from 2014–15 included a 60-53 victory over College of Saint Mary, ranked No. 7 in the country at the time. The Vikings also won a dramatic overtime game with rival University of Jamestown on Feb. 7 in Valley City. Jihad made two free throws with 0.3 seconds left to force overtime, and the Vikings went on to win 72-65 over the Jimmies, ranked No. 11 in the country at the time.

## Men's basketball wraps season with 12-18 record

A young Valley City State University men's basketball team experienced some growing pains this year and finished the 2014–15 season with a 12-18 overall record.

The Vikings' 16-man roster featured 13 freshmen or sophomores this season. VCSU entered conference play with a 10-9 overall record before going 2-9 against teams in the North Star Athletic Association.

In nonconference play, the Vikings faced some of the best teams in the nation, playing games at Embry-Riddle (Fla.), Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) and Bellevue (Neb.), all ranked in the Top 10 entering the NAIA National Tournament.

In conference play, VCSU played the role of spoiler at the end of the season. The Vikings won at Presentation College in the last game of the season, ruining the Saints' shot at a share of the regular season conference championship. VCSU was the No. 6 seed entering the postseason and lost its opening round game at top-seed University of Jamestown.

The Vikings were led in scoring by freshman Jayden Ferguson (Williston, N.D.), who averaged 14.9 points and four rebounds per game. Ferguson shot 46 percent from the field. Sophomore Mac Kroeplin (Grand Forks, N.D.) averaged 10.9 points per game and made a team-high 49 3-pointers.

Junior point guard Riley West (Lakeville, Minn.) was one of only two upperclassmen who played in conference games. He averaged 10.3 points and three assists per game. Freshman Briton Bussman (Milnor, N.D.) averaged 9.1 points and shot 45 percent overall. Sophomore Ellwood Ellenson (Rice Lake, Wis.), a transfer who became eligible at winter break, averaged 6.7 points, 6.7 rebounds and 1.6 blocks per game.

With few faces leaving and a host of experience returning, the Vikings are looking to make a big leap forward in 2015–16. A highlight of the upcoming season includes an exhibition game at Marquette University, an NCAA Division I school in the Big East Conference. Ellwood Ellenson has an older brother and younger brother who will both be playing for Marquette next season, which will give the family a rare opportunity to watch all three brothers play in one game.



Jayden Ferguson

## Vikings on the Move

### 1950s

**Howard Oppegard '50** turned 88 in 2014. Howard and his wife, Carol, live in Valley City.

**DuWayne Syverson '51** spent 2 years in the army in counterintelligence and then taught high school science for 36 years in Bemidji, Minn. He retired in 1990.



▲ **Marilynn (Gentzkow) Norenberg '54** is a retired teacher but still volunteers teaching “after-school bridge.” She and her husband, Ken, enjoy retirement.

**Bob '59 and Dianne (Roseth) Horne '60** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in March 2015. They are blessed with three sons, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and “pretty good health.”

### 1960s

**David Rust '67** was recently appointed to the North Dakota Senate from District 2.

**Clarilyn (Anderson) Riedinger '69** was honored to receive a certificate from the Kidder County 4-H council for her 20 years of judging exhibits at the county fair in Steele.

### 1970s

**Dave '71 and Connie (Schmidt) Challey '72** live on Lake Elsie near Hankinson, N.D. Among their neighbors and friends are VCSU grads or residents Bruce and Cindy Stein, Kim and Rhonda Knodle, Al and Gisela Cruchet, and Vern and Loretta Wieland. Two years ago, Connie retired after 40 years in education; she had taught second and third grade in Hankinson. Dave taught for eight years at Hankinson and is now in the twilight years of his banking career. He has been in banking for 34 years, the last 15 as branch manager of First Community Credit Union in Hankinson.

**Beverly (Woehl) Weigel '75** will be cleaning out her classroom this May after 40 years of teaching. She is excited for retirement!

**David Steele '77** retired after 37 years of teaching. He spent three years at Medina teaching fifth grade, one year at Rugby teaching sixth grade and 33 years at Jamestown Middle School teaching earth and life science. Now he enjoys spending time with his four grandchildren.

### 1980s

**Michael '80 and Karen (Bruhschwein) Foss '80** became first-time grandparents when their daughter, Amy, had a beautiful little girl, Luciana.

**Pam (Calkins) Laffen '80** and her husband, Lonnie, live in Grand Forks, N.D. They have three sons and a daughter-in-law. Pam retired in 2009 after 26 years of teaching. She is a development coordinator with the University of North Dakota Alumni Association and Foundation.

**Diane (Winter) Graff '82** continues to teach Title I at Barnes County North. She and her husband, Brad, live in Valley City. Diane has a wedding/party planner business on the side.

**Kevin Froeber '83** still teaches PE and coaches at Cheney Middle School in West Fargo. Kevin and his wife, Missy, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary by attending the 2014 Kentucky Derby. They have two sons, David (14) and Michael (11), and they all enjoy outdoor activities.

**Laurel (Ploium) Westby '84** retired after teaching students from Pre-K through ninth grade English. She loved all of her years of teaching and is so happy to still be in the field of education, now as an instructor at VCSU. She thoroughly enjoys her university teaching and the students at VCSU.

**Denise (Wentz) Hanson '84** has joined the ranks of the retired! After 30 years in education, she has shifted her focus to the family farm and ranch. She and her husband, Kelly, are busy with their two very active sons, Wyatt (15) and Rhett (13). Denise says “life is good!”

**John Hovda '85** is celebrating the second anniversary of his second kidney transplant. He is glad to be doing as well as he is and says hi to his fellow members of the class of '85.

**Kelvin Kosse '85** is in his 30th year of education, 28 of them in the Bismarck Public Schools. He is in his second year at the alternative high school, South Central High. Kelvin and his wife will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this summer. Their son is a senior at NDSU, and their daughter is a freshman at VCSU.

**Coleen (Ellefson) Asche '86** is still teaching math at Community High School, the alternative school in Grand Forks; this is her 29th year with the Grand Forks Public School System. Coleen and her husband have had an exciting year—they married off their oldest daughter in August 2014 and now their middle daughter will be married in June 2015! Coleen is looking forward to the all-Greek reunion at the VCSU Homecoming in October. She says, “Let’s show up big time, Delphis!”

**Mary Halvorson '89** made a change this year. She is teaching fourth grade at Washington Elementary in Valley City; she is now back at the school where she student taught in 1988. Mary spends her summer months working for Insure Forward in the crop insurance department.

### 1990s

**Ellen (Musgrave) Berg '91** says big changes are coming in the spring of 2015 for the Berg household. They are moving to a new twin home in a retirement development in Brookings, S.D. They are looking forward to no more steps and no lawn maintenance! It also means “downsizing their stuff,” which she and her husband are in the process of doing. They will be on the south edge of town so they will once again enjoy the open space and view of the wildlife and sunsets.

### 2000s

**Michael '00 and Leisa (Clarys) Hrdlicka '01** celebrated the birth of their first child on Nov. 23, 2014. Lucas Nyles Hrdlicka weighed 6 lbs 3 oz. Lucas keeps Mom and Dad busy while they are working hard to finish their master’s degrees from VCSU.

**Dustin '00 and Jodi (Garman) Flaten '01** welcomed their third baby boy, Averik Cooper Flaten, on Aug. 11, 2014.

# I ♥ VCSU

VCSU has begun celebrating its 125th anniversary, and we’re now asking alumni and friends of the university to contribute to a list of “**125 Things We Love about VCSU**” for publication in the Summer 2015 issue of *The Bulletin*.

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# Just Married



◀ **Steve Trudeau '06** and Kelli Smart were married Aug. 2, 2014 in Ada, Minn. Steve is the electrical shop foreman at Dakota Turbines in Cooperstown, N.D., and Kelli teaches math at Northern Cass High School in Hunter, N.D.



▲ **Jean Garcia '12** and **Coty Beck '11** were married July 5, 2014, in Moose Pass, Alaska.



◀ **Jen Shadlock '12** and **Baron Smart '08** were married Nov. 8, 2014, in Fargo, N.D. Baron is currently working at Multiband as a QC software support specialist. While working part time for Fraser Ltd. in a group home, Jen is attending the University of Mary's Fargo campus; she will graduate in May 2015 with a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling.

## In Remembrance

- Jean (Nelson) Hanson '37, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Adelaide (Seiwert) Haxton '38, Rollingstone, Minn.  
 Helen (McDougall) Dows '39, Fargo, N.D.  
 Ruth (Dick) Haun '39, Alexandria, Minn.  
 Irene (Smalladen) Borchert '40, Bellevue, Neb.  
 Sophie (Nielsen) Beutler '47, Fargo, N.D.  
 John Rhoades '47, Campbell, Cal.  
 Lois (Nicholson) Arusell '47, Moorhead, Minn.  
 Shirley (Froemke) Berg '49, Fargo, N.D.  
 Harriet (Drummond) Piehl '49, Brainerd, Minn.  
 Ruth Ann (McLain) Ployhar '49, Fargo, N.D.  
 Marilyn (Johnson) Sell '50, Marion, Iowa  
 Dorothy (Duba) Aaser '56, Worthington, Minn.  
 DeLoris (Hughes) Kracht '56, Bismarck, N.D.  
 Eunice Peterson '56, Marion, N.D.  
 Darryl Haugen '57, Green Valley, Ariz.  
 Shirley (Crane) Metz '57, Ventura, Cal.  
 Roger Mathiesen '59, Cottage Grove, Minn.  
 James Jenkins '60, Houghton, Mich.  
 Marcella (Gilk) Arlien '61, Ashley, N.D.  
 Barbara Rahrhich '63, Strasburg, N.D.  
 Joan (Marshall) McMillen '67, Pelican Rapids, Minn.  
 Kent Petersen '69, Olathe, Kan.  
 Doug Schultz '71, Bismarck, N.D.  
 Bonnie J. Muehlberg '72, Rolette, N.D.  
 Gene Koch '76, Gallatin Gateway, Mont.  
 Janet (Arndt) Buchholz '79, Eau Claire, Wis.  
 Patricia (Guss) Gustafson '81, Wolford, N.D.  
 Thomas Wickens '93, Sheridan, Ill.  
 Ellentina (Schumaker) Becker, Portland, Ore.  
 John Elserperger, Cando, N.D.  
 Robert G. Ford, Oak Harbor, Wash.  
 Terry Gray, Cooperstown, N.D.  
 Fritz Kohn, Valley City, N.D.  
 Bernard Wagner, Valley City, N.D.  
 Joseph Westby, Bismarck, N.D.

## Former Faculty & Staff

- David Nelson, Perham, Minn.  
 Margaret (Conley) York '42, Jamestown, N.D.  
 Rockne Larvick '57, Spokane Valley, Wash.

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# Lil' Vikings

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**Ariya Grace Norris**

July 16, 2014  
7 pounds, 18 inches  
Joins brothers Jayden (13) and Treysan (8), and sister Kylie (11)  
Amanda Norris '11



**Lawsen Dean Beck**

April 17, 2014  
7 pounds 5 ounces, 20 inches  
Coty '11 and Jean (Garcia) Beck '12



**Magdalena Rose Swenson**

November 19, 2014  
6 pounds 8 ounces, 19 1/2 inches  
Sean '09 and Michelle (Meckle) '07 Swenson



**Roland James Messer**

August 25, 2014  
9 pounds 1 ounce, 20 inches  
Joins sister Matilda (2) Justin '06 and Ashley (Swensen) '05 Messer



**Charlotte Joy Aakre**

January 11, 2014  
7 pounds 15 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
Nathan '06 and Brittany Aakre



**Averik Cooper Flaten**

August 11, 2014  
6 pounds, 19 inches  
Joins brother Aidan (9) and Asher (4)  
Dustin '01 and Jodi (Garman) '01 Flaten



**Briana Olsen Bina**

December 29, 2013  
8 pounds 8 ounces, 20 inches  
Stephanie Bina '08 and Martin Olsen '08



**Jade Rose Grabowska**

August 18, 2014  
9 pounds 12 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
Joins brother Brooks (3) Dustin '07 and Jenna Grabowska



**Brooklyn Marie Smith**

October 23, 2014  
7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, 19 3/4 inches  
Chris and Elizabeth (Davis) '13 Smith



**Grace Elizabeth Zorn**

August 9, 2014  
9 pounds 1 ounce, 21 1/2 inches  
Joins brother Jack Rodd and Sarah (Dahl) '05 Zorn



**Hadley Ann Adair Terveen**

September 5, 2014  
8 pounds 6 inches, 21 inches  
Joins sister Tenley (3) Molly (Schultz) '08 and Joe Terveen



**Hudson Eli Bullock**

June 24, 2014  
7 pounds 11 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
Eli and Eliza (Brown) '01 Bullock



**Alek Jacob Godel**

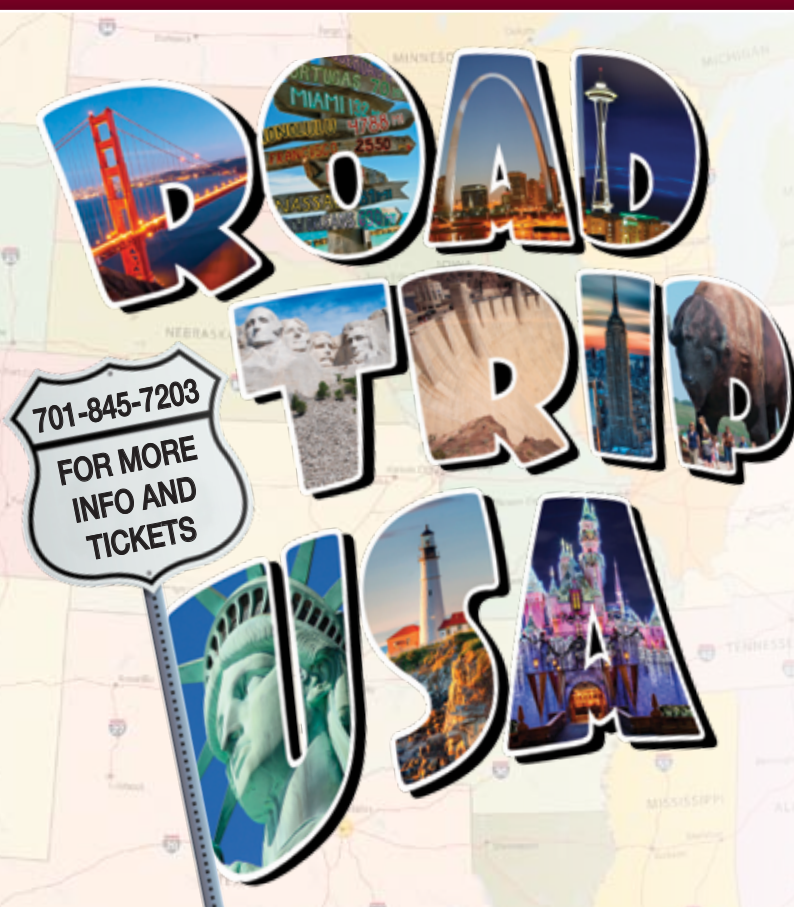
August 22, 2014  
7 pounds 12 ounces, 21 inches  
Joins brother Lukas (3) Eric '02 and Kalle Godel



**Blayke Harper Peschel**

December 23, 2014  
6 pounds 13 ounces, 20 inches  
Joins sister Dilynne (2 1/2) Heather Rickford '02 and Jeremy Peschel '03





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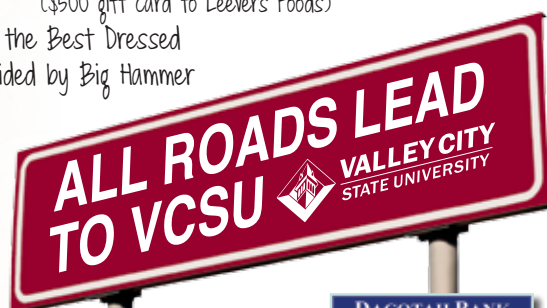
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Steven Busche  
Robin (Wood) Collins  
Shannon Corbett  
Michael Hoffmann  
Kariann Jewett  
Wade Long  
Michael Mostad  
Cara Peters  
Geoffrey Santiago  
Derek Thompson

### 1996

Ernest Clark  
Cameron Croy  
Colin Hogue  
Lori Johnson  
Marlyn Keller  
C. Kyle  
Carol Ley  
Lisa Mikkelsen  
Douglas Skarp

### 1997

Ardell (McDonald) Blueshield  
Clayton Blueshield  
Bryan Carlson  
Kevin Dauphinais  
Daren Fech  
Donna (Kastet-McCann) Fontaine

Gregory Franck  
Christopher Grainger  
Jennifer (Malsam) Hilborn  
Paula (Schultz) Petersen  
Kathleen Wilde

### 1998

Candace Danzey  
Kelly Dyck  
Angela Fessler  
Robert Hanson  
Charles Messall  
Penny (Keller) Redman  
Daryl Van Hale

### 1999

Raimey Cayer  
Victoria Chipoka  
Bradley Kappel  
Carlton Linton  
Dean Sproule  
Laura (Voigt) Sproule

### 2000

Oscar Elizalde Grajeda  
Elizabeth Hauge  
Todd Klusmann  
Alyssa Martin  
Ryan McGough  
Nicole (Mehus) Mehus - Jensen  
Kimberley Millar

Thomas Punton  
Anne Smith  
Laurel Valentine

### 2001

Jeffery Aarts  
Melissa Carter  
Chere Fuchs  
Kate Keating  
Cari Kramer  
Gary Leingang  
Susan (Slone) Opp  
Jill Ritchie  
Cameron Scott  
Tracy (Bouret) Vargas  
Sergei Vasilyev  
Lindsey Wilson

### 2002

Anna Barcis  
Ellie Broman  
Kimberly (Hehn) Gooding  
Alison Kohler  
Luis Martinez

### 2003

Erin (Maitland) Draper  
Eric Erickson  
Alicia (Simonsen) Godel  
Kristina Hanson  
Gyebi Kwarteng

Dana Lattimore  
Rebecca Otteson  
Nathan Penner  
Marlene (Linell) Thompson  
Natacha (Boucard) Zephyrin

### 2004

Christopher Church  
Harold Lang  
Martina Miteva  
Joshua Nelson

### 2005

Terrance Allen  
Marni Dreissen  
David Fleming  
Amanda Hanson  
Nicolle James  
Natalie Koch  
Sarah (Baertsch) Lutz  
Taylor Lutzwick  
Ivie Matthews  
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