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Pedersen Named Volunteer of the Year

For the third consecutive year Dean Pedersen has received the V-500 Volunteer of the Year award. The award is given to a V-500 board member who has extraordinarily given back to the program and received the most enlistments during the recent campaign drive. Dean has served on the V-500 Board of Directors for 12 years and in that time has singlehandedly acquired 176 memberships and raised just over \$215,000 for the V-500 Scholarship Program. Thank you Dean, for all your hard work and dedication to the students of Valley City State University!

V-500 Brings Quality Student to VCSU

Mackenzie Bruce is a freshman from San Tan Valley, Arizona. She is attending Valley City State University as a Health Science major and hopes to enroll in a Physician Assistant Graduate Program after completing her undergraduate work at VCSU.

I asked Mackenzie how VCSU stood out from other schools. She replied, "I chose VCSU because of the small campus and community. I have always gone to small schools and wanted to keep it that way throughout my college years. I came up to visit and fell in love with the campus just by looking at it. All of the

universities back home are very modern and VCSU is so much more unique. Here I can actually have a relationship with my advisor and professors and not just be a face in a sea of faces; that was one of the most important factors for me in picking my university."

In 1972, visionary members of the Valley City community united to start the V-500 program for scholarship support. Its purpose was, and still is, to assist quality students entering Valley City State University. "The V-500 scholarship is not just



money for school to me, it is a reward," says Mackenzie. "I worked very hard for this scholarship and my hard work has paid off! Yes, it helps me very much with paying for school, but it also keeps me motivated to work hard and make my family proud!" Supporting students like Mackenzie is what the V-500 program is all about.

Mackenzie is a hard-working student who works in the VCSU Career Services and Student Affairs Office. She is also a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Thank you, V-500 donors, for giving students like Mackenzie the gift of education!

Jeremy Wiebe '08
Assistant Director of Annual Giving



Thank you for your support!

I have always been excited to help students and have wanted to teach in an elementary school ever since I can remember. chose Valley City State University because it has the best reputation as a teachers college in North Dakota. Also, VCSU came with a pretty high recommendation because my mother, Virjean, is an alumna. The V-500 scholarship means a lot to me because it made receiving the education of my dreams possible, and more importantly, affordable. After graduation, I plan on applying for a job in the elementary education field, and I want to stay in North Dakota. Thank you for your support!



Mikayla Cramer Amenia, ND

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V-500 Recognition Banquet



Lifetime Giving Milestones

Back row (L to R): Chad Petersen, Kristin Petersen, Rocky Stack, Vitaliano Figueroa, Daisy Figueroa, John Froehlich.

Front row (L to R): Bob Bruhschwein, Rosalyn Bruhschwein, Casey Stoudt Jr., Dean Pedersen, Betty Pedersen, Sandra Froelich.



Lifetime Giving Milestones

Back row (L to R): Jeremy Wiebe, Caron Berg, Ross Berg, Larry Robinson, Myron Hammer, Paul Dahlberg.

Front row (L to R): Kara Wiebe, Kathleen Zaun, Les Zaun, Mary Lee Robinson, Jane Hammer, Margaret Dahlberg.



New and Renewed Pledges

Back row (L to R): Dennis Nathan, Ken Astrup, Harvey Hochhalter, Elaine Walls, Luke Trapp, Dean Pedersen, Paul Dahlberg, Lynette Karges, Dean Karges. Front row (L to R): JoAnn Nathan, Natalie Ann Sayler, Carol Hochhalter, Deb Anderson, Loni Trapp, Carol Flatau, Margaret Dahlberg, Betty Pedersen.



Cash Contributions

Back row (L to R): Bob Bruhschwein, Greg Carlson, Vitaliano Figueroa, Daisy Figueroa, George McCarthy, Terry Corwin, Bill Corwin. **Front row (L to R):** Rosalyn Bruhschwein, Joy Rand, Casey Stoudt Jr., Caron Berg, Ross Berg, Janice McCarthy, Marcella Richman.

Gifts Anyone Can Afford

Have you ever wished you could help but thought you couldn't afford to give? Perhaps you are concerned that giving may affect your cash flow or your family's financial security. There is good news! You can support V-500 without impacting yourself or your family. Have you ever thought to yourself, I'd like to give more to charity or I'd like to make an impact in my community, but you don't know how? You may be surprised to learn that you can take steps to give and make a difference today without giving away the assets you might need now or later in life. Including charitable giving as part of your estate plan will help you do just that!

Naming V-500 as a beneficiary in your will or trust is one of the easiest ways to help our cause. This gift will have no impact on your current lifestyle, and you Executive Director of Advancement can make a big difference in our future work. A bequest offers you flexibility.



For example, you can make a gift to V-500 only if you outlive your spouse or others you wish to support. And your gift may be changed at any time. There are some assets that are easier to give to charity, and these gifts don't require a visit to your attorney to draft a will or codicil. For example, you can name V-500 as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, investment account or life insurance policy. Many plan administrators and financial services companies include forms online, which makes it easy for you to complete a change of beneficiary.

There are many easy, affordable ways to give back and make a difference. Visit with your attorney or advisors to learn more about the ways you can help V-500 and impact the life of a VCSU student by giving the gift of education!

V-500 Membership Application 2014-15

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