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## No. 1 Public Regional College in the Midwest

U.S. News and World Report has ranked VCSU the "No. 1 Public Regional College in the Midwest" for the third consecutive year and a U.S. News "Best College" for the 20th consecutive year.

## The faces of V-500

Each fall a new group of freshmen arrive on our campus excited about college life, living in the resident halls, eating cafeteria food, meeting new friends, and continuing their education.

It should come as no surprise to you that many of these students were attracted to Valley City State University because they received a V-500 scholarship. In many cases, it is because of your support that they ended up at Valley City State University.

The faces below represent a small sampling of those students. The students share with us their hometowns and express their thanks and appreciation to the V-500 scholarship program. In every situation, the V-500 Scholarship offer was a key factor in their decision-making process—one more confirmation that the V-500 Program is "Making a Difference" at VCSU.

These students are now a part of our VCSU family. It is our hope that these students will finish their course work and have successful careers following their graduation. We also hope that, like you, they appreciate the value of V-500 and elect to support the program themselves and indeed "Give Something Back" so the next generation of students can benefit from a V-500 Scholarship as well.

Needless to say, one of the most meaningful gifts one can make is the gift of education. On behalf of all of our V-500 recipients, thank you for your support!



**Samantha Beckley**  
Business Administration  
Kensal, N.D.

This is my first year at Valley City University. I am a junior in college. I started my college journey at Bismarck State College and decided VCSU was a better fit. I enjoy being outside, reading, and spending time with friends and family. I decided to attend VCSU because it is a great school—with small class sizes—that can help me achieve my goals to become a business professional. Thank you so much for believing in the students of Valley City State University. It is great that there are people like you that can help students like me with the financial aspect of college. It allows me to work less and focus more on school. Thank you so much for your donation; it is truly appreciated.



**April Berntson**  
Elementary Education  
Valley City

My name is April Berntson, and I grew up in Valley City. I graduated high school in 2015 and also graduated from the Association Free Lutheran Bible School (AFLBS). While at AFLBS, I worked as a teacher for kindergarten- and preschool-age kids at a local Montessori school and fell in love with teaching. I also played basketball and

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## The faces of V-500 (cont'd.)

was in choir. I am now attending VCSU and going into elementary education. I'm taking classes in the morning and working almost full-time at Pizza Corner. My parents and grandparents went to VCSU and absolutely loved it here. I knew that VCSU was a very good choice for me, and it was also a perk to be closer to home again. Thank you so much for helping me pay for my tuition; it is very much appreciated. I am so excited to be going into education, especially after just finishing my student observation this last week. For the last month, I've been helping out and observing a fourth grade classroom in Valley City. It really made me realize how many things go into teaching, but I am excited to continue learning and am looking forward to the rest of my classes.



**Maren Horner**

*Health Science  
Valley City*

I've lived in Valley City my whole life. I've always been interested in the medical field and am excited to learn more

at Valley City State University. I decided to come to VCSU because it seemed like the right fit for me. I like the small class sizes, the campus, and the friendly people here. Thank you so much for the V-500 scholarship! It will help me a lot in continuing my education at Valley City State. I will be studying Health Science and hope to become a dentist once I go to dentistry school. I am very excited about my freshman year of college and am having a great time so far. Thanks again!



**Louis Leon**

*Professional Communication  
Soledad, Calif.*

I attended and graduated from Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif., in June 2017 and received

my Associate's Degree in Communication Studies with a 3.4 GPA throughout my two years there. I also ran competitively

for the Hartnell cross country and track and field athletic teams. I am now a 19 year-old junior at VCSU striving to receive my Bachelor's Degree in Professional Communications while representing the school on its cross country and track and field athletic teams. I decided to attend VCSU because it was the best choice for me and my family in both education and athletics. I've been at VCSU for about a semester now and I can truly say that I'm living the dream here in North Dakota; that's something you don't hear from a Californian every day. My teammates—as well as all of my professors on the faculty—are awesome; everyone here at VCSU is just so helpful. I love it! I would like to say a huge thank-you! This scholarship greatly helps me pay off not only my tuition but also other school expenses.



**Ryan Poehls**

*Business Management  
Sabin, Minn.*

Hello my name is Ryan Poehls, and I live a mile outside of the small town of Sabin.

I play on the VCSU football team, and I love the outdoors and the lakes. I am a very friendly person and love to make people laugh. I came to Valley City for the small campus and the small class sizes it provides. I also like the outdoor scenery of the campus. The culture of football in this town is great. Thanks for all the support I have received from this scholarship; it will really help my education in business management.



**Rhett Sieverts**

*Exercise Science  
Seward, Alaska*

I am a freshman at VCSU. I play outside linebacker for the football team and am redshirting this year. I love fishing, camping,

hiking, sea kayaking, and any other activity that allows me to be outside. I decided on VCSU because of the small, social, and friendly campus. Another

reason is because multiple linebackers who graduated from Seward High School played here, too. I also picked Valley City because nobody else from my high school was going here, which is allowing me to really socialize and meet new people. I have met some amazing people here in the few months that I have been on campus, and I look forward to strengthening those friendships while creating new ones. Thank you so much for helping me along my journey to a college degree. College can cost an unreal amount of money, and I appreciate the support that you have provided me with.



**Allyssa Weitkum**

*Exercise Science  
Wauconda, Ill.*

I grew up in a small town in Wisconsin then moved to the Chicago area. I

did two years at a junior college, and I transferred to VCSU to run cross country and track. I enjoy athletics and being outdoors, and I plan on some day being an athletic trainer for a big college. I decided to attend VCSU for the great exercise science program as well as the great running program available here. Your support is greatly appreciated, and I am very lucky to receive this scholarship. Thank you for the opportunity!



**Alix Wisnewski**

*Elementary Education  
Geneseo, N.D.*

I come from a small town and a family of six. My mom is an EMT, and my dad does upholstery work. I play tight end on the

VCSU football team. I have a sibling who previously went to VCSU and loved it. He graduated with his master's degree last summer. I love the small school presence and environment. VCSU also has the best education program around so it was an easy decision for me. Thank you very much for your generosity. I appreciate it greatly as I continue to pursue my goal of teaching and coaching.

## Thank you from these 2017-18 V-500 recipients!

Collin Aarfor, Bismarck, N.D.  
 Grant Bangen, Spicer, Minn.  
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 Allison Bartholomay, Enderlin, N.D.  
 Zander Bauer, Gwinner, N.D.  
 Paige Beach, Fargo, N.D.  
 Samantha Beckley, Kensal, N.D.  
 John Beeson, Valley City, N.D.  
 Sean Beilke, Buffalo, N.D.  
 Paige Benson, Hankinson, N.D.  
 Morgan Bernardy, Larimore, N.D.  
 April Berntson, Plymouth, Minn.  
 Victoria Blackburn, Cooperstown, N.D.  
 Abby Bladow, Hankinson, N.D.  
 Brady Block, Hazen, N.D.  
 Austin Boller, Willmar, Minn.  
 Olivia Borchers, Mandan, N.D.  
 Matthew Brandvold, Valley City, N.D.  
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 Chance Brenno, New Rockford, N.D.  
 Jake Broden, Garrison, N.D.  
 Madison Brott, Arvilla, N.D.  
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 Brenna Dieterle, Valley City, N.D.  
 Phillip Dimas, Tucson, Ariz.  
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 Mikayla Donohue, Binford, N.D.  
 Ryan Durka, Grand Forks, N.D.

Addi Eckart, Hillsboro, N.D.  
 Brady Engebretson, Velva, N.D.  
 Tate Enget, Stanley, N.D.  
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 Kylie Erickson, North Pole, Alaska  
 Cole Faul, Hurdsfield, N.D.  
 Madalynn Fenske, Cottonwood, Minn.  
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 Kailee Fraser, Portage La Prairie,  
 Manitoba  
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 Seth Hanson, Valley City, N.D.  
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 Alexander Heacox, Honolulu, Hawaii  
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 Tanya Huisman, Bismarck, N.D.  
 Charlotte Huschka, Valley City, N.D.  
 Cody Huss, Crosslake, Minn.  
 Strait Idso, Amenia, N.D.  
 Drew Jacobson, Valley City, N.D.  
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 Breanna Johnson, Kintyre, N.D.  
 Michael Johnson, Dazey, N.D.

Nissa Johnson, Elk River, Minn.  
 Kelly Jonson, West Fargo, N.D.  
 Casey Julson, Rolette, N.D.  
 Kathleen Kilfoyle, Kenai, Alaska  
 Patrick Kussatz, Portland, N.D.  
 Mickaella Langer, Valley City, N.D.  
 Lucas Latt, Gwinner, N.D.  
 Louis Leon, Soledad, Calif.  
 Kobie Longie, Tioga, N.D.  
 Benjamin Magstadt, Devils Lake, N.D.  
 Riley Marohl, Valley City, N.D.  
 Gabrielle Martin, Pillager, Minn.  
 Carter Mattheis, Hazen, N.D.  
 Spencer Mattheis, Hazen, N.D.  
 Hunter McCalla, Clear Lake, Minn.  
 Sayge McKrill, Mesa, Ariz.  
 Calista Miller, West Fargo, N.D.  
 Hannah Miller, Valley City, N.D.  
 Jay Miranda, Kodiak, Alaska  
 Megan Molash, Fort Yates, N.D.  
 Deena Monson, Cooperstown, N.D.  
 Kiara Muilenburg, Carrington, N.D.  
 Sofia Muruato, Beach, N.D.  
 Cole Myhre, Sheyenne, N.D.  
 Katelyn Nehlich, Valley City, N.D.  
 Logan Nelson, Hunter, N.D.  
 Nieves, Justina, Lisbon, N.D.  
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 Yariel Rivera-Mujica, West Fargo, N.D.  
 Bryeann Robertson, Fort Totten, N.D.  
 Jayden Romfo, Langdon, N.D.  
 Jessee Rude, Devils Lake, N.D.  
 Cooper Sant, Wasilla, Alaska  
 Thomas Santos, Lansford, N.D.  
 Tony Sa'o, Anchorage, Alaska  
 Jade Schafer, Jamestown, N.D.  
 Eva Schempp, Larimore, N.D.  
 Rose Schneibel, Manvel, N.D.  
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 Jake Skelly, Grand Rapids, Minn.  
 Tyler Smith, Parkers Prairie, Minn.  
 Seth Soderholm, Sheyenne, N.D.  
 Jaryn Stading, Jamestown, N.D.  
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 Manitoba  
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 Makayla Woitzel, Fargo, N.D.  
 Brittany Zarr, Bismarck, N.D.

## V-500 Membership Application 2017-18

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Commitment

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

### Payment Frequency

- Annual  Quarterly
- Semi-Annual  Monthly

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

\_\_\_\_\_

### Method of Payment

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

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

**Automatic Withdrawal:** Enclose voided check.  
 I authorize the VCSU Foundation/V-500 to withdraw \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the 15th of the month to begin in \_\_\_\_\_

Signature on Account \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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