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VCSU's V-500 Scholarship Program Celebrating 40 Years 1972-2012

The Valley City State University V-500 Scholarship Program will be 40 years old in 2012. Founded in 1972, V-500 has played and continues to play an important role in attracting students to the University. A total of \$15,000 was raised in the first year of the program. Several scholarships in the amount of \$75 were awarded to needy students. Since that time, total scholarship allocations have grown to over \$250,000 for the current academic year. Scholarships range in size from \$1,000 to \$2,500. According to Charlene Stenson, Director of Enrollment Services at VCSU, "The V-500 program has been a major factor in our ability to attract students to the University. Time and time again, we are able to outpace our competition because of the V-500 Scholarship Program." There are well over 1,000 V-500 members. Many have multiple memberships and a growing number have supported the program at the V-\$5,000 and V-\$10,000 levels.

The V-500 Board of Directors is currently engaged in their annual membership drive. Basic membership in the program requires a \$200 commitment for a five year time period. Membership comes with attractive gifts and two free tickets to the annual V-500 Recognition Banquet scheduled for December 10, 2011. Following the banquet, all participants are invited to attend the EBC Alumni Association's "We're In The Christmas Mood Program" in Vangstad Auditorium later that evening.

According to Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement, "The V-500 Scholarship Program is an opportunity for all of us to assist a needy student with University costs. Total costs for attending one year at VCSU including personal expenses exceed \$14,000. **V-500 is an investment in our students, our university and our community.**"

Join V-500 today or renew your membership.

Enlist a friend, ask them to join our V-500 family.

Happy Holidays! Join V-500 & Receive Tickets to the Christmas Program!

Each year the V-500 Board of Directors hosts a recognition banquet in December in conjunction to the EBC Alumni Fraternity's "We're in the Christmas Mood" show. During the banquet, all new and renewed V-500 donors are recognized along with any V-500 donors that might be reaching a lifetime level of giving to the V-500 Scholarship Program. Following the banquet, all attendees are invited to reserved seats for the "We're in the Christmas Mood" show in Vangstad Auditorium.

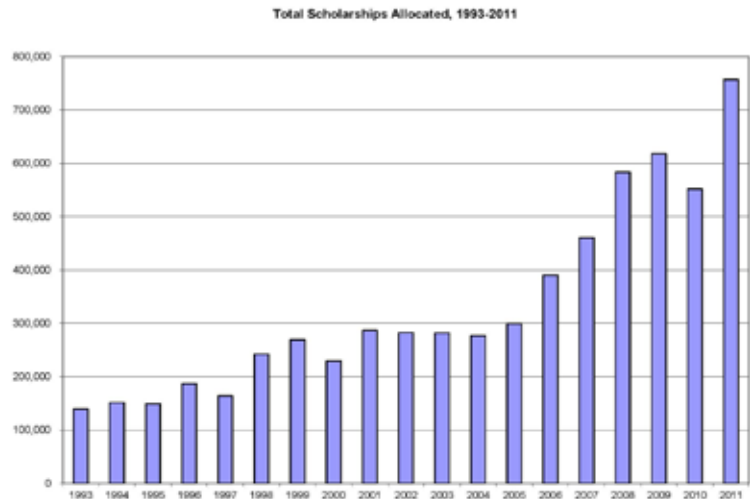
Join by November 18, 2011 and receive two free tickets to the annual V-500 Recognition Banquet scheduled for Saturday, December 10 along with reserved seats for the EBC's "We're in the Christmas Mood" show.



VCSU's Scholarship Allocations Reach Record!

Scholarship allocations for the 2011-2012 academic year reached an all-time record. Total allocations topped the \$757,000 level. This is an all-inclusive figure including V-500, Century, and Memorial and Endowed scholarships.

“According to Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement, “Scholarship support is certainly having an impact on VCSU’s enrollment. Enrollment at VCSU for the Fall Semester 2011 reached an all-time record of 1,384 students for the fall semester. We are very thankful to our alumni, friends, and the Valley City business community for their strong support of Valley City State University. They are clearly **Making a Difference!**”



Kasowski Joins Advancement Staff



The VCSU Foundation has announced that Alison Kasowski will be joining the staff in the Advancement Office effective December 1, 2011. She will serve as Assistant Director of Annual Giving with specific responsibilities in the area of the V-500 Scholarship Program and other annual fund initiatives.

Kasowski graduated from VCSU in 2006 with a degree in Elementary Education. She has worked in the VCSU

Enrollment Services Office for the past three years as an Admission Counselor.

According to Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement, “We are pleased that Alison will be joining our team. She brings with her a passion for Valley City State University and a successful tenure in the Enrollment Services Office. She will be a major asset to the Advancement staff.”

Maximize Your Year-End Gift Benefits

Generosity knows no season, but this is historically the time most people give and receive—and begin income tax planning. Here are some ideas on how to map out a plan for **making a difference** at Valley City State University.

Give cash. To document a cash gift of any amount, you must have a receipt from us prior to filing your return that amount, and whether you received any goods or services in exchange for your donation. Make certain you receive one. A cancelled check provides sufficient documentation only for gifts by check if they are less than \$250.

Give stock or other property. If the property has depreciated in value, sell it and deduct the loss to the extent allowed by law. Then donate the cash received from its sale. That way you have another deduction. If it is worth more than what you originally paid for it, do not sell it. Donate the property to us—we'll sell it and you will eliminate all the capital gains tax you would have had over a year.

With a gift to a qualified charitable organization such as VCSU, you can receive the greatest tax advantages when donating this year. Contact Larry Robinson at 701-845-7203 or 800-532-8641 x37203 or email to: larry.robinson@vcsu.edu with any questions about your options for giving or your entitled benefits.



Wiebe and Glandt to Lead V-500 Board

Kara Wiebe has been elected as the new President of the Valley City State University V-500 Scholarship Program for the 2011-2012 year. Tom Glandt has been elected as the Vice President of the organization.

Kara is a 2008 graduate of Valley City State University. She is currently employed at Bank Forward, Valley City. Tom is employed with Investment Centers of America, Dacotah Bank, in Valley City.

According to Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement, "We are fortunate to have Kara and Tom leading our V-500 Board of Direc-

tors. They have contributed much to the V-500 effort and are tremendous ambassadors of VCSU and our V-500 Program. We are very appreciative



Tom Glandt, V-500 Vice President and Kara Wiebe V-500 President

of their willingness to assume these leadership positions."

Robinson further commented "V-500 and our overall scholarship program is one of the contributing factors in our record enrollment at VCSU. We are very thankful for the strong support we have received from our alumni and friends. They are *Making it Happen!* We are also indebted to our entire V-500 Board of Directors; they are playing a big role in getting the job done each and every year."

Anyone interested in supporting the V-500 Scholarship Program should call the VCSU Foundation Office at 701-845-7203.

V-500 Membership Application 2011-12

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Email _____

Annual Commitment:

- \$200 per year for 5 years
- \$300 per year for 5 years
- \$500 per year for 5 years
- \$1,000 per year for 5 years
- \$2,000 per year for 5 years
- \$5,000 per year for 5 years
- \$10,000 per year for 5 years
- Other (Please specify: _____)

Payment Frequency:

- Annual
- Semi-Annual
- Quarterly
- Monthly

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

There are several gifts available as part of your membership. For a list of items please contact the VCSU Foundation Office.

Payment Option:

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

Card #: _____-_____-_____-_____

Signature on Account _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Validation Code _____

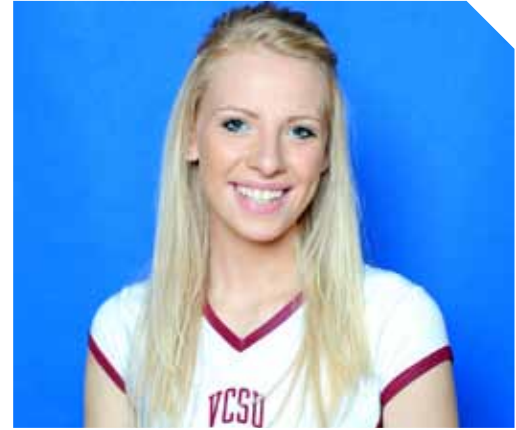
- Automatic Withdrawal:** Enclose voided check. I authorize the VCSU Foundation/V-500 to withdraw \$_____ on the 15th of the month to begin in _____

Signature on Account _____ Date _____



Andrew Carlson - Nuevo, CA
Sophomore - Psychology Major

"Receiving the V-500 Scholarship made the reality of attending VCSU feasible. I do not qualify for any assistance outside of loans which made my college search very difficult. VCSU offered me an aid package that gave me a great boost towards paying for college. To be honest, if I had not received the V-500 I would have had to go to community college first in order to stay away from taking out private loans from banks or other lenders. I am very thankful to have received it."



Carmeille Foster - Aberdeen, SD
Freshman - Business Administration

"Before this scholarship was presented to me, I was struggling to get money to even attend college. Now that I have obtained this great scholarship, I'll be able to pay for my education without having to worry. This scholarship was truly a blessing!"

**Check out our Giving Opportunities with Tax Incentives
on our web page at alumni.vcsu.edu.**

