

VCSU Donor Edition

Fiscal Year 2013-2014



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Margaret Dahlberg
VCSU Interim President



Welcome to the 2013-14 edition of the Valley City State University Foundation's Donor Edition.

On October 13, 1890, Valley City Normal opened its doors to our first students, a class of 22. This fall we welcomed our 125th class of students and recorded a near-record enrollment of 1,368.

Over those 125 years, we have grown from a certificate-granting teacher-preparatory Normal school to a diversified University offering a number of degrees, including a Master's in education and Baccalaureate degrees in Athletic Training, Health Science, Fisheries and Wildlife, Software Engineering, Business, Music, Communication, Social Science, and a number of other fields. The breadth of programs we offer allows VCSU to serve the many varied needs of the surrounding region and the state.

VCSU continues to invest in renovations and updates across campus, from small facility updates in the library to promote group study and quiet areas to landscaping improvements with a picnic area behind Circle Hall and new, student-designed bicycle racks near Graichen and Rhoades Science Center. On a larger scale, the demolition of the old Science building, the renovation of Vangstad Auditorium and Classroom building, recent improvements including ADA accessibility for the President's House Guest Inn, and the repair of several basement walls in McFarland all bring improved learning spaces for our students and a more attractive campus for all of us to enjoy.

We are likewise investing in our students, building enrollment, academic success, and program quality. Our faculty and staff have increased student retention rates from 57% to 70% over the past three years. Enrollment this fall is six students short of the campus record high; the scholarships we are able to offer help VCSU recruit and retain great students who in turn help strengthen academic programs and student success. We are especially pleased with our developing undergraduate research program and the underlying program quality that supports this opportunity for our students.

In 1890, tuition at Valley City Normal was free; today we must all work together to make college affordable, with access and opportunity for students who might otherwise be unable to attend college or end up carrying an enormous loan debt during the first decade or so of their career.

Thank you for your investment of your time, talent, and treasure in Valley City State University. Your contributions are vital to our efforts at VCSU. Together, we are able to make a real difference in the lives of many students who come to us with high hopes and leave with a quality education and a solid plan for their future endeavors. Thank you for being part of their success.

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Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

We have tried to make the Donor Edition as accurate as possible in order to properly recognize everyone that contributed this past fiscal year (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). However, mistakes are always possible, and we welcome the opportunity to correct them. If we have missed any donor, or if you feel you have been placed in the wrong giving category, please call the Advancement office at 800-532-8641 ext. 37203.



Larry Robinson '71
Executive Director for University Advancement

Thank You Alumni and Friends

Greetings from your Valley City State University Foundation office. As I write this message for our annual **Donor Edition**, we are well into another exciting year at VCSU. Academic year 2014-2015 began with the announcement that for the 17th consecutive year, VCSU was recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a **"Best College"**. This special recognition is noteworthy in and of itself. It is also important to note that VCSU's Masters of Education program was ranked number 42 of 234 programs nationwide. Not bad for a program that has only been in existence for a few short years! VCSU also received recognition for its online Bachelor's program ranking that program 138th of 278 programs nationally in 2014.

We also received exciting news in early September that our total head count enrollment stood at 1,378, just 6 students shy of the all-time record set in 2011!

Winter semester will also bring a new President to Valley City State University. Dr. Tisa Mason, Ed.D. was named the next President of Valley City State University by the State Board of Higher Education in October. Dr. Mason comes to us from Fort Hays State University in Kansas, where she served as Vice President of Student Affairs. We are excited to welcome Dr. Mason to our university community.

During the course of the Presidential interviews, we were constantly reminded by our applicants of the strength of Valley City State University and the strong reputation of quality this university has gained across the nation. In addition, several of the candidates noted the record of success that the VCSU Foundation has enjoyed since its formation in 1996. Your VCSU Foundation now enjoys an asset base in excess of \$11 million dollars. As a result of a strong market and record contributions, fiscal year 2013-2014 was by far, our best year ever. The Foundation will allocate a record of \$1,024,000 in scholarship support to VCSU students for the 2014-2015 academic year. That achievement is no accident. The thank you needs to go to you, our Alumni and Friends, for **"Making it Happen"!**

Yes, we are indebted to our many volunteers who serve on a number of foundation boards and committees. They have served countless hours on our behalf and deserve significant credit. And yes, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the outstanding work of Kim Hesch, Loree Morehouse and Jeremy Wiebe, our staff in our foundation office. They have been troopers in every way, and are completely dedicated to VCSU. But in the final analysis, our Alumni and Friends have come through once again. The financial support of your alma mater and your university that you provide is making a major difference on the campus. The

momentum that we enjoy can be attributed in large part to your commitment to this university. We have said it before and we will say it again, we are very appreciative of the support we receive from the state of North Dakota. That support provides for important "base" funding. However, the **"critical margin of difference"** for any campus is the private support that serves to compliment that state general fund base.

The mission of the VCSU Foundation is to support Valley City State University by involving alumni and friends of the university in activities and private giving that meet the university's needs and advance its welfare. The Foundation supports and coordinates the efforts of the Alumni Association, V-500, Booster Board, and major giving activities. We trust that we are indeed fulfilling our mission to this great university.

Valley City State University is indeed a **"special place"!** The rich tradition we enjoy is commendable. It has been said that our tradition is as much a part of our future as it is our past. Those that came before us set the bar pretty high! We thank them for that and we would have it no other way!

We thank you for your ongoing support of our university. Have a great year and stop by for a visit when you are through this way. The coffee is always on! Go Vikings!

Honor & Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gifts

Each year, the Valley City State University Foundation receives a number of memorial gifts. A memorial gift is a wonderful way to leave a lasting legacy to honor the loss of a loved one, friend or colleague. Our office can acknowledge these gifts to the family of the deceased as well as to the donor. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Loree Morehouse at 1-800-532-8641, extension 37203, or email lore.e.morehouse@vcsu.edu.

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As Viking Athletic Director, I would like to extend an invitation to get connected with Valley City State and the athletic department. It's important to have excitement and enthusiasm surrounding our programs, and you can help.

Each year, more than 300 student-athletes put in the extra time and effort of competing in athletics while receiving a quality education at VCSU. We are thrilled to welcome so many great student-athletes to our campus each fall and nothing pleases our staff and our athletes more than seeing fans come out to fill the stands and support the programs.

Another way to support our student-athletes is by being a part of the Viking Century Club. Through the Century Club, you can help us continue the strong tradition that Viking Athletics has built throughout the years. Financial contributions by our members provide much needed assistance for scholarships to

our student-athletes that help offset the rising cost of tuition.

Our coaches, staff, athletes and booster board members work very hard to prepare for their upcoming seasons, and your contribution can be a big help. Your attendance at the games and through your Century Club membership helps us produce quality teams on the field, and graduate quality men and women off the field. Following their student-athlete experience, former Vikings routinely move on to teaching and coaching careers throughout the country, continuing the VCSU legacy.

On behalf of all VCSU team members, thank you for getting involved with Viking athletics! We truly appreciate all of the time and financial gifts received. Let's work together for another successful season at VCSU. **GO VIKINGS!**

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"I decided to support Valley City State University for two reasons. First, they gave me a very good education so my wife, Jan, and I thought it appropriate to "pay it forward." We wanted to help others get their education at this fine institution. Second, when I started at VCSU, I was a lost soul trying to figure out how to study and learn all the information that was thrown at me. It was overwhelming at first, but I was lucky enough to get into a 100 level course in biology taught by James Lade. He taught me, and others I am sure, how to study, and a method of note taking that got me on a path to succeed. After that, my grades went up and everything was made clear. I used those methods to go well beyond a Master's Degree with good success. I attribute all of this to James Lade. Without him where would I be? God bless James Lade for what he did for me. In conclusion, we placed our foundation scholarship money as a tribute to his name."

~Jack Fuller

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Kim (Svenningsen) Hesch '91
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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Valley City State University alumni from all over the country consistently share the ways that their alma mater, and the surrounding community, has shaped their lives. The experiences you had during your time at VCSU taught you valuable academic lessons, but they also bonded you for life to your classmates, friends and professors. Staying connected provides the opportunity to reflect on your time at VCSU and allows you to add new memories to the special ones you already have. Here are three ways to continue building your relationship with VCSU:

Participate: If you haven't been back to campus recently I strongly encourage you to plan a trip back or attend one of many alumni activities we host throughout the year. Our office organizes events, programs and communications to keep you in touch with your classmates and make it possible for you to meet grads from other years. Join us - you will be glad you did!

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Finally, we know how very lucky we are to have such a beautiful and historic place to call our alma mater. And, we know how very lucky we are to have so many alumni and friends who have provided gifts of money, service and time. We can never thank you enough, but please come by often and we will certainly try!

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, suggestions, or questions at (701) 845-7403 or kim.hesch@vcsu.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.

Go Vikings!



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VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

The goal of the Valley City State University Foundation is to support Valley City State University. The Foundation exists to raise and manage private resources of time, talent and financial contributions to support the purpose and priorities of Valley City State University, and provide opportunities for both the students and the university that are not funded through state funds. Its mission is to help the University grow in its pursuit of excellence.

Under the leadership of the Development Director, Larry Robinson and the dedicated staff of Kim Hesch, Loree Morehouse, and Jeremy Wiebe, coupled with the commitment of volunteer board members, the Foundation has been able to provide many scholarships to new students and upperclassman.

Scholarships this year have topped the \$750,000 mark thanks to the many supporters of the University. Two new scholarships, STEM and Presidential, have added to the student population at VCSU. It is exciting that some of the scholarships are renewable and the Foundation is interested in working towards increasing these scholarships as a means to encourage students to remain at the University for their entire undergraduate degree.

There has been some unfavorable coverage of some University Foundations. However, the VCSU Foundation has recently undergone an audit by an outside accounting agency. There were no problems with the awarding of scholarships or misuse of funds and very few problems noted. The staff and the Board are interested in providing the best service to the University and its students!

The Foundation continues to follow its strategic plan encouraging corporate giving, reviewing of board essentials and cultivating relationships with VCSU friends and alumni.

Valley City State University has been named by U.S. News as one of the best public regional colleges in the Midwest for seventeen consecutive years. The Foundation is committed to assisting the University in this pursuit of educational excellence. The Board is excited to partner with our new President, Dr. Tisa Mason. With her guidance and collaboration the Foundation believes that VCSU is on the path to continued growth, prosperity and excellence.

VCSU Foundation Statement of Activities - June 30, 2014 and 2013

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Support and revenue | | |
| Contributions | \$3,267,808 | \$269,107 |
| Noncash contributions | 233,633 | 277,169 |
| Memorials | 310 | 100 |
| Special event income | 178,103 | 195,859 |
| Memberships | 302,688 | 316,898 |
| Interest, dividends, and capital gains | 350,136 | 176,001 |
| Royalties | 25,958 | 28,411 |
| Realized gain (loss) on investments | | |
| Unrealized gain on investments | 930,427 | 683,435 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | | |
| Total support and revenue | \$5,289,063 | \$1,946,980 |
| Expenses | | |
| Program services | 715,382 | 650,170 |
| Management and general | 257,994 | 252,227 |
| Fundraising | 303,761 | 354,480 |
| Total expenses | \$1,277,137 | \$1,256,877 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | | |
| | \$4,011,926 | \$690,103 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | | |
| Beginning of year | \$5,960,268 | \$5,270,165 |
| NET ASSETS, End of year | \$9,972,194 | \$5,960,268 |

VCSU Foundation Statement Financial Position - June 30, 2014 and 2013

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$130,842 | \$25,191 |
| Current portion of pledges receivable | 581,125 | 262,598 |
| Prepaid expenses | 164,392 | 255,846 |
| Other receivables | 4,354 | 4,526 |
| Total current assets | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$880,713 | \$548,161 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 18,279 | 20,608 |
| OTHER ASSETS | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Investments | 8,340,218 | 5,404,507 |
| Pledges receivable, less current portion | 147,321 | 424,721 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 702,327 | |
| Cash value life insurance | 2,522 | 2,594 |
| Oil lease, at cost | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Collectables, at estimated value | 300 | 300 |
| Total other assets | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$9,199,688 | \$5,839,122 |
| Total assets | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$10,098,680 | \$6,407,891 |
| LIABILITIES | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Accounts Payable | \$6,712 | \$2,578 |
| Due to affiliate | 27,466 | 28,036 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 61,415 | 124,880 |
| Accrued expenses | 54 | 54 |
| Current portion of annuities payable | 938 | 930 |
| Total current liabilities | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$96,585 | \$156,478 |
| Long-term debt, net of current maturities | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Long-Term portion of annuities payable | 11,752 | 272,058 |
| | 18,149 | 19,087 |
| Total liabilities | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$126,486 | \$447,623 |
| NET ASSETS | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Unrestricted | 113,184 | 13,422 |
| Temporarily restricted | 5,575,283 | 1,827,253 |
| Permanently restricted | 4,283,727 | 4,119,593 |
| Total net assets | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$9,972,194 | \$5,960,268 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$10,098,680 | \$6,407,891 |



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