Thank You from the V-500 Board President

Please allow me to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have supported the V-500 Scholarship Program. Whether you have given of your volunteer hours as a Board Member, contributed financially to the annual membership drive or work in the VCSU Office of Advancement—I say thank you and keep up the good work. Our goal of $40,000 will be reached because of the commitment from all of us involved.

V-500 – Your Best Investment in 2006

Although the markets vary from day to day and week to week, an investment in VCSU’s V-500 Scholarship program pays big dividends every day all year long! Since V-500 was founded in 1972, the record is one of continued growth. The future promises more of the same. V-500 is a success story. V-500 accounts for over 40% of all of the scholarships awarded annually at VCSU. Scholarships in the early years were at the $75 level. Today, scholarships range from $1,000 to $2,000. Over 5,000 students have benefited from V-500 scholarships since the program was founded. There are over 1,200 total V-500 members. Many with multiple memberships. Some individuals have given in excess of $50,000 to V-500! Approximately 200 students benefited from the V-500 program for the current academic year.

You can become a part of the V-500 family for as little as 41 cents per day! Contact the VCSU Foundation Office at 845-7203 and invest in VCSU and V-500. Your dollars will Make a Difference for a student at our university. See us online at alumni.vcsu.edu. Remember, It Takes Two, V-500 and You!

“The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious.”

– Martin Luther
Consider an Estate Gift to VCSU & V-500

VCSU’s V-500 Scholarship Program is the primary source of scholarship dollars for students attending the university. Each and every year, increasing numbers of students benefit from the V-500 scholarship program. According to Larry Robinson, Director of University Advancement, “We are very thankful and appreciative of the tremendous support we have received from our V-500 members over the years. With recent increases in tuition and fees, the V-500 scholarship program is more important than ever.”

Central to the success of the V-500 program is the increasing number of folks who have made multiple commitments. “We have some folks who have contributed in excess of $50,000 to the program. That level of giving has huge implications.”

Robinson is also quick to point out that although the large gifts have had a significant impact on the program, the foundation of the program has been individual memberships. We have many folks who are digging deep into their pockets because of their belief in VCSU and their desire to make a difference. “They want to help our students,” noted Robinson.

Robinson went on to say that V-500 has also benefited from estate giving. “V-500 has become a part of the culture at VCSU, noted Robinson. The fact that some folks have elected to include V-500 in their estate plans speaks volumes about their commitment to the program and to this university. That foresight is commendable,” stated Robinson.

Estate giving is a unique way in which folks can continue to have an impact on the university and V-500 long after their passing. “We must realize that the needs of the university and V-500 will continue after we are gone,” noted Robinson. An estate gift can insure that your commitment to the program and to the university continues.

Folks are encouraged to consider including V-500 and Valley City State University in their estate plans. The VCSU Foundation office has a variety of literature available on estate giving. The information is available free of charge. Interested individuals should contact the foundation office at 845-7203, or contact Robinson directly at larry.robinson@vcsu.edu. Folks are also encouraged to access the foundation website at alumni.vcsu.edu.

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V-500 Membership Application 2005-06 ~ “It takes two, VCSU & you!”

Name ____________________________
Mailing Address ___________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ State _______ Zip ________________
Phone ____________________________
Email ____________________________

Annual Commitment: $150 per year for 5 years $2,000 per year for 5 years
$250 per year for 5 years $5,000 per year for 5 years
$500 per year for 5 years $10,000 per year for 5 years
$1,000 per year for 5 years

Payment Frequency: Annual ___________ Quarterly ____________
Semi-Annual __________ Monthly ____________

If you would like to make your payment during a specific month, please list: ________________
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Signature on Account Date ________________

I request that my entire donation be applied to VCSU V-500 Scholarships and do not wish to receive any gifts as part of my membership.

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.

Automatic Withdrawal: Enclose voided check. I authorize the VCSU Foundation/V-500 to withdraw $_________ semi-annually on the 15th of the months _______ and _______ for _______ months to complete my pledge.

Signature on Account Date ________________
Here are three reasons why you should support V-500

“Furthering my education is very important to me, and by receiving this scholarship I have been able to do that without placing a large financial strain on my family. Thank you VCSU for awarding me the V-500 scholarship!”

“This scholarship enables me to focus on my education, not how I’m going to pay for college. The support that the V-500 Scholarship program provides is wonderful.”

“Being a scholarship recipient has made a difference in my life. It has allowed me to further my education and it has also rewarded me for my academic achievements.”

Mark your calendar!
Annual Scholarship Auction
April 28th @ VC Eagles Club