



VALLEY CITY

STATE UNIVERSITY

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 14, 2022 ♦ W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Saturday, May 14, 2022

10:00 a.m.

W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse

The President Will Preside

Prelude..... VCSU Concert Band

Academic Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar, arr. James Ployhar
VCSU Concert Band

Call to Order.....Dr. Alan LaFave
President of the University

“Star Spangled Banner” John Stafford Smith
Ms. Hope Cleveland

Opening Remarks.....Dr. Alan LaFave

Greetings Mr. Jeffrey Volk
North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Undergraduate Reflection Ms. Riley Perryman

Faculty ReflectionMr. David Hanson
Assistant Professor, School of Education & Graduate Studies

Special Music

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. William Dawson
VCSU Concert Choir
Mr. Bill Egan, baritone solo

Presentation of Candidates

for Master’s Degrees Dr. Margaret Dahlberg
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees.....Dr. Alan LaFave

Introduction of Graduates Mr. Mark Potts
Sports Information Director

Presentation of Candidates

for Baccalaureate Degrees..... Dr. Margaret Dahlberg

Conferring of Degrees.....Dr. Alan LaFave

Introduction of the Graduates..... Mr. Mark Potts

Presentation of Candidates for Associate Degrees

in Nursing and Certificates in Practical Nursing Dr. Margaret Dahlberg

Conferring of Degrees.....Dr. Alan LaFave
 Introduction of the Graduates..... Mr. Mark Potts
 Alumni Welcome.....Mr. Cory Anderson
 Executive Director for University Advancement
 “Alma Mater”Josephine Wright Rhoades, Class of 1917
 VCSU Concert Band
 Academic Recessional
 “Hana Recessional” Rentaro Taki
 VCSU Concert Band

Honorary Faculty MarshalMs. Amber Ussatis Aberle
 VCSU Faculty Senate President, Assistant Professor
 School of Education & Graduate Studies
 Graduate School Representatives Dr. James Boe '91
 Professor, Director of Graduate Studies
 Dr. Heather Kvilvang '98
 Associate Professor, School of Education & Graduate Studies

Dakota Nursing Program Mr. Larry Brooks
 Dakota College at Bottineau

VCSU Concert BandMr. Jerrold Heide, Director
 Kristin Albrecht, Rachel Baker, CJ Bleick, Betsy Brimhall, Braylen Bruns, Alexis Busch, Shay Claey's, Tara Dahl,
 Kirsten Demke, Theodora Dimmer, William Egan, Elizabeth Gazeley, Carter Gill, Matthew Johnson, Gilbert
 Kuipers, Savana Reinbold, Cara Marie Van Bruggen, Jared James Grommesh, Isabelle Haugen, Theodore
 Daemon Herzog, Jazmine Jane Hill, Seth Hoglund, Marco Kellogg, Rebekah Krueger, Gretchen Mangan, Eyan
 Andrew Mehlhoff, Jayden Moser, Mckinley Putnam, Johnathan Utke and Johnathon Van Peursem.

VCSU Concert Choir Dr. Kathryn Rolf, director
Sopranos: Kristen Albrecht, Cassie Boelke, Alexis Busch, Hope Cleveland, Tara Dahl, Isabelle Haugen,
 Jazmine Hill, Rebekah Krueger, Kiara Radke, Cara Van Bruggen, and Lydia Watkins.
Altos: Rachel Baker, Dahlia Diegel, Tedi Dimmer, Elizabeth Gazeley, Isabel Grueneich, Heather Huffman,
 Samantha Johnson, Sage Longtin, Abigail Marfell, and Eve Scott.
Tenors: Tanner Douville, Eyan Mehlhoff and Seth Hoglund.
Basses: CJ Bleick, William Egan, Caleb Helter and Ian Keyes.

Commencement Coordinator Ms. Kim Svenningsen-Hesch '91
 Usher/Seating Coordinators.....Ms. Shannon Hone '15
 Ms. Charlene Stenson '83
 Ms. Kari Stricklin '92
 Ushers..... Viking Ambassadors and VCSU Staff

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

ALAN LAFAVE

Alan LaFave has served as president of Valley City State University since December 2018. He previously served as provost and vice president for academic affairs (2015–18) at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. At Northern State, LaFave worked his way through the faculty ranks from instructor to full professor in the music department (1991–2015). He also served as music department chair (1994–97) and associate dean and dean of the School of Fine Arts (1997–15). An accomplished musician, LaFave holds doctoral and master's degrees in clarinet performance from Arizona State University along with a bachelor's degree in music education from Northern State. He is an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association. LaFave's family includes his wife, Kari; daughters Lexi and Ashley; and son-in-law Logan Fahnhorst.

JEFFRY VOLK

Jeffrey Volk serves on the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education. In his professional career life, Volk grew up on a dairy farm near Raleigh, ND, and received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. He worked for Moore Engineering and affiliated companies in West Fargo for his entire career, currently serving as the CEO and executive chair for Moore Holding Company. He is on the Executive Committee for the American Council of Engineering Companies - North Dakota and currently serves as their national director. He has recently served as chair of the board of directors for the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation, as a member of the board of directors for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber. Jeffrey and his wife Jeanie have four grown children and five grandchildren. They have lived in West Fargo for over 30 years and have served on several state and community boards.

RILEY PERRYMAN

Riley Perryman is a senior from Cottage Grove, MN. She graduates today with a Bachelor of Science degree in health science. She plans to pursue work in dental therapy or dental hygiene. During her time at VCSU, Riley has been a key contributor on the VCSU Softball team, helping the Vikings to two conference championships and two trips to the NAIA National Tournament in her career. This season, Riley set the career home run record with her 26th home run in the Viking uniform. She also has career totals of 180 hits, 135 runs, 145 RBIs, and 29 doubles. Next year she will return to VCSU as a graduate student pursuing a Master of Science degree. Riley has participated in many on-campus activities including residence life, Green Dot, Student Athletic Council and the Social Justice Club. During the summer she spends her time coaching young softball athletes in her hometown. Riley is the daughter of Liz and Neil Perryman, sister to Taylor, Bailey and Brady.

DAVE HANSON

Dave Hanson serves as an assistant professor of education and was named the 2022 Student Senate Teacher of the Year. In selecting him as Teacher of the Year, students described him as a faculty member who stays updated on students both inside and outside of the classroom. His openness to feedback and genuine willingness to adapt his educational approach has been noticed and appreciated greatly. Dave grew up in Valley City and graduated from VCSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1985. He earned a Master of Science degree in education administration in 1989 from Tri-College University. Dave taught and served as elementary school principal at Wyndmere Public School for a total of 31 years. He returned to teach at VCSU in 2017 and serves as the liaison between the Valley City Public School District and VCSU.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION SPRING 2022

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Kendall Edsal Coleman ** Chicago, Illinois
 Glen Warren Pierson Ellingson **Moorhead, Minnesota
 Samantha Kaylene HillockCasper, Wyoming
 Sarah Elizabeth LarsenValley City
 Nicholas Richard Lee **Valley City
 Sara Marjean Perkins *Vestaburg, Pennsylvania

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Ian Joshua Bergh Hallock, Minnesota
 Rebecca Ann Bernatson Valley City
 Meghan Bye Fargo
 Scott Lee Conrad **Thompson
 Mikayla CramerAmenia
 Amber Denault * Fargo
 Ashley Elizabeth DavisManning, South Carolina
 William Francis Greb **Valley City
 Lindsey Jean Hanson ** Grand Forks
 Keegan Hecht **Sioux Falls, South Dakota
 Christine Alexis Hemmah * Colgate
 Ashley Lynn Herman * Portland
 Sheila Ann HoopesDuchesne, Utah
 Alexandria Jo Houston Bismarck
 Mindy Marie Iverson * Bismarck
 Britney Ann Johnson Bismarck
 Phillip William Kiley Sturtevant, Wisconsin
 Dana Marie Kitchen ** Lisbon
 Dustin Larsen * Mount Ayr, Iowa
 Katherine Anne Larson ** Fargo
 Hayleigh Marie Lutt **Enderlin
 Zachariah Leer Fargo
 Christopher Lindt **Cheyenne, Wyoming
 Leigh Meier *Jamestown
 Ryan Everett Moldenhauer *Jamestown
 Mindy Kay NiebuhrMandan
 Melissa Dawn Rasmusson Milnor
 Lindsey Jordan Rau Bismarck
 Katie Nicole Raymond ** Glyndon, Minnesota
 Natalie Jan Shetler ** Bismarck
 William Scott Shetler ** Bismarck
 Jerica Lee Smith * South Heart
 Corbin Storbeck Harvey
 Ashlee Ann Symington *Harwood
 Amy L. Tollefson **Valley City
 Elizabeth Rose Winkler-Hegtvedt *Jamestown
 Clarissa Van Bruggen Zander.....Marion
 Matthew David Zimmermann * Elizabeth, Minnesota

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Austin Aker **	West Fargo
Whitney Maria Anderson	Rock Springs, Wyoming
Haley Bernice Ashpole **	Edinburg
Allison Grace Bartholomay **	Enderlin
Brandon Chase Beard	Chesnee, South Carolina
Christina Arin Beardsley	Napa, California
Tayah Nicole Beck	Hillsboro
Kaia Marie Beil	Fargo
David Allan Benson	Brainerd, Minnesota
Morgan Jo Bernardy **	Larimore
Samantha Berry **	Hebron
Megan Ashley Billadeau	Bismarck
Abigail Mary Bitz	Napoleon
Stephanie Blomseth **	Bismarck
Dana Paul Boe	Hatton
Sydney Jo Borgen *	Shorewood, Minnesota
Virginia Brower	Emerado
Alexa Dee Buckley	Thief River Falls, Minnesota
Jason Douglas Caesar **	Blaine, Minnesota
Cheryl Lynn Castillo **	Big Piney, Wyoming
Elizabeth Clark	Maple Grove, Minnesota
Sarah A. Coalwell	Valley City
Erin Lynn Creed	Williston
Evan James Diede	West Fargo
Emily Jo Dietz **	West Fargo
Breanna Marie Dockter **	Cottage Grove, Minnesota
Hannah Marie Dockter	Valley City
Rochelle Lyn Doney **	Sidney, Montana
Emily Duval	Davenport
Kaylee Marie Eckert	Bismarck
Grace Mae Elijah **	Lisbon
Nathalie Marie Emmett *	Greybull, Wyoming
Shelby Kae Faul **	McClusky
Grace Angeline Fonder	Elk River, Minnesota
Kierra Lee Freih	Fargo
Phoebe Jean Garman	Beulah
Phillip Gaugler **	Larimore
Cassie Gefroh	Hague
Anna Rae Goffe	Fargo
Dustina Corrin Graeff	Chappell, Nebraska
Allison Grefsrud **	Fairmount
Kailey Danielle Grove	Moorhead, Minnesota
Callie Ann Gullickson **	Solen
Sherri Hamers	Williston
Jorun Timboe Hamre	Leonard
Tanya LaNae Hass **	Fargo
Paige Hausauer	Regan
Alisha Victoria Hecker	Dickinson
Bailey Marie Heinert	Jamestown
Hailey Briana Hicks	Evanston, Wyoming
Haley Marie Himrich	Newcastle, Wyoming

Payton M. Hoggarth	Jamestown
Jamie Lee Holzer	Bismarck
Joslyn Kori Hoyt **	McHenry
Hannah Elizabeth Jarovski	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Anna Renae Johnson	Champlin, Minnesota
Emily R. Jones **	St. Paul, Minnesota
Mack D. Jones	Verndale, Minnesota
Katie Arlene Juarez	Angels Camp, California
Jessica Lyn Keith	Valley City
Justice Keller **	Bismarck
Jordyn Grace Kelly **	Oakes
Madesta Christina Rae Keyes	Jamestown
Abigail K. Kipka	St. Cloud, Minnesota
Lauren Ann Kingston **	Grey Eagle, Minnesota
Maya Kjelland	Valley City
Katherine M. Knowles **	Minot
Rebekah Grace Koch	Fargo
Kyle Kowalski	Tinley Park, Illinois
Kayla A. Krakow	Albin, Wyoming
Bailey Kramer	Farmington, Minnesota
Emma Christine Kroshus **	Ada, Minnesota
Macey Marie Kvilvang **	Cando
Brittany Landro	Williston
Kirsten Ann Laqua **	Sidney, Montana
Abigail Rose Large	Mahnomen, Minnesota
Kara Levorsen	Elgin
Alyssa R. Lind **	Bloomington, Minnesota
Savannah Lischefske	West Fargo
Katelyn Janene Loewen **	Hankinson
David Mars **	Brainerd, Minnesota
Paige Mennis	Mooreton
Madison Marie Meyer	Horace
Calista Kay Miller	West Fargo
Audrey Lynn Miller	Stewartville, Minnesota
Kristina Kathy Misis	Bismarck
Taylor Christine Morris	West Fargo
Mallory Jo Mosloski	Fairmont, Minnesota
Kaitlyn Nicole Myrum	Petersburg
Cassie Grann Nelson **	Fargo
Emily M. Netland **	Fargo
A'reil Newman **	Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
Lindsey Rae Newman	Green River, Wyoming
Kenzie Rae Nicolai	Milnor
Rose Noland	Fargo
Josiah Whitaker Orluck	Beach
Abigail Jane Pack	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Destiney Sheila Parker	Sauk Rapids, Minnesota
Scotti Pease	Burlington
Bailey Kay Peterson	Alexandria, Minnesota
Hannah Kathleen Peterson	Valley City
Jessica Pfaff **	Kathryn
Jalen Michael Pfeifer	Rolette
Katlyn Marie Plecity	Tower City
Morgan M. Pool	Elk River, Minnesota

Makayla Lee Ptacek **	Linton
Desiree Cassandra Ramirez **	Crookston, Minnesota
Natalie Michelle Reasch **	Rock Springs, Wyoming
Bethany R. Redekopp **	Alexander
Victoria Lynn Reindel	Dickinson
Madison Kate Ressemann	Alexandria, Minnesota
Jacob Revier *	Olivia, Minnesota
Bethany Richter **	Menoken
Teresa Risovi	New Rockford
Jordan Marie Rohrbach	Aberdeen, South Dakota
Lauren Alexa Roscoe	New Rockford
Rachel Nicole Rueb	Ashley
Graham Fritz Sauve	Barnesville, Minnesota
MaKenna Sandvik **	Alexander
Eric Jacob Schauer	Langdon
Hannah Scherr	Strasburg
Skyler Lorraine Schmitz **	Fargo
Veronica Katherine Schwartzenger	Napoleon
Matthew P. Scott **	Willow Springs, Illinois
Megan E. Scott **	Spiritwood
Amber Sickler	Dickinson
Sydney Marie Soulis	Jamestown
Shay Statz *	Bottineau
Justin Thomas Streifel **	Elk River, Minnesota
Steven Daniel Stutlien	Jamestown
Teresa Marie Thiery	Ashley
John Thilmony **	Mandan
Daniel Thompson	Fargo
Kaitlyn Jo Thompson	Devils Lake
Madison Lee Thompson **	Fargo
Jenny Thor **	Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
Kayla Ann Triebold	Oriska
Mariebhez Troska	Chicago, Illinois
Allie Marie Vander Laan	Bismarck
Victoria Claire Vollmer	Grace City
Alexandra S. Walz	Richmond, Minnesota
Jadyn Ann Wehlage	Melrose, Minnesota
Madison Grace Weiler	Bismarck
Taylor Nicole Werkman	Page
Ryan Christopher Wharry **	Palmer, Alaska
Taylor Mackenzie Wilson **	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Natalie Glenn Youngman	Chaska, Minnesota

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Danisha Shantel Downing	Plymouth, North Carolina
Jadyn Krahler	Devils Lake
Leo Spencer Lewis, Jr. **	Valley City
Tyler Jordan Manske **	Hankinson
Marcie Renee Monaco	Lebanon, Illinois
Brian Scott Morales	Cathedral City, California
Angie Lanette Nichols	Houston, Texas
Jordan Peacock	Arlington, Massachusetts
James Edward Pieper	Guilherand-Grange, France
Tiffany Thao Pham **	San Jose, California

Kelsey Elaine Pratt Culpeper, Virginia
 Jordan Avery Ramsey-Heil ** Summerfield, Florida
 Randy Lee Smith Santa Ana, California
 Andrea Szommer ** Valley City

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

London Anadel Bottineau
 Dylan Mikael Anderson Fargo
 Cade Garrett Baesler Hillsboro
 Joshua Bartels Wahpeton
 Paige Elisa Benson ** Hankinson
 Kellan David Benson ** Fargo
 Alexis Nicole Bentz ** Elgin
 Jocelyn Brooke Braunberger Rolette
 McKenna B. Briggs ** Glyndon, Minnesota
 Joe Celis Beach Park, Illinois
 James William Christ Long Beach, California
 Victoria Rose Christensen Rodgers
 Zachary Co El Paso, Texas
 Janese Coleman ** Poulso, Washington
 Keith F. Collins Glencoe, Minnesota
 Michael Ravon Cornelious ** St. Paul, Minnesota
 Matthew Noah Dobmeier Park River
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 Nicholas Joseph Fenske Cottonwood, Minnesota
 Kailee Janae Fraser Portage La Prairie, Manitoba
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 Anthony Herbert Gordon ** Valley City
 Heather Ann Grant ** Valley City
 Madison Nicole Gronau Watertown, South Dakota
 Titus Gruanue Fargo
 Laten Hagen Fullerton
 Mason Troy Hall ** Willmar, Minnesota
 Marissa Kathleen Hawkins St. Paul, Minnesota
 Harmony C. Hennings Jamestown
 Landon Hill Oakes
 Shane William Hitch West Fargo
 Gary-Alan Nathanael Hopkins * Toledo, Ohio
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 Zackary Lee Howatt Langdon
 Dylan Michael Huffman Dalton, Minnesota
 Jessica Naomi Husband Kingwood, Texas
 Reese P. Huschka ** Valley City
 Reagan Jaye Ingstad Valley City
 Drew Jacobson * Valley City
 Dalton Adam Jangula ** Napoleon
 Kaley Ellen Jerome Walhalla
 Jeremy Michael Johnson Bottineau

Westley E. Johnson Breckenridge, Minnesota
 Marshaun Leonard Jones ** Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
 Brendan Michael Kennedy ** Bismarck
 Hannah Mae Kilfoyle Kenai, Alaska
 Jake Anthony Klever LaMoure
 Kallene Elizabeth Klever ** LaMoure
 Hannah Nicole Koenig Valley City
 Kaden Krause Mandan
 Kendrick Charles Lenzen ** Hankinson
 Hunter Alan McCalla ** Becker, Minnesota
 Joshua Evan McKnight ** New Rockford
 Alexander I. Mejia ** Houston, Texas
 Jared Mitchell Mendoza El Paso, Texas
 Cierra Lynn Mennis Jamestown
 Christine J. Miller ** New Town
 Samuel Adam Molitor ** Cold Spring, Minnesota
 Alysha Paige Moser ** Valley City
 Tabitha Ruth Esther Muncy Dazey
 Grace Rebekah Nevill ** Ringwood, New Jersey
 Leah Kathryn Nevill ** Ringwood, New Jersey
 Marcus Dell Niemann Grafton
 Drew Bradley Nixon Markham, Ontario
 Omar Oyoque Mercedes, Texas
 Riley Perryman Cottage Grove, Minnesota
 Susana Plancarte Martínez Monterrey, Nuevo León, México
 William Anthony Rakowski ** Grand Forks
 Miranda Michal Reister ** Medina
 Easton William Rindy Carrington
 Adrienne Janeice Rodlund * Napoleon
 Avien Romero Yuma, Arizona
 Cooper Roe Sant ** Palmer, Alaska
 Andrew Vincent Schaan Grafton
 Noah Caleb Schaeffer ** West Fargo
 Macy Brooke Schlaht Valley City
 Danielle Schwanke ** Leeds
 Jayden Wayne Shipman Carrington
 Jakenda Marie Short McHenry
 Mitchell Miche Silkman Waite Park, Minnesota
 Seth Soderholm Sheyenne
 Dawn Tansowny ** Calgary, Alberta
 McKenna A. Taylor Valley City
 Hamish B. Toe ** Valley City
 Kayla Ann Triebold Oriska
 Charismha Tyrah Tsosie Mandaree
 Johnathon Michael Van Peursem Fargo
 Neil Alexander Vislosky Lorain, Ohio
 Makayla Stacey Wetzel Verona
 Jerrod Elijah Williamson ** Upper Marlboro, Maryland

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Collin Aarfor **	West Fargo
Kaitlyn M. Eliason	Valley City
William James Fleming, Sr.	Warwick
Harrison Mikael Hammel **	Valley City
Samantha Elizabeth Johnson	Fargo
Riley John Frederick Miller	Valley City
Elias John Nelson *	Hillsboro
Darin Olson **	Binford

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Koby Lloyd Houchin	Fessenden
Kaelie Dawn Kosiak	Wishek

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** Completed requirements December 17, 2021

DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

Mackenzie Marie Clark	Jamestown
Wendy Nichole Coovert	Summerville GA
Halee Anna Frey	Jamestown
Angela Rae Larson	Valley City
Misty Rose Miller	Jamestown
Gracie Mae Neufeld	Rolla
Alyssa Sharron Petersen	Oakes
Kayla Shea Rotondi	Ellendale
Josie Jade Rudolph	Jamestown

CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL NURSING

Mya Jo Anderson	Valley City
Josephine Freeman	West Fargo
Victoria Lynn Gilbert	Jamestown
Brian E Huff	Gackle
Abby Marie Miller	Medina
Jessica Anne Olafson	Cooperstown
Rion Marie Tarbell	Jamestown
Jessica Kay Waliser	Jamestown

HONOR GRADUATES 2021–2022

Undergraduate students whose overall grade point average, based on both grades earned in Valley City State University courses and transferred courses, is at least 3.50 or better may graduate with one of the following distinctions:

Summa Cum Laude **(With highest honors, 3.90 to 4.00)**

<i>Haley Bernice Ashpole **</i>	<i>Tabitha Ruther Esther Muncy</i>
<i>Jocelyn Brooke Braunberger</i>	<i>Grace Rebekah Nevill **</i>
<i>Alexa Dee Buckley</i>	<i>Josiah Whitaker Orluck</i>
<i>Victoria Rose Christensen</i>	<i>Hannah Kathleen Peterson</i>
<i>Emily Jo Dietz **</i>	<i>Susana Plancarte Martínez</i>
<i>Hannah Marie Dockter</i>	<i>Miranda Michal Reister **</i>
<i>Kaylee Marie Eckert</i>	<i>Madison Kate Ressemann</i>
<i>Grace Mae Elijah **</i>	<i>Jordan Marie Rohrbach</i>
<i>Shelby Kae Faul **</i>	<i>Lauren Alexa Roscoe</i>
<i>Phoebe Jean Garman</i>	<i>Noah Caleb Schaeffer **</i>
<i>Cassie Gefroh</i>	<i>Macy Brooke Schlaht</i>
<i>Callie Ann Gullickson **</i>	<i>Danielle Schwanke **</i>
<i>Harmony C. Hennings</i>	<i>Veronica Katherine</i>
<i>Anna Renae Johnson</i>	<i>Schwartzengerger</i>
<i>Katie Arlene Juarez</i>	<i>Matthew P. Scott **</i>
<i>Bailey Kramer</i>	<i>Jakenda Marie Short</i>
<i>Kara Levorsen</i>	<i>Amber Sickler</i>
<i>Alyssa R. Lind **</i>	<i>Kayla Ann Triebold</i>
<i>Joshua Evan McKnight **</i>	<i>Allie Marie Vander Laan</i>
<i>Paige Mennis</i>	<i>Jadyn Ann Wehlage</i>
<i>Taylor Christine Morris</i>	<i>Madison Grace Weiler</i>

Magna Cum Laude **(With high honors, 3.89 to 3.75)**

<i>Allison Grace Bartholomay **</i>	<i>Abigail Rose Large</i>
<i>Kaia Marie Beil</i>	<i>Leo Spencer Lewis, Jr. **</i>
<i>Dana Paul Boe</i>	<i>Audrey Lynn Miller</i>
<i>Janese A. Coleman **</i>	<i>Alysha Paige Moser **</i>
<i>Cora D. Fastner</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Nicole Myrum</i>
<i>Anna Rae Goffe</i>	<i>Drew Bradley Nixon</i>
<i>Allison Grefsrud **</i>	<i>Scotti Pease</i>
<i>Haley Marie Himrich</i>	<i>Morgan M. Pool</i>
<i>Joslyn Kori Hoyt **</i>	<i>Desiree Cassandra Ramirez **</i>
<i>Hannah Elizabeth Jarovski</i>	<i>Bethany R. Redekopp **</i>
<i>Kaley Ellen Jerome</i>	<i>Easton William Rindy</i>
<i>Madesta Christina Rae Keyes</i>	<i>Richard Todd Roughton **</i>
<i>Lauren Ann Kingston **</i>	<i>Megan E. Scott **</i>
<i>Emma Christine Kroshus **</i>	<i>Mackenzie Dawn Tansowny **</i>
<i>Macey Marie Kvilvang **</i>	<i>McKenna A. Taylor</i>
<i>Kirsten Ann Laqua **</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Jo Thompson</i>

Cum Laude
(With honors, 3.50 to 3.74)

London Andel	Jordyn Grace Kelly **
Dylan Mikael Anderson	Abigail K. Kipka
Whitney Maria Anderson	Katherine M. Knowles **
Brandon Chase Beard	Hannah Nicole Koenig
Kellan David Benson **	Kyle Kowalski
Alexis Nicole Bentz **	Brittany Landro
Megan Ashley Billadeau	Samuel Adam Molitor **
Zzyzx Richard William Brown **	Marcie Renee Monaco
James William Christ	Mallory Jo Mosloski
Elizabeth Clark	Leah Kathryn Nevill **
Breanna Marie Dockter **	Kenzie Rae Nicolai
Sara Donnachie	Abigail Jane Pack
Emily Duval	Destiney Sheila Parker
Connor David Entzi	Bailey Kay Peterson
Nicholas Joseph Fenske	Natalie Michelle Reasch **
Katherine Marie Gehrig	Bethany Richter **
Anthony Herbert Gordon **	Teresa Risovi
Heather Ann Grant **	Avien Romero
Bailey Marie Heinert	Rachel Nicole Rueb
Shane William Hitch	Cooper Roe Sant **
Jessica Naomi Husband	Graham Fritz Sauve
Reese P. Huschka **	Jayden Wayne Shipman
Reagan Jaye Ingstad	Sydney Marie Soulis
Justice Keller **	Justin Thomas Streifel **

Three-Year Honorees

The following completed their first bachelor's degree in less than four years. These students are wearing a cardinal-colored stole in honor of their accomplishment.

London Andel	Samuel Adam Molitor **
Kellan David Benson **	Kaitlyn Nicole Myrum
Alexis Nicole Bentz **	Josiah Whitaker Orluck
McKenna B. Briggs **	Bailey Key Peterson
Grace Mae Elijah **	Makayla Lee Ptacek **
Shelby Kae Faul **	Madison Kate Ressemsnn
Phoebe Jean Garman	Easton William Rindy
Heather Ann Grant **	Noah Caleb Schaeffer **
Callie Ann Gullickson **	Danielle Schwanke **
Joslyn Kori Hoyt **	Veronica Katherine
Reese P. Huschka **	Schwartzemberger
Kaley Ellen Jerome	Megan E. Scott **
Jordyn Grace Kelly **	Mackenzie Dawn Tansowny **
Lauren Ann Kingston **	Kaitlyn Jo Thompson
Jadya Krahler	Madison Lee Thompson **
Katelyn Janene Loewen **	

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** Completed requirements December 17, 2021

Dakota College at Bottineau
(students graduating with highest honors)

Jessica Anne Olafson

Dakota College at Bottineau
(students graduating with honors)

Kayla Shea Rotondi

Brian E Huff

Abby Marie Miller

Jessica Kay Waliser

THE ACADEMIC COSTUME

The academic costume originated in the university of the Middle Ages, when a warm gown and hood were useful to the scholar and cleric in unheated buildings.

The mortarboard cap, which replaced the skullcap, is the representative headdress of the members of the academic community. The tassel of the cap is black or the color appropriate to the subject, except that the doctor's cap may have a tassel of gold bullion.

The hood gives color and meaning to the costume. The colored lining of the inside of the hood is the official color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The color of the velvet trimming of the hood is distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. The colors of some of the subjects are:

Arts, Letters, Humanities—White
Education—Light Blue
Fine Arts—Brown
Law—Purple
Library Science—Lemon
Music—Pink
Nursing—Apricot
Philosophy—Dark Blue
Physical Education—Sage Green
Science—Golden Yellow
Theology—Scarlet

The bachelor wears no hood, only the black cap and gown. The gown has long pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master wears a hood and a gown with sleeves that are open at either the elbow or the wrist and are oblong in shape. The gown may be worn open or closed. The doctor wears a hood and gown that are larger than the others. The gown is trimmed with black velvet panels from the hem to neck and back. The bell-shaped sleeves are trimmed with three horizontal bars of black velvet, indicating the third and highest degree. The trim may be the color of the subject area instead of black. The gown is worn open or closed.



THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

VCSU's presidential medallion was created in 1999 by P. Richard Szeitz, professor of art at Minnesota State University Moorhead, acting on commission by then VCSU president Dr. Ellen Chaffee. The laurel leaves dividing the center into three segments symbolize the three upper grades of learning – the baccalaureate, master, and doctoral levels of acquisition of knowledge. Each segment represents one area of VCSU's academic focus. The top segment symbolizes the liberal arts and sciences, with the sun shedding light on a book representing a store of knowledge. The pen represents the creation of knowledge while the magnifying glass represents its study. Business and technology are represented in the lower-left segment of the medallion. In this area, the clasping hands represent human commerce while the bar graph represents the application of technology in business. The lower right third of the medallion represents VCSU's focus on teacher education. The candelabra represents man-made light illuminating a body of knowledge stored in the books on which it rests.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MACE

Originally a weapon used during medieval times, the mace has taken on a ceremonial character representing order and authority, and it has been used by governments, universities, and churches to signify an official event. The VCSU mace, present at all formal academic events, symbolizes the authority of the university. It is carried in these events by the president of the Faculty Senate, demonstrating the ideal of shared governance between the university president and the faculty. The VCSU mace was created in 2015 at the request of then President Tisa Mason. Crafted by woodcarvers from Valley City, its black walnut body was harvested from a tree in City Park. The etching on the mace was provided by faculty from the VCSU Department of Technology.

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The State Normal School at Valley City opened on October 13, 1890, and the first class of three graduates was graduated on June 7, 1894. The institution became Valley City State Teachers College on July 1, 1921, and was authorized to grant the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education. This degree was later changed to the Bachelor of Science in Education, and in 1946 the college was authorized to grant a liberal arts degree. The name of the college was changed to Valley City State College on July 1, 1963, and to Valley City State University on April 27, 1987. The university was authorized to grant a Master of Education degree on October 21, 2005. In 2008 VCSU entered an agreement with Dakota College at Bottineau through the Dakota Nursing Program that allows students to earn their Practical Nurse (PN) and Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) titles at VCSU. The university was authorized to grant a Master of Arts in Teaching degree on November 10, 2015. The total number of diplomas and degrees conferred on the graduates of Valley City State University will be 27,222 after the commencement exercise on May 14, 2022. The total number of diplomas and degrees conferred on master's graduates of Valley City State University will be 546.

PRESIDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

James W. Sifton, 1890–1892	Ted D. DeVries, 1974–1982
George A. McFarland, 1892–1918	Charles B. House, Jr., 1982–1993
Carlos E. Allen, 1918–1936	Ellen E. Chaffee, 1993–2008
J. Frederick Weltzin, 1936–1938	Steven W. Shirley, 2008–2014
James E. Cox, 1938–1942	Tisa A. Mason, 2014–2017
Eugene H. Kleinpell, 1942–1946	M. Margaret Dahlberg (interim) 2014, 2017–2018
Roscoe L. Lokken, 1946–1970	Alan D. LaFave, 2018–
Howard C. Rose, 1970–1974	

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We hereby acknowledge that the VCSU campus sits on traditional and ancestral lands of the Red Lake and Pembina bands of Ojibwe, and Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Santee Dakota peoples. This land is deeply connected to the many indigenous peoples who have held and continue to hold it sacred. We pledge to work toward a strong and lasting relationship with Ojibwe and Dakota tribes as well as other indigenous peoples of our region to hold this land and community in celebration of its rich cultural history.

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Star Spangled Banner

John Stafford Smith



Oh — say! can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly
4
light, What so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last
8
gleam - ing? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the
11
per - i - lous fight, O'er the ram - parts we watch'd, were so
15
gal - lant - ly stream - ing? And the rock - ets' red
18
glare, the bombs burst - ing in air, Gave proof thro' the
22
night that our flag was still there. O say! does that —
26
star spang - led ban - ner — yet — wave? — O'er the
29
land — of the free, and the home of the brave.

Alma Mater

Josephine Wright Rhoades '17

Al - ma Ma - ter, staunch and true.
3 May our lives for - ev - er prove
With thy ban - ner red and blue. May the years that
All our gra - ti - tude and love. Let us pledge our
6 1
pass a - way. Show our loy - al - ty.
9 2
12 faith al - ways in our S. C.
15 Al - ma Ma - ter Al - ma Ma - ter Broad as the roll - ing
prai - rie , Deep as the heav - en's blue.
18
21 Are the hopes and as - pir - a - tions held for
24 you. May ev - 'ry son and daugh - ter
27 Serve you faith - ful - ly, Then hail! All hail! Dear
Al - ma Ma - ter Hail S. C.