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VCSU Hosts Business Technology Meeting

Valley City State University (VCSU) was the host for the first meeting of the North Central Regional Chapter of Americas’ SAP Users’ Group (ASUG) on February 18. The meeting gave students the opportunity to meet representatives of these companies and learn first-hand how the software is used to manage the complex operations of leading businesses.

SAP software is used by medium-to-large organizations to manage such applications as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), financials, and operations. VCSU is involved with ASUG because it has been taking the unique step of integrating SAP software into several of its courses in the Computer Information Systems and Business Administration majors over the last 3 years. As a result, VCSU students graduate with hands-on experience with this widely used, strategic software. As a member of both ASUG and the SAP University Alliance, VCSU faculty have had extensive training in several areas and have participated in multiple meetings of these organizations. Fourteen companies from 4 states participated in the meeting. Companies from North Dakota that were represented include Border States Electric, American Crystal Sugar, Global Electric Motor Cars, John Deere, Alliance Pipeline, and Goodrich.

VCSU students had a unique opportunity to meet representatives from leading regional businesses who are experts in using advanced business software from SAP. Left to right: Kerry Kolle, Global Electric Motorcars; Duane Brehmer, American Crystal Sugar Company; Laurie Loomis, Global Electric Motorcars; Michelle Perius, Border States Electric; Felix Ndugwa; Michael McAdam, ADC; Sabrina Heywood; Adrienne Logan; Tuya Battulga.