



## **Hello International Students and Friends,**

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are excited for another semester. We would like to welcome our new international students! Orientation went smoothly, and classes are already underway. As we begin the year, please look out for the following:

**Friendship Family Game Night, MLK Jr. Day Activities, and Etiquette Dinner.**

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# Welcome to Our New International Students!



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## Monday - MLK Jr. Day Activities

Every year, Valpo comes together to honor Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. This year, the theme for the MLK Day celebration is "Realizing the Dream through Healing and Resilience." Come join us in some of the activities planned for January 15.



FEATURING CONVOCATION SPEAKER  
**MORGAN M. MEDLOCK, M.D., M.Div., MPH**  
editor of "Racism and Psychiatry:  
Contemporary Issues and Interventions"

# Realizing the Dream Through Healing and Resilience

## VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY MLK DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, January 15 | 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:30-10 a.m.	Registration	Harre Union Atrium	1-2:30 p.m.	Convocation	The Chapel of the Resurrection
10-11:30 a.m.	Focus Sessions	Harre Union	3-5 p.m.	Campus Service Project	Ballrooms, Harre Union
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lunch	Founders Table, Harre Union	3-5 p.m.	Collaborative Art Project	The Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University Center for the Arts

### FOCUS SESSIONS

#### SPIRITUAL CONTEMPLATIVE REFLECTIONS FOR HEALING AND RESILIENCE

SPEAKER:  
**TRAVIS SCHÖLL, M.Div., Ph.D.**  
*Author of "Walking the Labyrinth: A Place to Pray and Seek God"*

#### SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE: HARNESSING THE POWER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY FOR HEALING AND RESILIENCE

SPEAKERS:  
**ADAM GIBSON-EVEN, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy*  
**HAYDAR CUKURTEPE, Ph.D., M.S.**  
*Assistant Professor of Computing and Information Sciences*  
**SONJA STREUBER, M.S., M.A.**  
*Lecturer in Computing and Information Sciences*

#### MENTAL HEALTH FOR HEALING AND RESILIENCE

SPEAKERS:  
**JORDAN EMBRY '19**  
*University Enrollment Marketing Manager*  
**KIMBERLY BOONE, M.A., LMHC**  
*Director of Counseling Center*

#### GOVERNMENT AS AN AGENT FOR HEALING AND RESILIENCE

SPEAKERS:  
**JESSE HARPER, J.D.**  
*Center Township Trustee*  
**ROBERT COTTON**  
*City Councilman, Valparaiso*

#### HIP-HOP STORIES OF NEW AMERICA: BLACK AND BROWN HEALING THROUGH HIP-HOP

SPEAKER:  
**DAVID OLMECA BARRAGAN**  
*Hip-Hop artist, producer, activist, and scholar*

## Friday - Friendship Families Game Night

To kick off the semester, Friendship Families (local American families) is hosting a game night next week Friday in the OIP (Harre Union 250)! Come join us at 6:30pm for fun and games, and feel free to bring friends.

Hope you can make it!



## January 23 - Etiquette Dinner

The Career and Alumni Network is hosting a no-cost Career Etiquette Dinner on Tuesday, January 23. At this event, you will obtain professional dining tips, learn to make effective first impressions, and join other students in a four-course meal. It will be from 6:00pm-8:30pm in the Harre

Union Ballrooms, and the deadline to register is Tuesday, January 16.

Space is limited, so register soon!

To register, call or email the Career & Alumni Network:

email: [career.center@valpo.edu](mailto:career.center@valpo.edu)

phone: 219.464.5005

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## Caution: Cold Weather

Starting this Sunday, it looks like we will have very cold weather for about a week. Before then, please make sure you have the appropriate warm clothes (thermal and winter pants, heavy coat, gloves, hat, scarf, thick socks, boots, etc). We recommend to limit the amount of time you are outside since it can be dangerous to you, especially if you are not dressed appropriately.

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## OIP Hours

The OIP is located at **Harre Union Suite 250**. Stop by to pick up documents, make an appointment, or just chat between **9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday**.



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See you around campus!



## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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