



Hello International Students and Friends,

Don't let the snowy day discourage you; it looks like next week will be sunny and more mild temperatures. Midterms are also fast approaching, so we hope you study hard while also making some time to rest and rejuvenate. We are coming upon the final days before the long-awaited World Banquet, so get your tickets soon! See the rest of this newsletter for more announcements, including tonight's game night.

[The OIP](#)

Next Saturday - World Banquet!

VISA and OIP's annual World Banquet is next week, so make sure you get your tickets before they are sold out! This event will include a dinner buffet of food from around the world & a variety show featuring cultural performances from our international students & community. Tickets are \$10 for students/faculty/staff and \$15 for general public, and they can be purchased at the Harre Union Welcome Desk or [online](#). See flier for more details.



44th ANNUAL

World Banquet

THEME: FOLKLORE

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL CUISINE
AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

•CORE APPROVED•

Saturday, February 24, 2024 | 6 PM
Ballrooms - Harre Union

Buy tickets online or at the Harre Union Welcome Desk



\$10 Students/Staff/Faculty
\$15 General public



Tonight - Friendship Family Game Night

Come join us for Friendship Family's first game night of the semester tonight! This will take place off campus, so if you need a ride please email adam.reinsma@valpo.edu.

PICKLEBALL **and Table Games**



Friendship Families

6:30-8:30 pm

Friday, February 16, 2024

Faith Bible Church

305 E 400 N

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CPT/OPT Workshops

International students are required to get work authorization to work off-campus. If you are interested in completing an internship (CPT) or obtaining a job after graduation (OPT), it is imperative that you attend

these sessions before you apply for either the CPT or OPT; these will have information about how to maintain your F-1 status. See below for the dates.



CPT & OPT Workshops
Spring 2024

What is CPT ?
CPT is work authorization for F1 visa students who wish to participate in an off-campus training/internship during their course of study.

What is OPT ?
OPT is work authorization for F1 visa students in their field of study after graduation. Attendance at the workshop is required in order to apply for OPT.



CPT Workshops

Feb 28, Wednesday- 2PM
March 26, Tuesday-10AM

OPT Workshops

Feb 9, Friday-10AM
Feb 20, Tuesday-2PM
March 20, Wednesday-3PM

 **Workshop Location - Union Suite 200
Career Center Multipurpose Room**

Find more CPT & OPT information at:
www.valpo.edu/international/current-students/employment/

Spring Break Housing Announcement

If you live on campus, please see the following: The residence halls close for Spring Break on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at noon and will reopen on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at noon. If you need housing during this time

period, please complete a Spring Break Housing application by Monday, February 21, 2024. You can find this application on your Housing Self-Service via DataVU. You can also see the following [webpage](#) for more information.

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**.



See you around campus!

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