



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

Can you believe January is already over with? February has just begun, and World Banquet will be here in just a few weeks! VISA still needs performers to represent their culture, so please spread the word. See the announcement below for more details.

[The OIP](#)

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## **World Banquet Performers needed!**

The OIP and Valparaiso International Student Association (VISA) are hosting the annual World Banquet on Saturday, February 24, and we need performers! If you or someone you know would like to represent culture through dance, music, poems, skits, etc., please email [visa@valpo.edu](mailto:visa@valpo.edu) and indicate that you would like to perform.



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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.



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## *CPT & OPT Workshops Spring 2024*

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### **What is CPT?**

CPT is work authorization for F1 visa students who wish to participate in an off-campus training/internship.

### **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

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

Presented by the Office of International Programs

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Find more information at [www.valpo.edu/international/current-students/employment/](http://www.valpo.edu/international/current-students/employment/)

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## Friday., February 9 - Lunar New Year Celebration

Valpo's Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition is hosting it's annual Lunar New Year festival next Friday! Register soon for a night of performances and cuisine.

AAPIC Presents...

# LUNAR NEW YEAR



Limited Seating



Scan to RSVP!

February 9th, 2024

6pm-8pm

Ballrooms B&C

Core Approved!

Join our festive event for captivating performances, delicious cuisine, and celebrating the Year of the Dragon!

Follow @aapic\_valpo on Instagram!

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## Elephant Talk - Want to Practice Your English?

Dahliah Wilkes, the international peer minister, will be leading casual English conversation, so if you would like some practice or want a cultural exchange, make sure you sign up!

# ENGLISH CONVERSATION ELEPHANT TALK

BROUGHT TO  
YOU BY THE LRC

Want to practice your English?  
Have a cultural exchange with  
another student?

Request a  
conversation  
partner!



**SIGN UP!**

Both native  
speakers  
and English  
learners



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## 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.

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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!

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