



Hello International Students and Friends,

VISA and OIP's Annual World Banquet is finally here (TOMORROW)! If you haven't gotten your tickets, you are almost out of time, so make sure you stop by the Harre Union Welcome Desk or buy online [HERE](#) as soon as you can to purchase them. Don't miss this fantastic event where we will be having ethnic foods and cultural performances consisting of dances, singing, and playing instruments. At the end of the event, there will be a Parade of Nations, so be sure you wear your traditional cultural attire.

[The OIP](#)

TOMORROW - World Banquet!

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



Next Friday, March 1 - Friendship Family Game Night

Come join us for Friendship Family's game night next week! 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, March 1, 2024

Faith Bible Church
305 E 400 N
Valparaiso

Thursday, February 29 - International Alumni Career Panel

Next Thursday, join the international alumni career panel to hear from & interact with 3 Valpo alumni who are now working in various locations around the U.S. They will tell us about their experiences in life & career since leaving Valpo a couple of years ago. Don't miss it!

[Click Here](#) for the Zoom link.



International Alumni Career Panel

Time: Thursday, Feb 29, 5pm CT on Zoom



Shreedhar Pandey

B.S. Computer Science & Mathematics, '22 (May)



Subhanga Ghimire

B.E. Computer Engineering, '22 (Dec)



Ahmed Naveed

B.S. Electrical Engineering, '20 (May)



Learn valuable tips & tricks from these international alumni regarding life & career after graduating from Valpo!

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/

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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