



Hello International Students and Friends,

We hope you have been able to get outside and enjoy the mild weather this week. World Banquet is about 2 weeks away, and tickets can now be purchased! Don't miss out on this incredible annual event, and see below for additional announcements.

[The OIP](#)

World Banquet Tickets Now Available!

VISA and OIP's annual World Banquet is coming up quickly, 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 Welcom 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



Thursday, February 15 - International Coffee Hour: Origami

Next Thursday, the topic of International Coffee Hour is Origami. Come learn about the history of this art form and get the chance to make some fun designs!

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE HOUR



**THURSDAY
FEB 15 4-5 P.M.**

**INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT
LOUNGE
(UNION 246)**

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: *ORIGAMI*



Friday, February 16 - Friendship Family Game Night

Come join us for Friendship Family's first game night of the semester next Friday! This will take place off campus, so if you need a ride please email adam.reinsma@valpo.edu by Thursday, February 15.

PICKLEBALL **and Table Games**



Friendship Families

6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, February 16, 2024

Faith Bible Church
305 E 400 N
Valparaiso

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.

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**

Presented by the Office of International Programs

Find more information at www.valpo.edu/international/current-students/employment/

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.

Happy Lunar New Year!



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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