

There are many reasons to volunteer; you may want to develop new skills, meet new people, help others, or give back. As a Valparaiso University alumnus(a), there are many ways to volunteer your time and talents for your alma mater. For information on how you can serve Valpo through volunteerism, call 800.833.6792, ext. 23, or send an e-mail to alumni@valpo.edu.

Opportunities for volunteer involvement include: [Guild](#) / [Parents Council](#) / [Valparaiso Admission Network \(VAN\)](#) / [Valparaiso University Alumni Association \(VUAA\)](#) / [Valpo Clubs and Regional Groups](#)

Valpo Clubs and Regional Groups

Valpo Clubs and regional groups throughout the country sponsored more than 100 events last year. Valpo Clubs are active in 14 areas: Arizona, Chicago, Denver, Fort Wayne, Houston, Indianapolis, Lake County, Ind., Milwaukee, Minnesota, New York and New Jersey, Porter County, Ind., Southeastern Michigan, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C. Groups of alumni not residing in Valpo Club communities are also welcome to plan events. Alumni events are a great way to give back to Valpo, to find other Crusaders living and working in your community, and find out the "inside scoop"; about what's happening on campus

For more information: valpo.edu/alumni/valpoclubs/

Valparaiso University Alumni Association (VUAA)

You and the more than 50,000 alumni of Valpo make up the VUAA. Since 1934, the association has worked to strengthen the relationship between the university and its alumni. Membership in the VUAA is free and open to any graduate or former student completing at least one semester.

An active board of directors manages the programs, events, and activities of the association. Board members are actively involved with regional and national programs in support of advancing the mission of the university. Programs such as the Valpo Clubs, the Crusader Connection mentor program, and the Valparaiso Admission Network are just a few examples this outreach.

The VUAA board of directors maintains a balance of its membership that reflects demographic and geographic make up of entire alumni population. In recruiting new members to the board, a nominating committee seeks input from all alumni and actively recruits new members annually.

For more information about the [Valpo Alumni Board](#) or for a [list of current board members](#) visit the [VUAA page](#).

VU Parents Council

The mission of the Valparaiso University Parents Council is to serve an ambassadorial role promoting and supporting Valpo, and act as a liaison between parents, students and the university. The Parents Council does this by hosting various activities for parents, such as the Parents Council Welcome Center during

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Welcome Weekend, Family Weekend, and a booth and reception at FOCUS in June. The Parents Council also writes and sends the Valpo Parent; newsletter to all incoming parents, and the parent e-newsletter to all parents of upperclass students. They meet twice a year on campus.

For more information: valpo.edu/parents or send an E-mail to parents@valpo.edu.

Valpo Admission Network (VAN)

The VAN offers a variety of flexible volunteer opportunities to share VU facts and stories while assisting the admission counselors with their student recruitment programs. You control the time you invest in the VAN. Projects include representing Valpo at college fairs, adopting a local high school or church, or chatting with admitted students and their parents in your communities. You can even provide prospective Valpo students with an alumni-endorsed application to with your signature, their \$30 application fee is waived. Visit <http://valpo.edu/van/forms/referralform.php> to help spread the word about Valpo.

For more information: valpo.edu/van

VU Guild

The VU Guild is a national volunteer network who provide support through monetary contributions to the Guild Endowment Fund and sharing time and talent. Members have a strong belief in the Christian higher education demonstrated at Valparaiso University. Members enhance the student experience by providing Guild Campus Gift grants and scholarships while caring about the students physical and spiritual welfare. Everyone is welcome to participate! For more information or to become involved, visit valpo.edu/guild.

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