

ELENA NAVAS

Civil Engineering Major French Minor



After graduation:

*I will be serving in the Peace Corps for two years,
working on a water sanitation and hygiene project
in rural Panama.*

Valpo Experience

I've had many exciting and interesting experiences at Valpo, but one of my favorites actually took place frequently in Founders. Since freshman year I've had the privilege of getting to know many international students, even though I was never in VISA. Some of my favorite memories involve having long conversations (usually around meals in Founders) and building friendships with foreign students, learning about their culture, their perspective of the U.S., of faith and life in general, their goals, and why they came to study at Valpo. I really enjoyed meeting these students, both before and after I myself had the opportunity to study abroad, and found that they are often the most open and welcoming people.

Internship

City of Des Plaines, engineering intern

*G2 Consulting Group, geotechnical consulting firm, field sample collection and lab testing
Eiffage Construction, Assistant Project Manager at the construction site of commercial/apartment
buildings during my VIEP in Lyon, France.*

Honors and Awards

Alpha Lambda Delta

Mortar Board

Dean's List

Extracurricular Activities

Mortar Board

Luce Concert Band

Chamber Concert Band

Pep Band

Alpha Lambda Delta

SWE

ASCE

volunteering with Project Neighbors

Favorite Quote

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you a future and a hope."*