



Hello, Friend!

Greetings from Valparaiso University! Another semester has just wrapped up here at Valpo, and there is a lot of exciting news to share from the past few months! We hope you enjoy looking through the highlights below. Also, be sure to check out the ways to stay connected, such as following us on social media (general links above, VISA Facebook link below), telling us the latest highlights from your life through our International Alumni Stories webpage, and meeting Valpo reps when they travel to your part of the world.

Finally, we were thrilled to add Fakhre Al Zibari to our office staff a few weeks ago! Fakhre is also an international student alumni of Valpo from a few years back. Read his profile [here](#).

Have a great summer!

-[The OIP Staff](#)



VISA World Banquet & Other Events

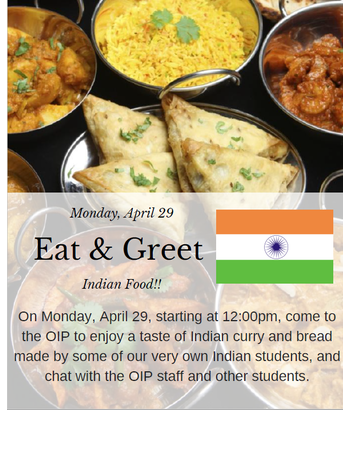
World Banquet 2019

The Valparaiso International Student Association (VISA) hosted the annual World Banquet on Saturday, February 16th. This year's theme was "Stuck at the Airport." While all the guests, including President Heckler and his wife Veronica, waited for their "flights to depart", Valpo's international students entertained with all sorts of cultural performances, and Dining Services put on a delicious feast of dishes from around the world.



Culture Nights, Eat & Greets

The Spring 2019 semester was also full of smaller events combining cultural and culinary excellence! Check out some of the flyers from these events.



Student Spotlights

Abraham Cervantez Diaz (Junior from Mexico) is a current VISA board member. Recently, the University created a video featuring his daily life as an international student at Valpo. Check out the video below to get an inside view of the life of a current international student.



Arezu Mansuri Ortiz (Ecuador) just finished up her bachelor's degree at Valpo in Computer Science (minor in Mathematics), graduating Summa Cum Laude this May. She was awarded a full-ride scholarship for a Masters program at Carnegie Mellon University, starting in fall 2019. She also has an internship as a software developer at Notre Dame University lined up for this summer.



Alumni Spotlight

Name: Tanmay Dev Andhe

Degree from Valpo: Masters, IT Management, 2012

Hometown: Hyderabad, India

Where are you now: Working as Chief Technology Officer at Credit Repair Cloud, an L.A.-based software company

Favorite Valpo Memory:

Walking in the snow from my apartment on Locust St. to the library!



Picture: Tanmay & his younger brother Anoop at the May 2019 graduation; Anoop is the 2nd member of the family to become a Valpo Grad.

Tell Us Your Story!



We have a growing collection of stories from our international alumni about their journey from Valpo to where they are now. Click [here](#) to view them.

We would love to hear what you're up to these days too! Follow the link on the page to submit your own story.

Valpo Rep Tentative Travel Schedule

Representatives from Valparaiso University may be coming to a city near you in Fall 2019!

India - End of August through early September

Bangladesh - Early September

Nepal - Mid September

Pakistan - Late September through early October

Nigeria - End of September

Ghana - End of September

These travel plans are tentative, but if you are in or near one of the places listed above and would like to connect, **please contact [Marci Fradkin](#), Director of International Outreach & Admission (marci.fradkin@valpo.edu)**. She (or whoever is making that trip) would love to meet up with you and chat about Valpo!

