



Dear Students & Scholars,

They say "April showers [rain] bring May flowers", so let's hope the same is true about April snow! Even though the snow this week was unexpected, it was beautiful and it won't last long.

We are open [online](#) for you, so please do let us know if you are facing any challenges or if there is anything we can do to support you/help you!

-The OIP Staff

Address Update Reminder

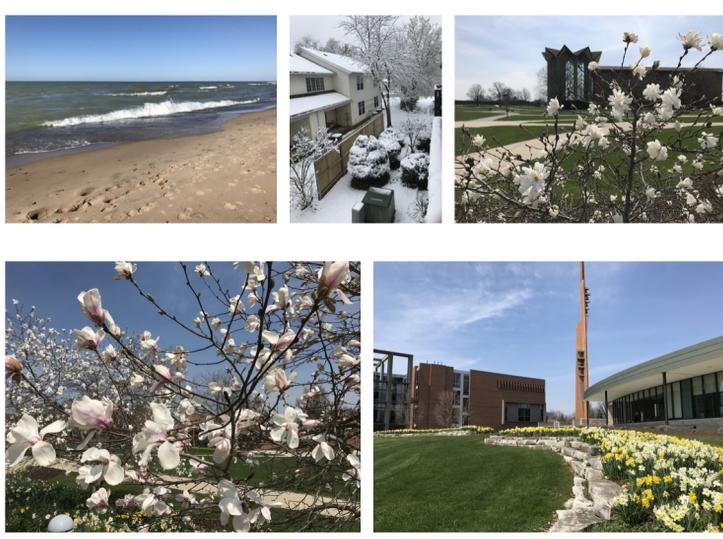
If you have moved recently, even to a temporary location because of the COVID-19 closures, please update your address on [iValpo](#) using the "U.S. Local Address Change" e-form under the "Biographical Information" tab.

NOTE: if you have simply moved to a temporary residence hall room on-campus, there is no need to submit the e-form this time; we have already updated your information in your SEVIS record based on the COVID-19 temporary residence hall list.

Valpo News

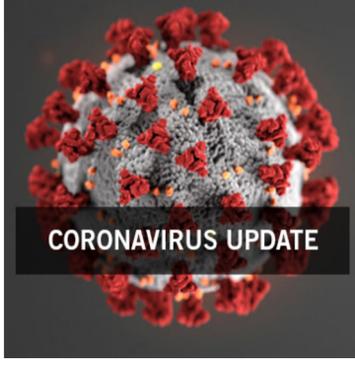
The Dunes, Snow, and Flowers in Spring

Hope you enjoy these pictures of Valpo and the surrounding area in the past week!



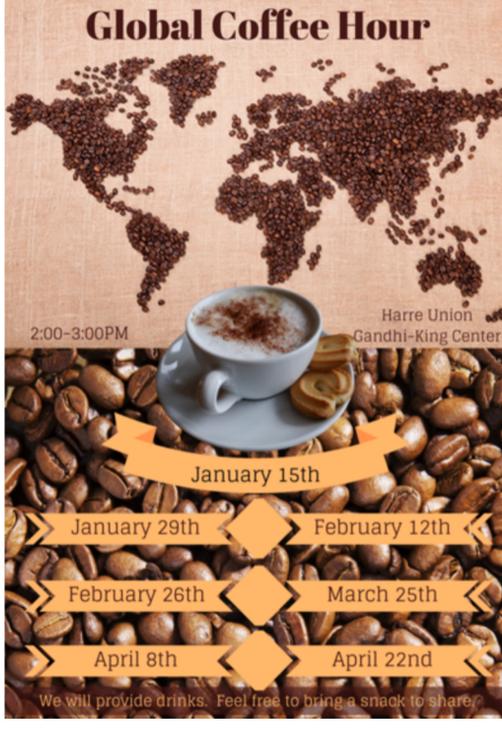
Indiana Stay-At-Home Order

Governor Eric Holcomb of Indiana signed an order for everyone to stay home except for essential business (like going to the grocery store) which took effect on March 24th at 10:59pm & was recently extended to May 1st. There is a possibility that the order will be extended further dependent on the coronavirus situation at the time. For more information on what the stay-at-home order means, click [here](#).



Upcoming OIP Event

Coffee Hour on April 22, 2pm - click on picture below for the link to the Google Meet chat room. Hope to see you there!



Reminders & Resources

International Travel Plans e-form on [iValpo](#): If you are traveling internationally during the rest of the Spring 2020 semester while university classes are online, please complete the International Travel Plans e-form on iValpo (under "F-1 Student Services") so we can help you get a travel signature if you need one & so that we have an idea of where you are in the world.

Bias Incidents: There has been an increase in bias incidents against international people in the US recently due to coronavirus. If you have been the victim of a bias incident either on-campus, online or in the Valparaiso community, please fill out the [bias incident form](#) OR contact VUPD at 219-464-5430. A bias incident is when someone says or does something hurtful to you because of where you come from, what you look like, your religion, gender, viewpoints, race, etc. We want you to feel safe on campus & in the community, so please report if something has happened to you or even if you know of something that happened to someone else!

Career Center: The Career Center is still open online. Check out their calendar & other resources [here](#).

Counseling Center: The Counseling Center is here to support you online. They have [TAO Connect](#) self-help OR you can register for a phone consultation by calling 219-464-5002.

Contacting Your Embassy/Consulate

Help For Returning to Home Country: We received some important updated information on contacting your embassy/consulate for help finding a flight to your home country during the coronavirus pandemic. If you're in need of assistance, find your country below & follow the instructions OR contact your [embassy/consulate](#) directly if your country is not on the list below:

Albania: email your information (name, location, contact info, university name) to the Albanian Embassy at: embassy.washington@mfa.gov.al

Colombia: contact the Embassy at: 202-885-9279; cwashington@cancilleria.gov.co

Ecuador: visit the Embassy's website: <http://www.ecuador.org/nuevosite/>

Kosovo: contact the Kosovo Embassy via email: frymezim.isufaj@rks-gov.net

Pakistan: visit the Embassy's website: <http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/>

Peru: complete the form at this link if they are interested in curtailing their stay and returning home: <http://www.consulado.pe/paginas/Inicio.aspx>; <https://www.embassyofperu.org/infocorona2>

Russia: reach out to the embassy or consulate. For the NY Consulate - The consulate has said that Russian citizens should contact at mailny@mid.ru. The general consular section email contact at the Russian Embassy in DC: russconsdc@gmail.com

Saudi Arabia: you have until April 10 to apply for return to the Kingdom on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' e-service platform (<http://www.mofa.gov.sa/es>), with priority given to Saudi citizens in countries most affected by COVID-19, the elderly, and pregnant women. All returning Saudis will be subject to a 14-day mandatory quarantine in hotels throughout the Kingdom.

Thailand: More information can found at: <https://thaiembdc.org/th/infoforthais/>