



Dear International Students & Scholars,

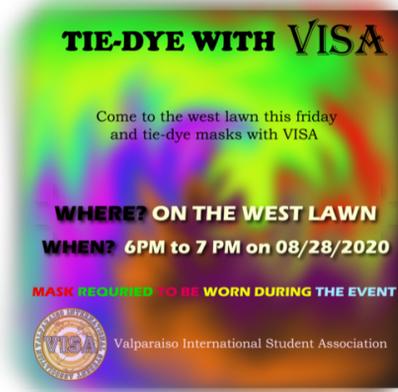
The Fall 2020 semester is here, and we are so excited to see you back! Compared to last year this time, we now

- know what Zoom is,
- are getting used to the habit of wearing a facemask,
- and we have a better idea of a 6 ft (2m) distance.

But at the end of the day, we're all grateful that the educational journey at Valpo continues in Fall 2020! Take a look at the events and other reminders below, and let us know if the Office of International Programs (OIP) can help you in any way.

-[The OIP Staff](#)

VISA Tie-Dye Friday, 6pm!



VISA (Valpo International Student Association) is planning to have an outdoor tie-dye event tomorrow, Friday, 8/28, at 6pm. Come to get your colorful & personalized facemask and make new friends at the same time! They will be on the grassy area (West Lawn) right outside the Harre Union.

Friendship Families for Fall 2020



There's no better way to get to know American culture than to become friends with a local Valpo family! Friendship Families of Valparaiso is a organization which has partnered with the OIP for nearly 20 years to provide connections for international students with friendly people in the community. [Click here](#) to fill out a Google e-form to be matched with a family.

Also, for all **new students in Fall 2020**, Friendship Families will be holding a virtual Zoom Welcome event at **7pm on Saturday (8/29)**. Be sure to log on to get a free coffeeshop gift card! The Zoom link will be sent to you separately.

How to Apply for a Social Security Number (SSN)

If you have found an on-campus job, and you have not worked at all in the U.S. before and don't have an SSN, fill out the e-form on [this webpage](#), and we will process a letter for you to take to the SSN office so that you can apply for the number. [See here](#) for more details.

Document Pick-up & Appointments at OIP

Document Pick-up

- Right now, you only need to come into the office to pick up a document if you have received an email about it.
- Very soon, we will have set times when anyone can come into the office to pick up documents; we will send you those hours in a few days!

Appointments with an OIP staff member

- Appointments must be scheduled in advance. In order to reduce traffic in the GKC, the OIP staff will not be receiving walk-in appointments. But we are very happy to set up a time to meet! Email Janice.Lin@valpo.edu or Andrew.Knox@valpo.edu to make an appointment.

See you around campus!



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