

Dear International Students & Scholars,

We know you are swamped with assignments, labs and papers. We hope you are staying safe and healthy as you get into new routines for the spring semester. We would love to catch up with you and see how things are going! 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](#)

Dr.Hugh McGuigan Scholarship

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\$1,000 ONE-TIME SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY:
International students on F-1/J-1 Visa
Minimum GPA: 3.0 (undergraduate), 3.5 (graduate)
Completed at least 2 semesters at Valpo
Exhibit leadership qualities

Applications are due on Monday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m.
Application Link: <http://bit.ly/OIPDrHMSScholarship20-21>

VISA Nigeria Cultural Night-February 19

This Friday, February 19, 6 -7 pm, VISA will be hosting Cultural Night Nigeria! Come and enjoy some snacks, learn about Nigeria and play Kahoot (Prizes included). [Click here](#) to attend the event virtually as VISA reached full capacity for this event. But please come to grab some snacks. If anyone who signed up can not make it to the event, please email VISA so that others who want to come can join.

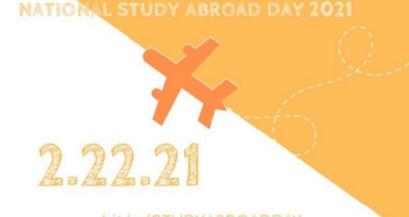


UPC Movie Night-February 19



National Study Abroad Day, February 22

This Monday, February 22nd, is National Study Abroad Day! The goal is to bring awareness to Study Abroad and its lasting impact. As an International student, we know you are currently studying abroad at Valparaiso University, and we invite you to join us in this celebration! First, the Office of Global Education located in the Gandhi-King Center is handing out free "Ask me where I studied abroad" buttons. We hope you will enjoy striking up conversations with others who also have buttons and those who may not, but want to hear more about your study abroad experience. Also, be sure to post a picture that represents your experience studying abroad on Instagram with a caption completing the sentence: "I celebrate Study Abroad Day because..." Be sure to include the hashtag #studyabroadday and follow @valpoglobal and @studyabroadday to enter our contest for a special prize. We look forward to celebrating with you!!



This Week's Festival-Vasant Panchami, February 16

Vasant Panchami is also called Sarasvati Puja in honor of Goddess Saraswati (Goddess of literacy). It is a festival that marks the preparation for the arrival of spring. The festival is celebrated by people in the Indian subcontinent in various ways depending on the region. Vasant Panchami also marks the start of preparation for Holika and Holi, which takes place forty days later. The Vasant Utsava (festival) on Panchami is celebrated forty days before Spring, because any season's transition period is 40 days, and after that, the season comes into full bloom.

[Click here](#) for more information on Vasant Panchami.



OPT & CPT Workshops

If you are interested in doing an internship, you will need Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization before you start. And if you want to work in your major field of study in the U.S. after you graduate, you'll need Optional Practical Training (OPT authorization). Log on at the following times to get all the info you need about [CPT](#) & [OPT](#) (you can also click on the links to find more on our website).

OPT Workshops ([Zoom Link](#), good for both workshops)

- February 25, 2pm
- March 3, 2pm

CPT workshops ([Zoom Link](#), good for both workshops)

- March 10, 11am
- March 18, 2pm

Cold Weather Fun Around Valpo!

It's snowman time! We know most of our International students have never seen snow before. Enjoy snow by making a snowman and...

Go Sledding! This might be your chilliest adventure yet and you will have more fun doing it with friends. [Click here](#) to find more information on a Valpo park which is a good sledding location in the area.

Ice Skating! Forget your slippers and wear the ice skates. Ice skating is a perfect day or night activity that you can do with your families and friends. [Click here](#) for more information on ice skating locations near the University. Keep your eyes open & there will be an ice skating event coming up soon!



Info for Important Offices Around Campus



[Click Here](#) to find a helpful overview of important & commonly used offices around campus.



Document Pick-Up

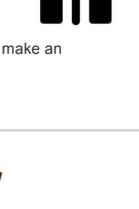
If you've been notified that you have a document to pick up, please note that the OIP regular document pick-up hours are:

- 1:30-5:00pm, Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Appointments at OIP

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!

