



Dear International Students & Scholars,

*Don't forget, April showers do bring May flowers!!* We hope you all had a great spring break and we believe now you will have knowledge showers that bring you achievements flowers.

We are open as usual, 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](#)

**Great Valpo Scavenger Hunt Sign-up Deadline Extended to April 16!**

Join us for the Great OIP Scavenger Hunt, an awesome opportunity to explore Valpo more with friends!

Sign up by April 16, 12 noon, and the deadline to submit is April 19, 12 noon!

Win Valpo Sweatshirts with your Team!

Due to rain in the forecast this weekend, the Scavenger hunt event was postponed until next weekend, so [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up as the sign-up deadline is extended till April 16, 12 noon, and submission is due by April 19, 12 noon. Team size must be 3 to 5 people.

If you're wondering what exactly a "scavenger hunt" is, here's a brief description: each team will have to find 15 places on campus & in downtown Valpo. You'll get 15 clues/hints, and it will be up to you to find the exact location and take a group picture with your team! Complete instructions will be given to after the sign-up deadline.

**Covid-19 Vaccination Signup!**



The State of Indiana has shared that out-of-state students attending an Indiana college or university are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at one of the state's vaccination program sites. [Click here](#) to register & schedule an appointment at a vaccination site.

As a related FYI for the community, the Porter County Health Department has announced that they will be hosting a two-day mass vaccination clinic at the Porter County Expo Center on Sunday, April 11, and Monday, April 12 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. (NOTE: as of 4/9/21 - All appointments for Sunday, April 11 have been booked. There are still open appointments for Monday, April 12.) Because this special mass clinic will ONLY offer the Moderna vaccine, and Moderna is not approved for people ages 16 and 17, those under 18 will not be able to participate in this clinic. Please visit the website to review the information to register if interested. And keep an eye on the website, as many more appointments for vaccination will come available soon!

**World Banquet X Feast from the East-April 23!**



To add to the spring sunshine (and break yay!!), VISA is proud to announce its collaboration with AAPIC in bringing to you the best of "World Banquet X Feast from the East". As great as the event is going to be, we feel you have the power and ability to make it better than it is anticipated to be.

Therefore, if you would like to represent your country/culture or any other highlight that is for the whole of the Valpo community to cherish, please reply to the email sent to you from [visa@valpo.edu](mailto:visa@valpo.edu) titled "Ready to Represent!?? Yes, please". We will definitely incorporate those to the best of our abilities!! In our efforts to bring you the best of the event, despite the COVID-constraints still in progress. Please know a single dance/song/cultural highlight might not seem too appealing by itself, but remember it is indispensable in constituting a bigger, "beautiful-lerrr", a bouquet of diverse cultures and experiences in Valpo.

**Tax Season!**



It's time to file your taxes!! Please check the email from [oip@valpo.edu](mailto:oip@valpo.edu) titled "Important 2020 Tax Instructions for Current VU International Students and Scholars" for complete info.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**  
17 May 2021 (not 15 April) is the new deadline for residents and nonresidents who earned US income to file Federal tax returns for the 2020 tax year.

If you are a current F-1/J-1 student at Valpo, we strongly urge you to use the Sprintax tax system! We have heard of serious mistakes being made by international students filing their taxes through web services such as TurboTax. These other services often do not make the necessary adjustments necessary for your F-1/J-1 non-immigrant status. Serious mistakes in filing your taxes could negatively affect your immigration record in the future.



**Document Pick-up**

If you've been notified that you have a document to pick up, please stop by the OIP during our document pick-up hours:

**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](mailto:Janice.Lin@valpo.edu) or [Andrew.Knox@valpo.edu](mailto:Andrew.Knox@valpo.edu) to make an appointment.

***See you around Campus!!***

