

**Hello International Students!**

We hope you are keeping yourself warm while enjoying the scattered showers. There are a few events lined up this week which can help you engage in some meaningful activities.

[The OIP](#)

## **Halloween Trick or Treat, Thursday, 28th Oct,**

### **5-7 PM, Harre Union**

The hallmarks of Halloween, 31st October, are a day filled with children playing trick or treats and home owners decorating their residences using pumpkins along with some scary skeletons and sounds. Valparaiso University is planning to celebrate an event, 'Trick or Treat' on 28th Oct between 5-7 PM in the Harre Union, as part of the presidential inauguration week activities. Further details regarding the event can be found [here](#), and see the flyer below.

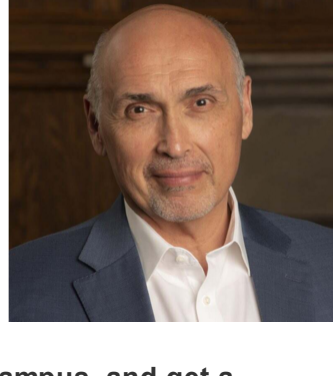


## **All Beacons Welcome**

### **Parade and Cultural**

### **Celebration,**

### **Friday, 29th Oct, 4:25 PM**

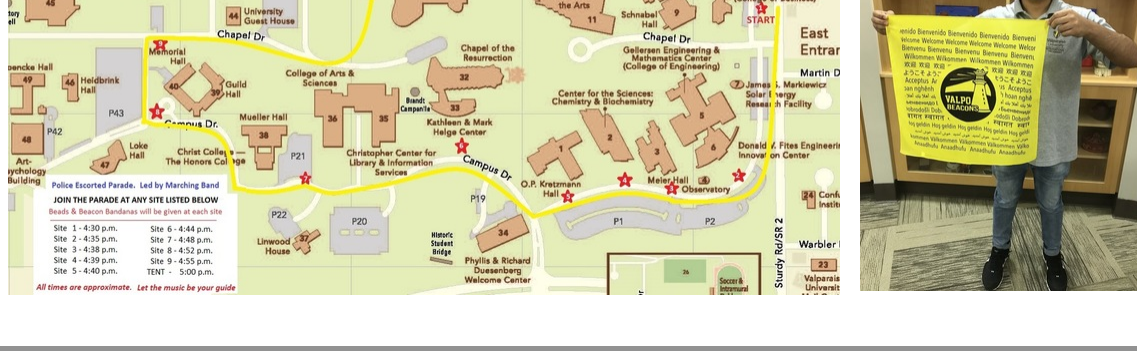


**International Students, Show Your Presence On Campus, and get a "Welcome" banner in many languages (picture below)!**

The "All Beacons Welcome" parade will celebrate the many cultures on campus and honor our new president at Valparaiso University, José Padilla. **International students please join us and meet at the back of Meier Hall at 4:25 PM to join the parade as a big group!**

See the full parade route below, with Meier Hall on the bottom right side, and [click here](#) for further details regarding the inaugural activities.

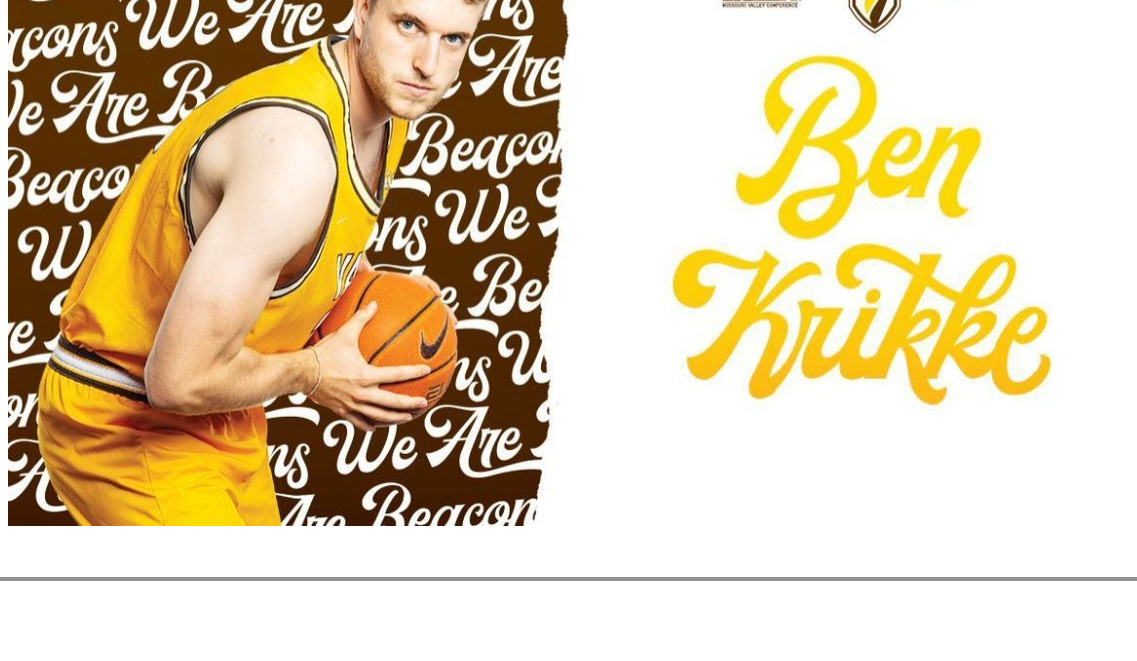
**Special Note : After the parade on Friday, the "All Beacons Welcome Kick-Off Event", scheduled between 5PM - 9 PM in the Harre Union Cafe, will comprise of various cultural foods and engaging activities.**



## **MEN'S BASKETBALL HOME GAME, 30th Oct, 6PM**

Be sure to catch the first men's basketball game this Saturday in the Athletics and Recreation center (ARC)! All you need to enter is your Valpo OneCard. Click [here](#) to see the whole season schedule.

**Below:** Ben Kirke, Canadian international student, has been named to Preseason All-MVC second team. Read about it [here](#).



## **All Majors Virtual Career Fair,**

### **4th Nov, 2PM - 5PM CDT**

The Career Center of Valpo is organising an all majors virtual career fair on 4th Nov between 2PM and 5PM. Find the details regarding the list of employers and important tips on aching the fair [here](#).

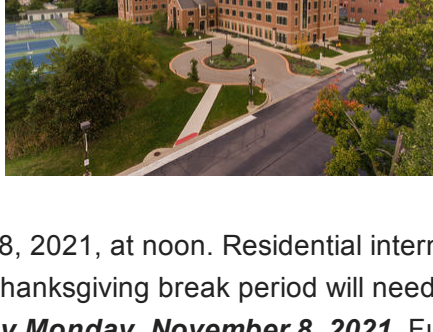


## **OPT and CPT Workshops**

In the coming weeks, we will have Optional Practical Training (known as OPT, post-graduation work authorization) and Curricular Practical Training (known as CPT, internship work authorization) workshops. Click on these links for complete info: [OPT Information](#) and [CPT Information](#).

OPT Workshop Times	CPT Workshop Times
Friday, Oct 29th, 3 PM	Wednesday, Nov 3rd, 10 AM
Tuesday, Nov 9th, 5 PM	Friday, Nov 12th, 3 PM

**Note : The venue will be Multipurpose Room Gandhi-King Center for all workshops.**



## **REMINDER:**

### **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

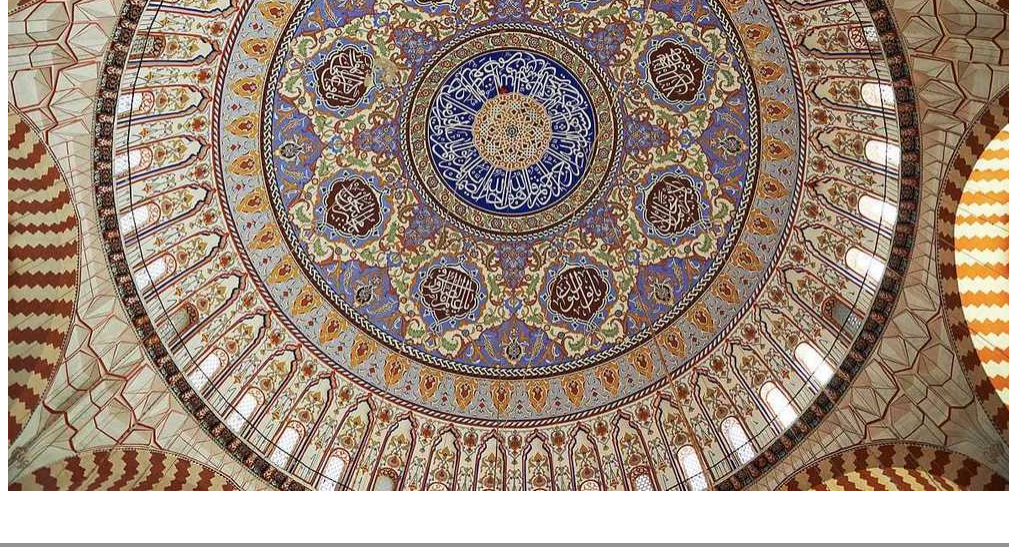
### **HOUSING**

The residence halls close for Thanksgiving Break on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at noon, and will reopen on Sunday, November 28, 2021, at noon. Residential international students who need to stay over the Thanksgiving break period will need to **complete a break housing application by Monday, November 8, 2021**. Further details can be found [here](#).

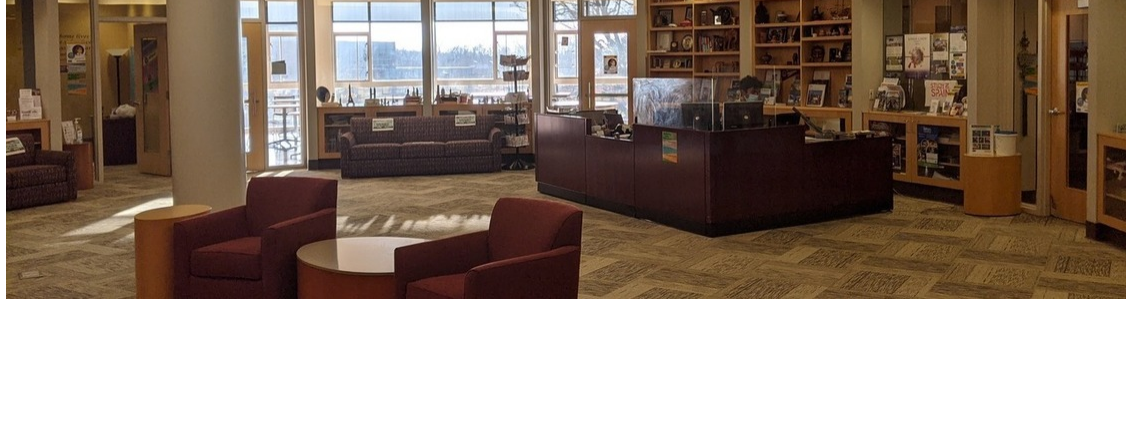
## **Islamic Friday Prayers (Ṣalāt al-Jumu'ah), 29th Oct,**

### **1:30 PM, Sheild Room, Basement floor, Harre Union**

Valparaiso Muslim Students Association has arranged for the Islamic Friday prayers starting from 29th Oct, in the Shield Room, Basement floor, Harre Union. Please feel free to bring rugs with you and remember to wear mask at all times while in the room. In case of any queries, please feel free to contact the president of the Muslim students association at : [lanna.sirhan@valpo.edu](mailto:lanna.sirhan@valpo.edu).



## **OIP Hours**



Stop by Room 209 in the Harre Union (Ghandi-King Center) to pick up documents, make an appointment, or just chat between **9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday**.

**See you around campus!**