

Hello International Students and Friends,

It's homecoming weekend! Do you have any plans? Don't miss the opportunities below to have some fun at homecoming, as well as other important information for next week.

Enjoy!

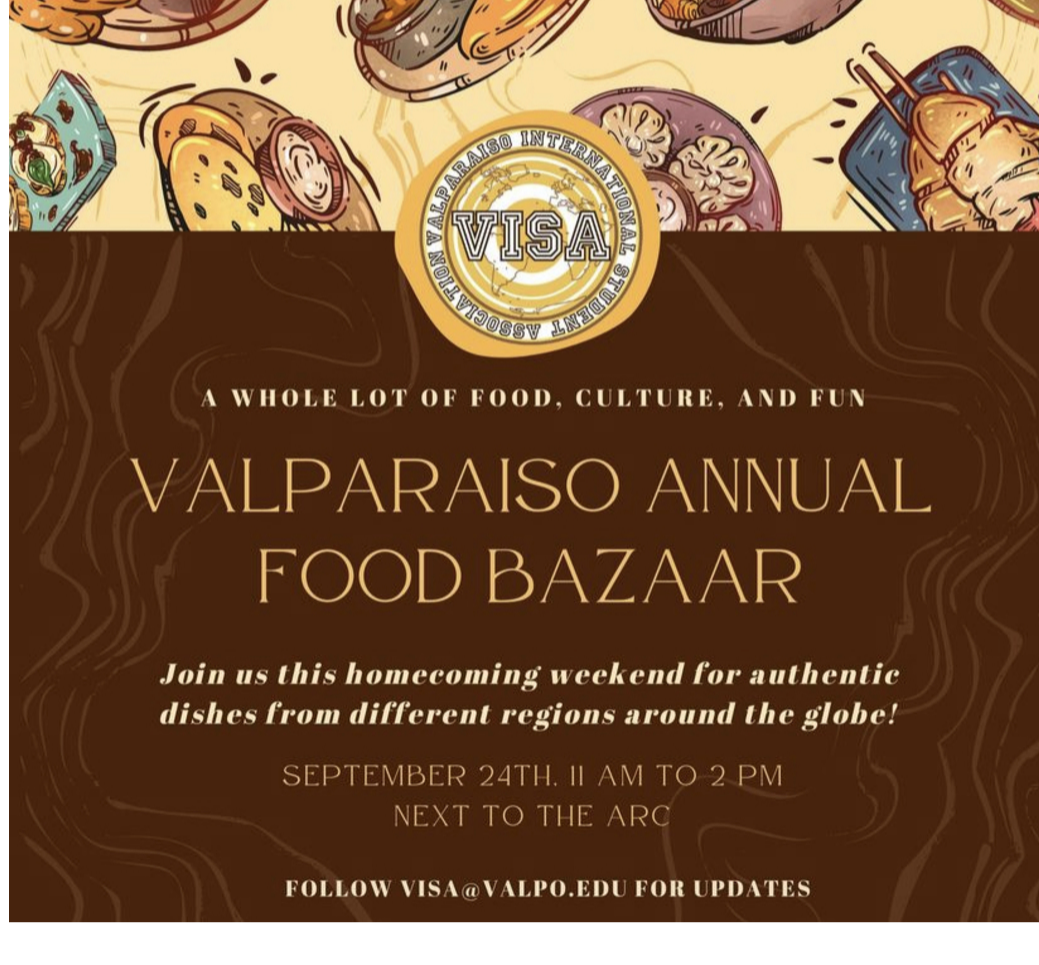
[The OIP](#)

International Food Bazaar

The [International Food Bazaar](#) is finally tomorrow, **September 24th!** Even if you are not a chef, you can still come and get delicious foods from around the world! The event will be held from 11 am to 2 pm outside the Athletics Recreation Center (ARC), but come early or the food might be gone!

Food tickets will be available for purchase at the Bazaar (**cash only**). Try **lots of cultural foods for your lunch tomorrow!** Contact visa@valpo.edu if you have any questions.

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VALPARAISO ANNUAL FOOD BAZAAR

Join us this homecoming weekend for authentic dishes from different regions around the globe!

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 11 AM TO 2 PM
NEXT TO THE ARC

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Saudi National Day Today

Do you know what day it is today? It's Saudi National Day! Saudi National Day commemorates the unification and the renaming of the country from the Kingdom of Najd and Hijaz to Saudi Arabia by King Abdulaziz in 1932. Saudi National Day is celebrated with folk dances, songs, and traditional festivities!



Coffee & Conversation

The coffee & conversation session is coming back! Our first coffee hour for this semester is **next Wednesday, September 28th**. The coffee hour session is a bi-weekly opportunity to connect with fellow classmates and community members at the OIP.

The session will be at the international student lounge right next to the OIP office in Harre Union. **Come join us and get to know more about Valpo!**



OPT & 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.

Mark one of these dates on your calendar if you need to know more about OPT & CPT. The venue will be Multipurpose Room Suite 200 (the former Gandhi King Center) for all OPT & CPT workshops.

OPT & CPT WORKSHOPS

- OPT WORKSHOPS**
 - September 30.....10 AM
 - October 7.....2 PM
 - November 1.....3 PM
- CPT WORKSHOPS**
 - October 18.....10 AM
 - November 4.....3 PM
 - November 10.....2 PM

📍 Suite 200 Multipurpose Room, the former Gandhi-King Center

Badminton on Campus

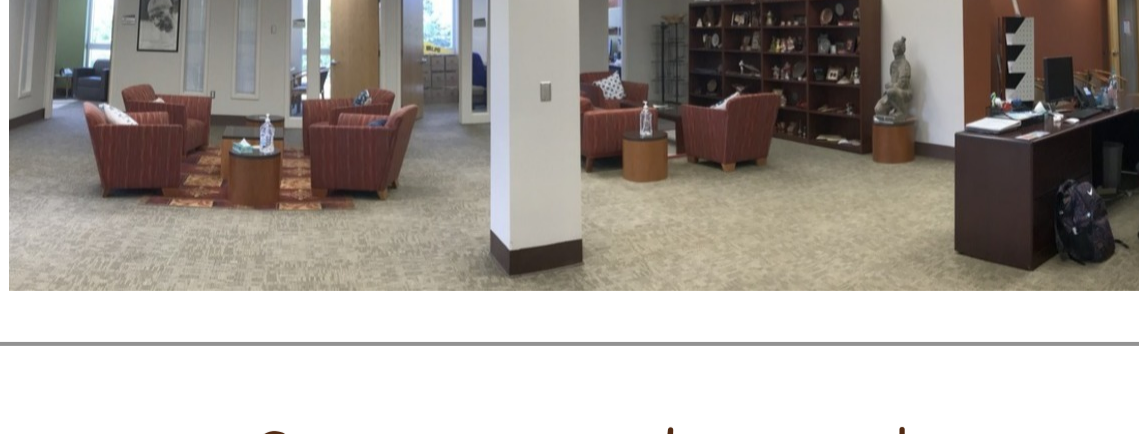
Are you interested in playing badminton? The ARC is setting up a time for drop-in badminton on Sundays this semester from 1:30 to 3:00 pm! Anyone with an active OneCard can come and play badminton during the designated time.

Also, Professor Kumar at the College of Business wants to invite anyone who is interested in playing badminton! Download GroupMe, confirm your school email address, and join the group, "Valpo Badminton"!



OIP Hours

OIP office is now **Harre Union Suite 250**. Stop by to pick up documents, make an appointment, or just chat between **9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday**.



See you around campus!