



Hello International Students and Friends,

It's almost October! How is your semester going? We know that you're pretty busy with assignments, labs, and midterms, but don't forget to take a break and have some fun. Check out these fun and informational events below.

See you soon!

[The OIP](#)

## Outdoor Game Time (Saturday)

Are you looking for something fun to do this weekend? Friendship Families will be holding an Outdoor Game Time, **tomorrow from 1:30 pm**.

There will be cricket, cornhole, volleyball, and more! If you have never played one of these sports, it is a great chance to try it out!

The venue will be [Faith Bible Church](#) (300 E 400 N, Valparaiso). If you need a ride, contact [andrew.knox@valpo.edu](mailto:andrew.knox@valpo.edu). We'll see you there!



**FRIENDSHIP FAMILIES**

# OUTDOOR GAME TIME

There will be cricket, cornhole, volleyball, snacks, and more!

**Saturday, Oct 1st**  
Starts at 1:30 PM

**Faith Bible Church**  
300E 400 N, Valparaiso

If you need a ride or have questions, contact [andrew.knox@valpo.edu](mailto:andrew.knox@valpo.edu).

## OPT & CPT Workshops

If you missed today's OPT workshop, don't worry! More OPT & CPT workshops will be coming up. **Remember, you must attend an OPT workshop before you apply for it.**

For those who don't know about OPT and CPT, [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\)](#) is a post-graduation work authorization, and [Curricular Practical Training \(CPT\)](#) is an internship work authorization. It is a great opportunity for those who want to experience working in the US. Check the flyer below for more information.



# 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

## Hispanic Heritage Month Dinner

Did you know it is Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15? LatinX in Valparaiso for Excellence, L.I.V.E, will be hosting the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Dinner **next Friday, October 7th from 6 to 9 pm in the Union Ballrooms.**

There will be a guest speaker, dancing, mingling, and more! If you want to participate in the event, you need to fill out a form beforehand. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code below on the flyer to go to the online form!



JOIN LIVE FOR OUR ANNUAL

# Hispanic Heritage Month Dinner

OCTOBER 7TH  
6-9PM  
UNION BALLROOMS  
SEMI-FORMAL

- 5:45 PM: Doors Open & Check In Begins
- 6:00 PM: Welcoming Remarks
- 6:15 PM: Dinner
- 7 PM: Presentation by Saul Flores
- 8-9 PM: Music, Dancing, & Mingling

RSVP Here



## Valparaiso Market

The town of Valparaiso holds [the Valparaiso Market](#) weekly for fresh local produce, and homemade products from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm until October 15th! **Tuesday and Saturday** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm until October 15th!

The market is located at [the William E. Urschel Pavilion](#) at Central Park Plaza, 63 Lafayette Street in Valparaiso. If you have any questions, email [market@valpo.us](mailto:market@valpo.us). Don't miss the opportunity to shop for local products!



## Friendship Families Hayride

Friendship Families will be hosting a Hayride on **Saturday, October 15th from 5 to 9 pm!** Through this event, you can experience visiting an American farm and tasting turkey or veggie hot dogs cooked on a bonfire! Come join us and make a memorable evening!



Friendship Families

# HAYRIDE

Sat., Oct. 15 - 5-9 pm

Watch the weather and dress accordingly. It can get cold!



**All VU international students are welcome!**

If you want a ride, meet at 4:45 pm at the V-Line stop at the Union.

Or to drive there yourself:  
John & Sue Birky's Farm  
11622 W 1600 S., Wanatah, IN  
Phone: 219-510-3005

**Turkey or veggie hot dogs cooked on a bonfire!**



## 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!