

Hello International Students and Friends,

Hope you're enjoying the snow! The cold doesn't stop us, though, as several internationally themed events are taking place around campus this coming week. Take a break from your studies to come and meet new friends while celebrating various cultures!

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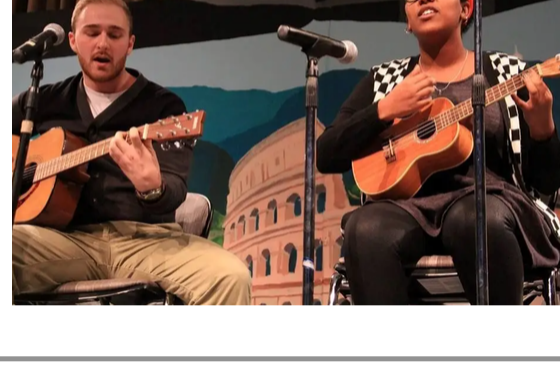
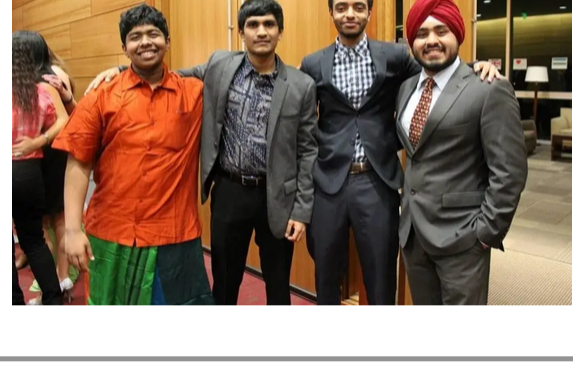
VISA World Banquet! Sat, Feb 4

VISA's (Valpo International Student Association) signature event of the Spring semester is coming up in one week! This year, we're particularly excited about it for several reasons:

- #1**, After 2 years of Covid-related restrictions, we're back to a full delicious banquet! Food will be catered from local restaurants [don Quijote](#), [Namaste India](#), [Kin Khao Thai](#), and more.
- #2**, The theme of the night will be the 2022 World Cup!
- #3**, Valpo's talented international students always put on a great cultural show!

Be sure to get your tickets at the Union Welcome Desk!

[Click here to see pictures of past World Banquets](#)



International Night at Men's Basketball Game: Sat, Jan 28, 6PM

Tomorrow, January 28th (Saturday), at 6PM in [the ARC](#), the Valpo men's basketball team will [host Evansville University](#) and will highlight international students at Valpo! Be there to represent the international student body, possibly catch a free OIP t-shirt, and support our 6 international students on the basketball team, listed below.

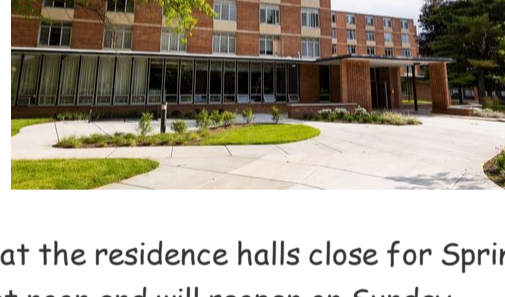
[Ben Krikke](#) (Canada), [Darius DeAveiro](#) (Canada), [Emil Freese-Vilien](#) (Denmark), [Ibra Bayu](#) (Netherlands), [Jerome Palm](#) (Netherlands), [Tevonn Walker](#) ([grad assistant coach](#)) (Canada).



Lunar New Year Festival: Fri, Feb 10



Spring Break Housing Application



The Valpo Residential Life office wants to make sure you are aware that the residence halls close for Spring Break on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at noon and will reopen on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at noon.

If you are planning to stay on campus during Spring Break, please complete a Spring Break Housing application by Monday, February 20, 2023 on your Housing Self-Service portal.

To access your Self-Service page log onto [DataVU](#), then select "Housing Self-Service." Once on your Self-Service page, select the "Applications" tab and then select the "Spring Break Housing Application."



Beware of Scams!

In the past few weeks the Valpo IT department has received several inquiries about potential job-related scams that are targeting Valparaiso University students. Here are some tips they give for identifying a scam.

Generic and unsolicited - The email may say your information was obtained from a job board, school database, or the Career Center. If that were true, they should have been able to address the email to you directly, rather than "Hello Student" or "Good Morning."

Too good to be true - Job offer scams entice with unbelievably good pay for very easy work—something that just isn't that common in the real job market.

Impersonation of a Valparaiso University community member or company - Sometimes scammers impersonate faculty, deans, or other community members to trick students into giving up personal information. Many times the email is from a Gmail, Yahoo, or Outlook address (not [valpo.edu!](#)). Legitimate companies should email from their corporate email account.

They ask for personal information in an email - Legitimate job opportunities require you to apply and provide your personal information in an official application, most of the time via the company website.

OIP Hours

OIP office is located at [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!