

Dear Valparaiso University Students,

To quote former United States President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, “democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.” By attending Valparaiso University, each and every one of us made the choice to dedicate the next few years of our lives to our education. No matter our majors, no matter our backgrounds, and no matter our partisan allegiances (or lack thereof), we are united through Valparaiso University’s promise to prepare us to “lead and serve in both church and society.”

As you probably know, tomorrow is Election Day. In fact, millions of Americans have already voted. **If you have not done so already, please vote in this year’s election.** Our elected officials cannot amplify our voices if we refuse to speak up. Find your polling place at www.vote.org, use [Ballotpedia](#) to see a sample version of your ballot before you get to the polls, and research the candidates on your ballot to see who best represents your values. In Indiana, the polls are open from 6:00 am-6:00 pm on Election Day. If you are not registered to vote in Indiana, you can find more information about your state’s election procedures on your state’s website.

Regardless of the results of this year’s election, please know that Student Senate is always here to serve you. Students’ voices have been and always will be the drivers of positive change on our campus. Despite the polarization that our nation may face after the election results are finalized, despite the chance that you may not feel represented by the winners of this year’s election, and despite the truly chaotic nature of this entire year, remember that the Valparaiso University student body is united in our lifelong commitment to truth and knowledge.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to send me an email at senate.president@valpo.edu or attend our Student Senate General Assembly meetings at 8:30 pm in the Harre Union Ballrooms.

Wishing you all the best,

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Valparaiso University Student Body President