

VALPO ALUMNI

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Save The Date for Homecoming and Homecoming West

Make plans now to return to campus for Homecoming 2006, taking place Friday, Sept. 29, through Sunday Oct. 1. And remember that those with class years ending in a six or one can participate in special reunion activities, including the annual Reunion Celebration Dinner.

Visit valpo.edu/alumni/homecoming for more information about Homecoming or to volunteer to help plan your reunion.

This year, in addition to Homecoming on campus, the alumni association presents Homecoming West in San Diego. Taking place Friday, Oct. 13, through Sunday, Oct. 15, the

weekend will include alumni receptions, informative sessions from VU faculty and staff, the Valpo vs. University of San Diego football game, and other events. Homecoming West Headquarters will be the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley. A special Valpo rate of \$124 for a single or double has been established. Call 619.692.3800 to book your room.

Visit valpo.edu/alumni/HCW for more information about Homecoming West, or to volunteer during the weekend.

Above: Alumni from many reunion years gather at events during Homecoming 2005.

Alumni directory coming in 2007 The VU alumni association is working to produce your next edition of the alumni directory, scheduled to be available in spring 2007. Information will be collected through surveys that will be sent to you through e-mail or U.S. mail. Some alumni may receive telephone calls this summer requesting updated information for this directory. Please take the time to provide us with your information.



Mid-Con 2006 – Tulsa, Okla.

The 2006 Mid-Continent Conference basketball tournament will again take place in Tulsa, Okla., Saturday, March 4, through Tuesday, March 7. Pairings for the contest will be released the week prior to the tournament. All-session tournament tickets are \$57 each and can be purchased by calling 918.560.0205; ask to be seated in the Valpo section.

Visit valpo.edu/alumni for information about alumni gatherings.

Jark Named New VUAA President

Heidi Jark '86, '89 J.D. has been elected as the new VU alumni association president. Jark, a vice president at Fifth Third Bank, has previously worked at VU as planned giving director, and has practiced law in Valparaiso. Jark grew up on a farm near Stratford, S.D., and currently resides with her husband in Cincinnati. Aside from her role with the VUAA, she is involved in other groups, including the American Cancer Society board of directors for Hamilton County, the WAVE Foundation, the Cincinnati Fine Arts Fund, and the Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council. She also is a member of the Greater Cincinnati YWCA board of directors, the board of the National Committee on Planned Giving, and is a member of the Ohio Grantmakers Forum board of directors where she chairs the public policy committee. She is a frequent speaker to nonprofit organizations on the topics of philanthropy, ethics, grantmaking and planned giving.



Visit valpo.edu/alumni to read about Heidi Jark's and the alumni association board of directors' ideas and plans for the next year.

Chorale to Begin Spring Break Tour

The VU Chorale will make 15 stops during its annual spring break tour, concluding Tuesday, March 21, at the Chapel of the Resurrection on the VU campus. Alumni receptions are being planned at several tour stops. The VU Concert Band and VU Kantorei will also tour this spring in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan.



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Visit valpo.edu/music/tour for full details on all of the spring tours.

Two New Valpo Clubs in 2006

In addition to the 12 Valpo Clubs active across the country, your alumni association has brought on two new clubs this year. The Valpo Club of New York and New Jersey hosted a "meet and greet" in Manhattan last fall, with about 50 alumni attending. A planning meeting in January netted ideas including a VU jazz performance in Central Park and "insider" tours of local museums. The process of starting the Valpo Club of Phoenix and Scottsdale will begin this spring. An alumni reception is being organized, followed by a planning meeting. These two new clubs join clubs in Chicago, Denver, Fort Wayne, Ind., Houston, Indianapolis, Lake County, Ind., Milwaukee, Minnesota, Southeastern Michigan, St. Louis, Porter County, Ind., and Washington, D.C.

Visit valpo.edu/alumni, and click on "ways to connect" and "Valpo Clubs" for more information about the Valpo Club in your area.

Baseball and Softball Teams in Florida in March

VU's baseball and softball teams will travel to Florida this March. The baseball team will be in Bradenton, Fla., March 7 through 15. The softball team will participate in the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla., March 5 through 11. Alumni gatherings are being planned on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12. Postcards will be sent to Florida alumni.

Visit valpo.edu/alumni for more information or call 800.833.6792, ext. 23.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 4 – Fairview Park, Ohio
VU Chorale Tour - Messiah Lutheran Church
Performance and Reception

Tuesday, March 7 – Chicago; Fort Wayne, Ind.; New York City; St. Louis
Mid-Con Men's Championship Game
Viewing Party

Wednesday, March 8 – Daylestown, Pa.
VU Chorale Tour - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Performance and Reception

Thursday, March 9 – Fort Wayne, Ind.
Mentor Network and Valpo Club Reception for
Alumni and VU Students

Friday, March 10 – Stamford, Conn.
VU Chorale Tour - St. John's Lutheran Church
Performance and Reception

Sunday, March 12 – Frederick, Md.
VU Chorale Tour Stop - Evangelical Lutheran
Church - Performance and Reception

Thursday, March 23 – Milwaukee
Valpo Club of Milwaukee Planning Meeting

Saturday, April 29 – Sunday, April 30
Campus - VU Alumni Association Board of
Directors Meeting

Did you know you could be buying tuition for tomorrow at less than today's prices? It's true, Valpo is one of more than 250 private colleges from which you can choose.

Visit independent529plan.com for more information.

Summer Send-offs Just Around the Corner

Valpo Clubs, along with the Valpo Admission Network (VAN), and the VU Guild will host more than 35 Send-offs this summer. Through these summer events, new and returning students connect with Valpo alumni, parents, and friends before heading off to VU for the academic year. Alumni are encouraged to attend the Summer Send-off that is scheduled in their community. Postcard invitations will be sent out in May.



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