



VALPO Parent



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Dear Parent,

It is hard to believe that our daughter is now completing her third year at Valpo. During this time she has made lifelong friends and has learned about herself, her beliefs, and the nursing profession. She has kept quite active in academic, social, and religious activities and has become a confident and mature young woman. She has developed wonderful leadership skills and has received fantastic support from the faculty and staff along the way.

As a parent of a future Valpo student, you have support also. The Valparaiso University Parents Council acts as a liaison between the university and other parents. Parents Council members make themselves available to you...

- at the FOCUS new student orientation in June. Members will answer your college transition questions while your student registers for classes.
- during Welcome Weekend, August 23 - 25. Our Parents Council Welcome Center will offer refreshments, information, comfort, tissues, and an opportunity to talk one-on-one with other parents.
- at Family Weekend, Nov. 7 - 9. Your whole family will enjoy Council-arranged activities including a tailgate party and football game, dinner, jazz brunch, and Sunday worship. It's a great time to reconnect with your student and meet their new friends. It's a fun weekend!

In the meantime, if you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact any Parents Council member listed on our Web site at www.valpo.edu/parents. Also, we ask that you update your e-mail address while you're there.

We wish you well during this exciting time and look forward to helping you navigate this very important chapter in your child's life.

Sincerely,

**Brent '71 and Jan '73 Duesenberg, Co-Chairs
Valparaiso University Parents Council**

Faculty Achievement

Dr. Kristen Mauk, Krefl professor for the advancement of nursing science, was honored as the 2007 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Indiana Professor of the Year on Nov. 15, 2007 in Washington, D.C. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education and Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching are partners in supporting the Professors of the Year program. Since the program's launch in 1981, it has grown in prestige and today is recognized as the premier award for educators, and the only national award to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Dr. Mauk is one of the nation's leading experts in rehabilitation nursing and providing nursing care for the elderly. Mauk is well-known at Valpo for her dedication to teaching and creating opportunities for students to practice their skills. She has written four books, including the textbook Gerontological Nursing: Competencies for Care and Gerontological Rehabilitation Nursing, which won The American Journal of Nursing's Book of the Year award. She has also conducted extensive research on post-stroke rehabilitation.

Valpo on Top Again!

- *U.S. News and World Report* 2007-2008 again ranks Valpo as a top school in the Midwest for overall quality. Valpo's College of Engineering ranks among the top 15% in the nation among master's level schools.
- *Princeton Review: Best 290 Business Schools* cites Valpo's College of Business Administration as one of the nation's outstanding business schools for the fourth year in a row.
- For the third time in four years, Valparaiso University is among the nation's leaders in producing winners of prestigious Fulbright awards for international study, research and teaching. Three students won Fulbright awards for 2007-2008.
- Valpo is one of six institutions of higher education featured in "Internationalizing the Campus 2007: Profiles of Success at Colleges and Universities," an annual report released by NAFSA: Association of International Educators that recognizes U.S. institutions leading innovative and creative efforts in campus internationalization.



Important Dates

January 24-25Destination Valpo Day for all admitted students
January 27-28Destination Valpo Day for Arts & Sciences admitted students
February 14-15Destination Valpo Day for all admitted students
February 16Christ College Honors Visit Day
February 24-25Destination Valpo Day for Business, Engineering, and Nursing admitted students
March 1FAFSA deadline
March 1-16Spring Break
March 30-31Destination Valpo Day for all admitted students

Did You Know?

An admitted student's date of deposit determines his or her course registration timing and housing placement. Depositing reserves a spot in the freshman class and retains your student's scholarship/financial aid award package. As a competitive university, it is possible that Valpo could reach capacity in a particular college or program. Deposit as soon as a decision is made and reap the benefits!



To ensure that you receive the maximum total aid package at Valpo, be sure to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by **March 1, 2008**. Your student will then be eligible for priority aid consideration. You can file the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.



The Valpo Guild is a national network of volunteers committed to enhancing the student experience. Consisting of alumni, parents and friends of the University, Guild members provide grant funding to campus departments and student organizations, provide scholarships to undergraduate students, and promote Valpo in their local communities. You are welcome to join in serving Valpo students through the Guild. Learn more at www.valpo.edu/guild.



You'll find answers to many of your Valpo questions at www.valpo.edu/parents.

VAN on the Move

The Valpo Admission Network (VAN) is an international group of 650 alumni, parents and friends who represent the University by assisting with college fairs, prospective student receptions, and summer send-offs. They also provide Valpo materials to high schools and churches, and are available to chat with you and your student about careers, transitioning to college life, and other college and Valpo-related topics. If you have not received a call from a VAN member and would like to connect with one, please send an e-mail to the VAN director, Barb Lieske, at admissions.network@valpo.edu or give her a call at 888-468-2576 (toll-free).

Campus News

Valparaiso University to Celebrate 150th Anniversary –

The 2008-2009 academic year will mark Valpo's 150th Anniversary. A variety of sesquicentennial events are being planned to honor the past, celebrate the present, and share excitement about the future. Find out more about these exciting upcoming events at www.valpo.edu/150.

NCAA Athletic Teams Participate in Horizon League –

Valparaiso University NCAA Division I athletic teams recently made the switch from participation in the Mid-Continent Conference to the Horizon League. The change allows shorter travel times for student athletes and greater fan attendance at away games. All Horizon League games can also be viewed online at www.horizonleaguenetwork.tv.

View Construction Progress on the Valparaiso Union –

A new 202,000 square-foot Valparaiso University Union is currently under construction, and is scheduled to open in the 2008-2009 academic year. Watch the building evolve via live webcam at www.valpo.edu/construction/union/webcam.php.

The term "Social Justice" had zero meaning for me when I came to Valpo my freshman year. Once I joined SALT, I found a way to channel my Christian faith into action. SALT challenges me to serve in ways that Jesus dares me. I quickly started to see that I have to love all my neighbors: those around the world that are starving, those who receive no medical attention, the disabled, the elderly, the poor, and the ignored.

In SALT meetings, we talk about these issues and the ways that we can address them. But we don't just sit and chat – we act. We volunteer locally at locations such as the Spring Valley Homeless Shelter or Alice's Halfway House for Women, but also do not limit the borders of where we can make a difference. Whether it has been through organizing Hurricane Katrina relief efforts on campus, hosting the Crop Walk for hunger, or raising \$10,000 for our yearly World Relief Campaign, SALT's actions have made great impacts around the world. I recently saw photographs of a new medical clinic in Joliet, Haiti. This clinic was built with funds that SALT raised in our 2006 World Relief Campaign.

I'm surrounded by awesome people in SALT. We have been able to build each other up and learn from one another. Without the community of passionate and motivated people that make up SALT, a clinic in Haiti would never have been constructed. Without meeting the other members in SALT, I would still be lost on the term "Social Justice" today. They have challenged me to examine how I live and to evaluate how we can fight for justice together. SALT has allowed me to take my faith and put it into action.

Social Action Leadership Team (SALT)
Bret Hassler, Class of 2008 | Major: Electrical Engineering | Shoreview, MN

Student Alumni Association

Valpo's Student Alumni Association works to foster pride and tradition among current Valpo students so that they may develop lifelong relationships with the University after graduation. Each year, the group sponsors exciting campus events and activities such as barbecues, a Founders' Day celebration, Family Weekend, Homecoming activities, a class ring ceremony, and more. These events promote school spirit and tradition while enhancing interaction between students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Learn more at www.valpo.edu/alumni/studentalumniassociation.



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