

August 2025 Orientation Family/ Guest Schedule



Friday, August 15, 2025
FOCUS Orientation

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

FOCUS Check-in

Harre Union

Pick up your FOCUS materials from the check-in table and get set-up for your OneCard with information technology (IT).

Breakfast

Visit a Residence Hall

Visit the Commuter Student Space

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Opening Welcome

Harre Union

Valpo staff and Orientation Assistants (OAs) officially welcome you to campus as we kick-off FOCUS together!

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Introduction to the Colleges

Various Locations

Now that your student has chosen Valpo, there are details to learn that are more in-depth than anything covered during a visit day. Representatives from the Colleges talk about curricular expectations, academic resources, and students' transition to academics at Valpo.

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Business

College of Engineering

College of Nursing and Health Professions

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Valpo's Lutheran Identity and Why it Matters

Harre Union

Come meet with the staff from Calling and Spiritual Life, and learn about the mission of Valparaiso University and how the mission and values of the university will help shape your student's time here.

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Decoding College Life: A Parent and Family Guide to Thriving at Valpo

Harre Union

What does it really take for students to succeed at Valpo? The Dean of Students will break it down for you! We'll explore the expectations for Valpo families and introduce you to the student life services designed to help your Valpo student make the most of their Valpo experience.

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Harre Union, Founders Table

1:10 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Campus Resource Presentation (*Choose one of the following*)

Note: Families with more than one person in attendance today should split up to experience multiple sessions at the same time.

Real World 101: Internships and Career Planning

The Valparaiso University Career and Alumni Network (VUCAN) representatives share the resources that can be used beginning the first year at Valpo through graduation.

Academic Support Overview

There are many resources on campus to help your student succeed. Come learn about the many different academic support resources that will help your student excel in the classroom.

Student Account & Financial Aid Q&A

We reminded your student earlier today that this bill is all theirs. However, we understand that you may be graciously helping to cover their Valpo payments. The Office of Student Accounts and Financial Aid presents an overview of Student Account Self-Service, Financial Aid, billing information, payment plans, and more.

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

We invite you to join Valparaiso University faculty and staff for a snack break with coffee and tea.

2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Supporting Your Student

How do you support your student without doing things for them? Members of the Dean of Students team will share information about available supportive resources such as Counseling Services, Health Center, and Residential Life and engage families in a conversation about best practices and helpful advice.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Student Resources Fair

Harre Union

See resources you didn't even know existed! Gather program information and talk with representatives from various campus departments.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner

Harre Union, Founders Table

Relax at the end of the day knowing you and your student are prepared for the next steps at Valpo!