



The Valparaiso
**International
Center**



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Introducing the VIC



- Founded in 2009
 - Founding vision: Take a developing international culture on campus to the broader community
- Non-Partisan
- Grass roots organization
 - Not affiliated with the City or the University. Strong community support and focus
- Located near downtown Valparaiso
- Funded solely through free-will donations, grants, and class fees.



Models of campus-community engagement



- Delivery methods that work (Creating global awareness within the community)
 - Test Case: Shopping and Education
- Crafting a visible and meaningful presence within the community
 - Leveraging classroom resources to provide services for local immigrant communities
 - Test case: English as a Second Language
 - Fostering close regional cooperation with stakeholders
 - Test case: College prep program (in development)



Obstacles and lessons learned



- Bridging the campus-community gap
- Involving faculty in active roles outside the campus (obstacles and opportunities)
- Engaging both international and traditional students in service-learning (lessons from the community perspective)
- Leveraging campus resources for local immigrant communities



Further Information



- Visit our website www.valpovic.org for more information.

