

# Education U.S.A. Destination: Valpo

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# ***What is distinctive about a U.S. education?***

- **Favors creative and independent thinking over rote learning and memorization**
- **Favors broad learning across many subjects before specialization**
- **Focuses on life-long skills like communication, investigation, and analysis**
- **Valued by employers all over the world**

# ***Research 1 University Compared to Valpo***

- **Internationally it might be better known**
- **Emphasis would be on the research agenda of the professor**
- **Student learning would not be as emphasized as it is at Valpo**
- **This is what one would get at a big university:**
  - **Large classes**
  - **Often taught by graduate students**
  - **Little emphasis on critical thinking and writing skills**

# ***Valpo: A Comprehensive University and a Unique Model of American Education***

- **Small like many liberal arts colleges**
- **Emphasis on undergraduate and masters level education and professional doctorates like DNP and JD**
- **Multiple colleges, e.g., business, engineering, nursing, arts, humanities—thus *comprehensive*.**
- **Provides the best of both large universities and liberal arts colleges**

# ***Valpo: A Comprehensive University and a Unique Model of American Education (continued)***

- **As a private, small, elite university, Valpo offers:**
  - **Small classes**
  - **Strong faculty/student interaction and mentoring**
  - **Integrated learning**
  - **A culture of success: Optimal support and opportunities for students to develop their leadership potential**

# Why Valparaiso University?



# **In its 150-year history, Valpo has passed through three distinct phases.**

- **Begun by Methodists in 1859 as an institution pioneering coeducation**
- **It was revived in 1873 by an enterprising educator, Henry Baker Brown, as the Northern Indiana Normal School, renamed Valparaiso College in 1900, and rechartered in 1906 as Valparaiso University. During the next 20 years it won national recognition as a low-cost, no frills institution of higher learning.**
- **The modern era in University history began in 1925 with purchase of the institution by the Lutheran University Association. Hereafter, the university has grown dramatically in academic quality and has achieved considerable recognition.**

# *Mission Statement*

- **Valparaiso University, a community of learning dedicated to excellence and grounded in the Lutheran tradition of scholarship, freedom, and faith, prepares students to lead and serve in both church and society.**

## *Vision:*

- **Academic Excellence**

Valparaiso University will provide an intellectually rigorous, innovative education that is grounded in the arts and sciences and that integrates liberal education and professional studies.

- **Ethical Leadership**

Valparaiso University will be a distinguished Lutheran community of learning constituted by people of many and various beliefs and backgrounds in dialogue with one another in common pursuit of truth.

## *Vision (continued)*

- **Student Experience**

Valparaiso University will be a vibrant community that integrates learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom so its students build enduring friendships and capacities for lifelong learning, leadership, and service.

- **Diversity and Inclusion**

Valparaiso University will be a diverse community, which includes and purposefully supports diversity in all aspects of university life and beyond.

- **Internationalization**

Valparaiso University will be acclaimed for the vitality of its international programs, which empower both U.S. and international students to lead and thrive in a global community.

## Recognitions & Rankings

- Valparaiso University is among 15% of the top four-year colleges and universities featured in *Princeton Review's* new edition of "The Best 373 Colleges."
- Valparaiso University has been ranked as a leader among several educational publication reports:

Ranked #5 for quality and #3 for value in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report* 2009-2010

Ranked #3 for "Best Undergraduate Teaching (Midwest)" by *U.S. News & World Report* 2009-2010

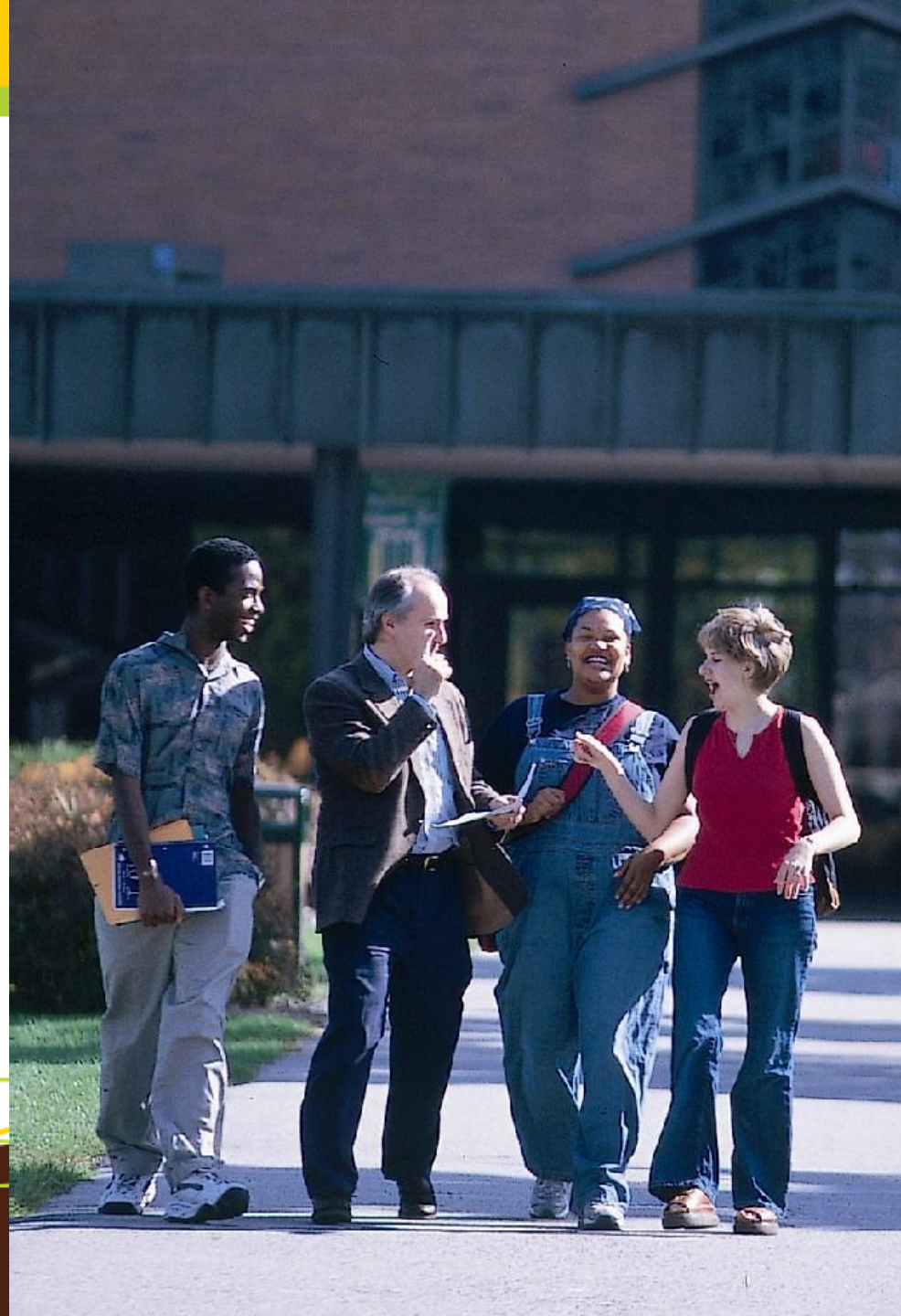


## Recognitions & Rankings (continued)

Valparaiso University's College of Engineering ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* 2009-2010 as one of the top 15 percent of U.S. institutions offering undergraduate degrees in engineering.

Valparaiso University's Civil Engineering program ranked #7 in the nation among undergraduate engineering schools by *U.S. News & World Report* 2009-2010.

Featured in Princeton Review's "*Best 296 Business Schools*"



# Recognitions & Rankings (continued)

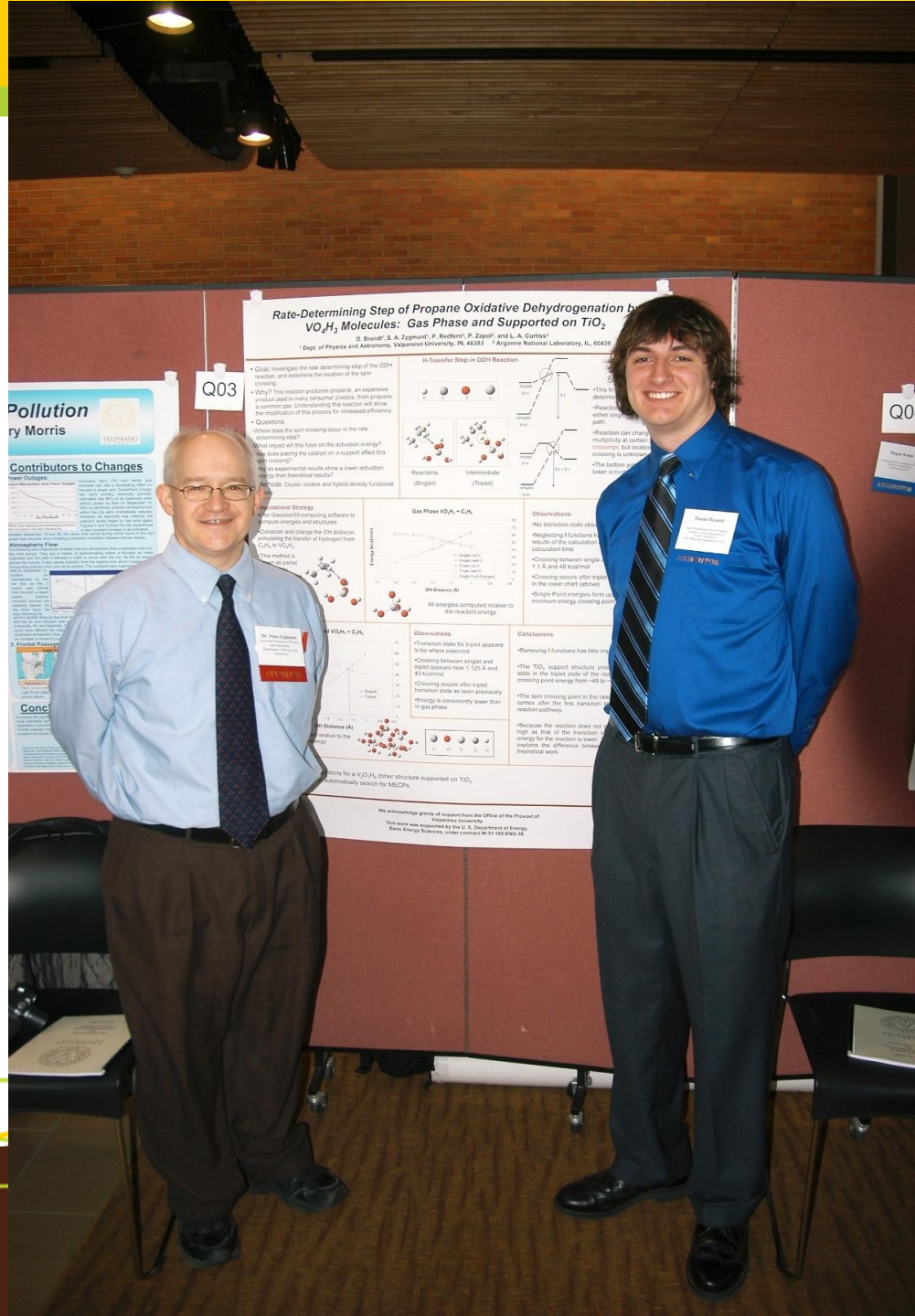
**Barron's “Best Buys in College Education”**

**Valpo is also highly-ranked by Peterson's Competitive Colleges.**

**The Templeton Guide: “Colleges that Encourage Character Development”**

**In 2007 and 2008, Valpo won the Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization.**

**- All of Valpo's programs have the highest possible level of accreditation.**





- **Over 70 undergraduate areas of study in five academic colleges:**
  - College of Arts & Sciences
  - College of Business Administration
  - College of Engineering
  - College of Nursing
  - Christ College (Honors)
- **The Graduate School offers 30 programs including:**
  - Arts & Entertainment Management
  - English Studies & Communication
  - TESOL certificate
  - Education
  - Digital Media
  - International Commerce & Policy
  - International Economics & Finance
  - IT Management
  - Business
  - Engineering Management
  - Nursing
  - Sports Management



## Students & Faculty

- **Average Class Size: 20**
- **Student to Faculty Ratio: 14:1**
- **Classes taught by teaching assistants: 0%**
- **85% overall retention rate national average: 74.7%**
- **93% overall placement rate; 50% will eventually receive their graduate degree.**
- **More than 220 full-time faculty, approximately 90% of whom hold Ph.D. or the terminal degree in their field.**

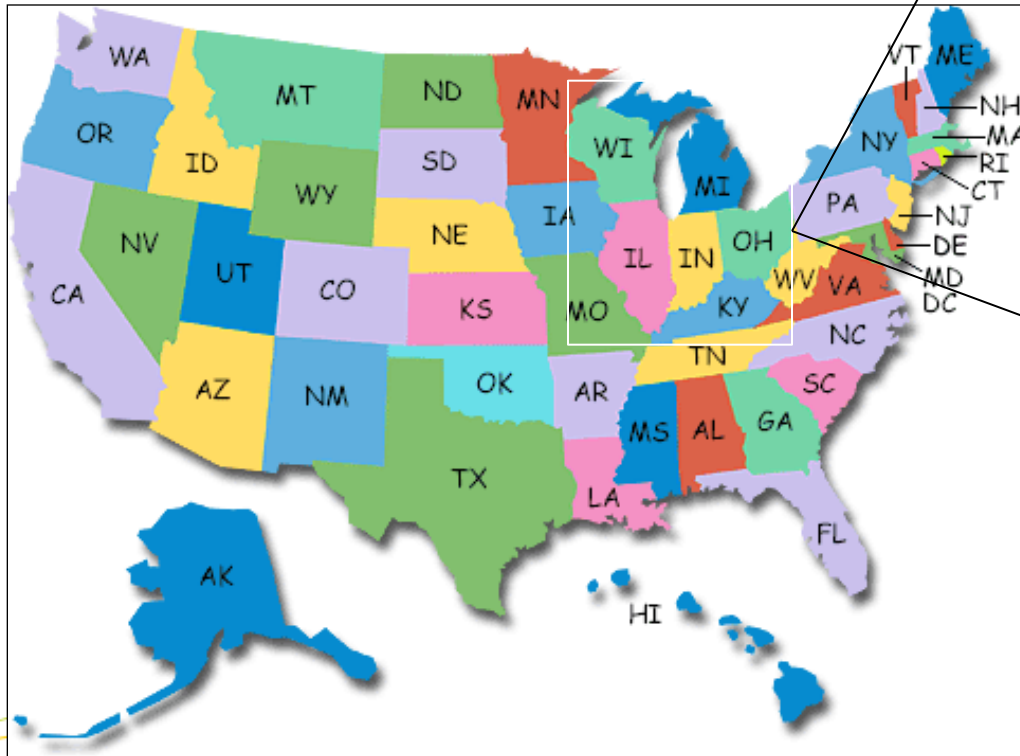


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## Ideal Location:

### Valparaiso, Indiana

- ◆ Small, safe town with parks and lakeshore
- ◆ 50 miles to Chicago
- ◆ 12 miles to the Indiana National Lakeshore



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## NCAA Division I Athletics

### *Men:*

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football (1AA)
- Golf
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field

### *Women:*

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball





## Graduation! Then What?

- The job placement rate for Valpo graduates is 92%.
- Valpo graduates are sought by prestigious firms like Motorola, Caterpillar, major banks, oil companies and government organizations.
- Valpo students are admitted to the top graduate programs in their field, including Harvard, Stanford, University of Chicago and Northwestern, to name a few.

# Questions?



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