

# The ELI Weekly

## ELI Talent Show



The day has finally come! The 5th Annual ELI Talent Show will be on Friday, March 24th in the University Auditorium. There will be dancing, singing, and acting so prepare to be entertained! Bring your conversation partners, your friends, and your families.

**When:** Friday, March 24th at 8pm, doors open at 7:30pm

**Where:** University Auditorium

**Cost:** Free!

**Performers:** We will be holding two rehearsals for the Talent Show. It is very important that you go to these meetings.

- Rehearsal 2: Tuesday, March 21st, 5-7pm, in Reitz G320. Bring your instruments and music.
- Dress Rehearsal: Friday, March 24th, 5-7pm, in the University Auditorium. Bring your costumes, instruments, and anything else you need.

\*If you are interested in displaying artwork in the lobby, talk to Nate in the CIP Office, MAT 211.

## Notes from the Office

**People Out:** Daryl will be out of the office all of this week. Patricia will also be out from March 20th-24th. If you need to speak with either of them, please make an appointment to meet when they return.

**Travel Reminder:** If you travel anywhere outside of Gainesville, even within the U.S., remember to take all of your important documents, such as your passport, I-20, and visa.

**Student Voices:** E-mail your writing to [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) by the end of the day on Friday, April 7th. Please remember to include your name, class, and title for the piece.

## The Next Activity

Next weekend, on Saturday, April 1st, we will be traveling to **St. Augustine!**

This is a bus trip so you'll need to purchase a pass from Nate in the CIP office (MAT 211) between 9am and 12:30pm. Bring \$20, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID to get your bus pass! Don't wait - reserve your spot early!

More details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Reminder: IRS Tax Forms

Taxes are due on April 18th. If you don't make money in the U.S., you won't owe money; however, **all international students who studied in the US in 2016 must send a document to the IRS**. If you do not file, it may hurt your chances to be approved for future visa applications.

If you are on an F-1 visa, do not have a job in the US, and have been in this country for less than 5 years, you need to fill out this form:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

Fill out the information under Part I and Part III. In 9 and 10, you need to include the information about the academic institution that you attended in 2016. You'll find

that on the back of this *Weekly* at the bottom of the page. The name of the director of the ELI is Megan Forbes.

Mail your completed form to this address:

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Austin, TX 73301

If your situation is different, you should check online or make an appointment to ask Daryl for help.

You can also find many answers to your questions on the UF International Center tax page:

<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss/Taxes.html?menuId=1&smId=5>

The links above are also on the ELI Facebook page.

## Prayer/Meditation Rooms

If you are looking for a place to pray or meditate on campus, here are some suggestions:

- The Broward Serenity Room is a multi-faith, nondenominational prayer room located in Broward Hall. It has chairs, lots of floor space, and privacy screens. The restroom next to the Serenity Room also includes a footbath.
- The multipurpose room in Library West is another option. Just ask for a key at the second floor Information Desk. If the key is unavailable, go to the first floor and the multipurpose room there should be open.

If you would like more information or have questions, please talk to Victoria in Matherly 223.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between *to people* and *for people*?*

A: It depends on the context. *To* can mean that it's going towards someone. *For* can mean that it's being done as a favor. Here are some examples. Can you tell what the difference is?

- David threw the ball *to* Scott.
- David threw the ball *for* Scott.
- I'm donating this money *to* the organization.
- I'm donating this money *for* the organization.

*Q: What is the difference between kind, sort, and type?*

A: *Type* is the most specific and clearly defined of the three. *Sort* is used more often with people. However, *sort* and *kind* are used more freely, although there is overlap with all three. *Sort* and *kind* are generally followed by *of*; we don't make compound nouns with them. See the examples below:

Type: blood type, personality types, skin type

Sort: What sort of person is he?

Kind: What kind of dog is that?

Incorrect: blood sort, blood kind, dog kind

## Birthdays!

Students:

March 21: Amer Alshaikh  
March 24: Ibrahim Alkhaibari  
March 24: Jefferson Gil Salazar  
March 25: Jose Iglesias Colina

Staff:

None this week!

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why do Americans say "excuse me" when they pass by you in the store?*

A: It is a way to be polite and maybe to give notice that they are going to pass by you. Also, saying "excuse me" is a much nicer way to say get out of the way. Typically, the usual response is "I'm sorry."

*Q: Why do Americans care a lot about punctuality?*

A: Many Americans place a lot of significance on time. When they make an appointment, they find it important to be on time. It is a show of respect. If you are late, you are saying that your time is more important than their time.

*Q: Why do the bathroom doors in America have a gap? No privacy!*

A: I have no idea. Most Americans don't realize that this is unusual compared to other places.

*Q: I asked someone "how old are you?" and they told me that it's rude. Why is this rude?*

A: Age is considered a taboo topic that some Americans are uncomfortable discussing, especially a woman's age. Other taboo topics that you should not ask about are weight, why someone doesn't have children, why they aren't married, and how much money they make at their job. Many of the taboo topics deal with money and numbers.



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