

# The ELI Weekly

## End of Semester Barbeque at Blue Springs



This weekend, we are holding the last activity this semester, our **End of Semester Barbeque at Blue Springs!** This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and friends while enjoying a barbeque lunch, which will be served around 12:15pm. After eating, have fun swimming in the springs, playing soccer, volleyball, and other games. Don't miss it!

**When:** Saturday, April 15th. We will meet at Norman Garage at 11:00am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4pm.

**Who:** All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

**Cost:** Entrance into the park is \$8 if you pay cash. If you want to pay with a credit card, there is a \$10 minimum. Make sure to say "I'm with the ELI" when you pay! The barbeque is FREE and delicious!

**Transportation:** This is a carpool trip. Blue Springs is about a 45-minute drive from Gainesville. You **MUST SIGN UP** on the Activities Board by 4pm Thursday, April 13th. If you are driving your own car, you must still sign up on the Activities Board so we can order food for you!! Also, sign up any friends and family members that you are bringing with you.

**What to Bring:** Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. Also bring sunscreen. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

**What Not to Bring:** No pets are allowed at the springs. Also, remember that there is NO alcohol at ELI events.

## ELI Offices Move This Summer

From May 1st until August 7th, UF will be doing construction work on the 2nd and 3rd floors of Matherly Hall. Because of that, the ELI offices will have to move for the summer. We will move back to Matherly 223 at the end of the summer.

On May 1st, **the ELI Main Office will move to Matherly room 10 on the ground floor of Matherly Hall.** The CIP Office will move to room 10 on the ground floor of Matherly Hall. All of the teacher offices will move to the ground floor of Matherly (rooms 2, 12, and 14). The ELI student services offices (Daryl, Victoria, Patricia, Christine K.) will be moving to Yon Hall room 314. Yon Hall is the building attached to the football stadium.

On August 7th, all of the ELI offices will move back to the 2nd floor of Matherly. All of the ELI phone numbers will stay the same during the move.

## Commencement

On Friday, April 21st, we will be holding our ELI Spring 2017 Commencement Ceremony in the University Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. More details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

## Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Summer 2017 semester!

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:  
**Bertille Zidouemba**

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:  
**Abdoul Karimou Hamidou**

Good job to all of the other nominees as well!

## Student Corner

This week, ELI student Santiago Espinosa would like to share some great advice about the end of the semester and commencement:

It's almost the end of our semester and a lot of people are going to leave Gainesville. The ELI has given to us a lot of different rewards, but there is one we all have in common: friends. We all have met several people from countries all over the world and learned from them a lot. Next Friday is the commencement ceremony and probably the last time to see some of your very best friends here in Gainesville. Last semester a student wrote "Take pictures with your eyes and keep some of the best memories which are going to make you smile in the future." She is not here anymore, but her advice remains in my memory. I want to give you the same advice, but also add to enjoy each day and look at the sky without any regrets. Go to commencement!!! Remember that this is possibly the last time you will see some of your very best friends here in Gainesville.

*"Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses"*  
-Ann Landers

## Manners & Culture

Q: *Why do Americans ignore grammar rules when speaking?*

A: Nearly everyone does, to some extent. This is how we create slang and idioms and how language evolves over time. Language is not a static, unchanging thing. It lives because it's spoken by a nearly infinite variety of people with a nearly infinite variety of thoughts and ideas. Think about it. When you speak in your native language with your friends, does it sound exactly like the language you are formally taught in school? Does it sound like the exact same language that your grandparents or even your parents use when they speak to their friends? My motto is, learn the rules and then learn how to break them, so you can sound more like a native speaker!

## Grammar

Q: *What does the future perfect express?*

A: That one action will be completed before a fixed point or another action in the future. Look at the examples below. Which action happens first?

- I will have sent a message to my friends by the time I get to my country.
- The essay will have been finished when I get to class tomorrow.

## Birthdays!

Students:

April 10: Catalina Caicedo Calderon  
April 11: Vlanira Goncalves  
April 11: Asmaa Alshuwaier  
April 14: Betzabeth Mayorca Gacia  
April 14: Arturo Zerpa Nunez  
April 15: Paola Merchan Alvarez  
April 16: Abdualah Alajmi

Staff:

April 12: Thomas Dolce

## Notes from the Office

**Fees:** If you owe money to the infirmary, library, or the ELI for late tuition, you MUST pay by April 20th or you will not receive a commencement packet. Go to the ELI Office if you have questions.

**Grades:** To receive an ELI certificate, you must pass all of your classes. If you have questions about your grades, talk to your teachers or the ELI Office.

**Going home between semesters:** If you have an F-1 visa, page 2 of your I-20 must be signed in order to be allowed back into the country! Check it before you leave and go to the ELI main office if it is not. If you have a J visa, you must check with your ARO.

**Vacation Semesters:** You must speak with Daryl by May 8th if you plan to take a vacation semester during the summer.

If you cannot study in Summer C but want to return for Summer B or Fall C, please speak with Daryl.

**Transferring:** If you're transferring to another school or another ELI for Summer C, you'll need to show Daryl your letter of acceptance to the new school before May 16th so he can release your I-20 to that program.

**Expiring I20?** Talk to Daryl before it expires!

**Expiring Financial Guarantee?** Update it before May 17th.



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