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# The ELI Weekly

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## End-of-Semester Barbecue

*Come join the fun!*

This coming weekend, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, there is no scheduled ELI trip. We have this break from trips because many ELI classes will be having Final Exams next week, and we want to give you plenty of time to study.

Next Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Lake Wauburg!**

This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and friends at Lake Wauburg North. Enjoy barbecue chicken and sides from Sonny's Barbecue restaurant. After eating, have fun canoeing, playing soccer, volleyball, and other games. This is the last weekend activity this semester, so don't miss it!

**Who:** All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited. Just sign up on the Activities Board before 5pm on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, so we know how much food to order.

**Where:** Lake Wauburg North Entrance

**When:** Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 11:30 at Norman Garage so we can carpool to Lake Wauburg. Since the

barbecue is inside, don't worry if it is cold or rainy.

**Cost:** FREE!

## Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Spring 2012 semester.

### The Harder Memorial

**Scholarship:** Mariela Castaneda Fuenmayor

### The J.C. Casagrande Peace

**Scholarship:** Rodrigo Ramalho Diniz

Congratulations as well to the nominees. It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and achieved the following criteria.

- **Academic Excellence:** The student should have a GPA of 3.75 or higher and demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas.
- **Outstanding Progress:** The student should display outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by

improvements in coursework and/or CELT scores.

- **Excellent Attendance:** The student should miss no more than ten hours total of class in the semester.
- **Successful Work Strategies:** The student should demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom, making an effort to get involved in the ambient culture.

Students, if you want to win the scholarship next semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to the nominees and winners to learn how else to become an excellent student.

## Student Voices Deadline

This is the last week, everyone! Steve wants to let you know that the deadline for *Student Voices* submissions is fast approaching. We would like to have everything in by Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Submissions can include any student work that you might like to see in print. You can submit your entries for the *Voices* to Steve at sflocks@ufl.edu. Let's see what you can come up with!

## Notes from the Office

**Returning for Spring C?** Check in online on January 10, 2012. The check-

in link will be available on January 10 on the ELI homepage. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person.

**Going home and want to return to the US?** You must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) in order to be allowed back into the country!

**Taking a vacation semester?** You must speak with Daryl before January 20.

**Transferring to another school?** You'll need to show Daryl that you have been accepted to the new school before January 10 and he can release your I-20 to that program.

**Returning for Spring B?** You must see Daryl before you leave the country.

**Have any Library Fines or Infirmary Fees?** Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and

finances that you might have with the university. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period December 2-8:

Students:  
December 3: Abdulrahman Alkhalaf  
December 3: Abdulla Shwarid  
December 4: Busra Kara  
December 4: Kyung Bu Kweon

Staff:  
December 7: Angie King

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "take" and "get"?*

A: Both are verbs of receiving, but the main difference is that "take"

specifically means that you initiate the receiving.

- I took the cookie from my sister.
- I got the cookie from my sister.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: In my country, I can't wear flip-flops to school, but here it is obviously common. Why?*

A: For the same reason we wear shorts year-round: we like being comfortable. Fashion trends and what is acceptable differs from city to city and from college to college. As you've noticed, Gainesville is pretty hot for most of the year, so wearing flip-flops makes more sense than somewhere much colder.

## Quote of the Week

One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.

**Virginia Woolf**



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