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# The ELI Weekly

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## ELI Talent Show

*Join us for a fun night!*

It's finally here!!

Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> is the ELI Talent Show. If you're one of the acts, thanks for participating. If you're not one of the acts, thanks in advance for coming out and cheering for the acts. Either way, it will be a fun night so make sure to join us. Students, teachers, Language Assistants, administrators, family, and friends are welcome.

**Where:** Reitz Union – Rion Ballroom

**When:** Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:30. Doors will open at 7:00. If you're in the show, please arrive between 6:00 and 7:00 to check the sound.

**Cost:** FREE!!

## End-of-Semester Barbecue



This coming weekend, Saturday, December 1<sup>st</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! All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

**Where:** Lake Wauburg **North Entrance**

**When:** Saturday December 1<sup>st</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!

Just sign up on the Activities Board before 5pm on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, so we know how much food to order.

## Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships to study in the Spring 2013 semester.

**The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:** Ana Rodrigues de Silva

**The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:** Alireza Paykazadi

Congratulations as well to all of the nominees:  
Nayoung Baek  
Luisanna Guerra Campos  
Devora Canedo Garcia  
Nara Lim  
Jose Lujan Rincon  
Ana Rodrigues de Silva  
Cristhian Perez Ceron  
Cristina Nunez Godoy  
Irene Molina

Soo Wol Kim  
Alireza Paykazadi

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.

- Full-time C semester student at the ELI.
- Academic Excellence: The student should have a 4.0 GPA 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.
- Excellent Attendance: The student should miss no more than ten hours of class in the semester.
- Speak English: The student should make every effort to speak English at all times while at the ELI and at ELI-sponsored activities.
- 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 through outside activities such as regular participation in Cultural Immersion activities.

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.

## Questions from the Office

**Want to hang out one last time?** This is the last week of afternoon activities, so come out one last time and hang out with your friends, LAs, and maybe even your teachers.

**Returning for Spring C?** Check in online on January 10, 2013. The check-in link will be available from January 10 to January 14 on the ELI homepage. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person. If you don't check in, you will have to pay a \$100 fee and may not be able to study with us.

**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 24.

**Transferring to another school?** You'll need to show Daryl that you have been accepted to the new school before January 14 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** If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates.

**Still getting green slips from Lillian?** If you still haven't gotten your immunizations done, we will not be able to give you the exit

package that has your grades, certificate, and the class photo.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period November 19 to December 2:

Students:

November 19: Shahad Abuawf  
November 19: Kyuri Song  
November 22: Pedro Pico Velasquez  
November 25: Maria Nucete  
November 26: Nabil Darwiche  
November 26: Hissah Almashaigh  
November 26: Miguel Perez Redondo  
November 27: Alwalced Alremainh  
November 29: Tian Xu  
November 30: Bruno Pereira Henriques  
December 2: Mohammed Alotaibi

Staff:

December 2: Stephanie Aka

## 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. Some people even wear them when it's cold outside.

## Grammar

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

A: Both are verbs mean that you now have something. The main difference is that "take" specifically means that you initiate the receiving, perhaps without the other's permission.

- The dog \_\_\_ the cookie from my sister and she started crying
- My brother \_\_\_ the cookie from my mother and he's going to get another one.

*Q: What's the difference between "make" and "do"? Are they ever interchangeable?*

A: "Make" and "do" something is just like gerunds, infinitives, and phrasal verbs. It's vocabulary that you have to memorize. Look at the examples below and decide which ones take 'do' and which ones take 'make'.

- My sister \_\_\_ business in El Salvador.
- She \_\_\_ her hair and nails before she travels.
- She never \_\_\_ the dishes because she never \_\_\_ dinner.
- She always \_\_\_ the bed and then \_\_\_ coffee.

## Quote of the Week

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

Virginia Woolf



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