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The ELI Weekly

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Commencement

Congratulations, everyone!

Thanks, everyone!
You've worked so

hard this semester but also had a lot of fun! This has been a great semester and we hope you're going home with a lot of fond memories. This will be the last issue of the *Weekly* for the Fall Term, 2014.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 12th. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion. Students will receive their grades and certificate after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

When: Friday, December 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: Paramount Plaza Hotel in the Main Ballroom on the first floor; meet at Norman Garage at 9:30am

Transportation: The Paramount is on 13th street south of the UF campus. You can ride bus 13. If you need help figuring out how to get to the Paramount, please stop by the CIP office (MAT211) *before* Wednesday, December 10th.

The ELI Main Office will open at 2:30 after Commencement.

Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Spring 2015 semester.

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship: Dongha Kwak

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship: Juan Romero Amaya

Congratulations as well to all of the nominees:

- Meshal Alshamrani
- Tamara Braga dos Santos
- Sandra Cespedes Arguello
- Karen Lopez Valero
- Erick Perez Sifontes
- Atalia Rodriguez Burgos
- Samary Shahein
- Geovanna Tinitana Bayas
- Lucas Vieira Lenci
- Sebastian Zerpa Steinkopf

Reminders from the Office

Photos: If you have photos that you'd like to submit for the slideshow, please get them to the CIP office by 4:30pm on Tuesday, the 9th.

Certificates: If you can't pick up your certificate at Commencement, please stop by the office *before* December 12th to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you.

Check-in for Spring C: The check-in link will be available from January 9 to January 13 on the ELI homepage. You can also check in person. Please only check in once!
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Come to the first day of class: January 20th

I-20s: Have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Matherly 223) if you plan on leaving the country and coming back. Also, don't forget that Daryl must see you **BEFORE** your I-20 expires!

Talk to Daryl: If you're taking a vacation semester or transferring to another school, please see Daryl.

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmary fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Shaye has a handout on her door (Matherly 223) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your exit package.

Immunizations: If you still haven't gotten your immunizations done, we will not be able to give you the exit package, which has your grades and your certificate.

Insurance: If you are staying in the US for the break and would like to purchase insurance, please see Shaye in Matherly 223.

Staff Out: Daryl will be on vacation from December 18 to January 4. Patti will be on vacation from December 17 to January 4.

Office Hours during Break

Please note that the ELI main office will have different hours during the holiday break.

Dec. 15 through Dec. 19 – 8:00am to 4:30pm
Dec. 22 through Dec. 24 – Reduced Hours

Dec. 25 through Dec. Jan 1 – Closed
Jan. 2 – Reduced Hours
Starting Jan. 5 – 8:00am to 4:30pm

Spring Electives

Are you bored of taking LS, RW, or GM classes? Want to learn different skills that you can use outside of college classes? Will you be level 50 or 60 in the spring? Sign up for one of the substitute electives instead! You can also sign up for additional electives. Detailed descriptions will be up on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board, across the hall from the CIP Activities Board. They will also be online when you check in next semester.

To substitute Reading/Writing

- Advanced Informal English

To substitute Grammar

- Business English

To substitute Listening/Speaking

- Grammar and Grammar for Writing

Additional Electives

- TOEFL
- IELTS
- Pronunciation

St. Francis Donation Drive

We're collecting leftover items from students who may be moving out this semester to give to St. Francis House. These items include canned foods, packaged rice, clothing, unopened hygiene products, and cleaning products. Students can bring their donations to the CIP Office in Matherly 211 by Wednesday, and we'll be driving the donations to St. Francis House on Thursday.

Manners and Culture

Q: When do the Christmas holidays really start?

A: Advent, which means “coming” in Latin, is a period of commemorating the First Coming of Christ while preparing for the Second Coming. This year, it began Sunday, November 30th and ends on Christmas Eve. However, most of the decorations that you see are not commemorating this aspect of Christmas. Even some people who are not Christians also put up decorations. We used to put out decorations after Thanksgiving but in recent years, stores have started putting out the decorations earlier and earlier. All of this, of course, is more related to trying to get people to shop more than it really is to Christmas.

Grammar

Since you're all grammar experts now, I have a few questions for you. What is the

difference between the following groups of sentences?

- You've been chewing on the same gum for an hour!
- You've eaten all the gum!
- You ate all the gum!

- I get to work at 9am.
- I go to work at 9am.

- I ate a burger for lunch.
- I ate the burger for lunch.

- You must get your I-20 signed if you want to enter the country again.
- You should see Daryl next week.

- My roommate went out last night.
- My roommate went away last night.

Quote of the Week

Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country.

Anaïs Nin



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