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# The ELI Weekly

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## End-of-Semester Barbecue

*Come join the fun!*

On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, we are holding our **End**

### of Semester Barbecue at Blue Springs!

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

**When:** Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 ELP" when you pay! The barbecue 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 16<sup>th</sup>. *If you are driving your own car- you must 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. Also please remember that there is NO alcohol at ELI events.

## The Next "Trip"

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our **ELI Spring 2014 Commencement Ceremony** in the University Auditorium. Details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

## Scholarship Winners

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

**The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:** Jafar Al Saleh

**The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:** Atenas Calzadilla

## St. Francis Food Drive

If you are leaving the country at the end of the semester, you may have a lot of personal belongings that you will want to get rid of. Donate it to St. Francis House and help the homeless and hungry in Gainesville. Here is what you can donate:

**Unopened Food:** Rice, mayonnaise, canned goods, peanut butter, coffee, juice  
**Clean Clothes:** T-shirts, jeans, shorts, towels and washcloths (new or used), laundry detergent (powder or liquid), bleach  
**Home Items:** Garbage bags, dish soap, floor cleaner, Windex, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, disposable plastic cups and plates

If you have a donation, please bring it to Matherly 211. We will be accepting donations until April 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Notes from the Office

**Graduate Admissions Workshop:** Join us on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 to learn about the admissions process for US graduate schools. We will meet in MAT214.

**Want to move to the next level in your classes?** Take and pass the all final exams in your classes, do the classwork, speak English, and of course, go to class. If you're not taking LS or GM, make sure to take a version of the placement exam on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. There are no early exams in any classes. You can find the student learning outcomes and the promotion criteria here [http://www.eli.ufl.edu/academics/academic\\_info.html](http://www.eli.ufl.edu/academics/academic_info.html)

**Owe the infirmary or library any money?** Please pay it or we won't be able to give you the commencement packet.

**Returning for Summer C?** Check in online between May 8 and May 12, 2015. The check-in link will be available on May 8<sup>th</sup> on the ELI homepage. You can also check in at the ELI Main Office in person. Please only check in once!

**If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll.**

**Going home and want to return to the ELI?** If you have an F-1 visa, you must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office in order to be allowed back into the country! If you have a J visa, you must check with your ARO.

**Taking a vacation semester?** You must speak with Daryl by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Transferring to another school?** If you're not returning for Summer C, you'll need to show Daryl your letter of acceptance to the new school before June 24<sup>th</sup> so he can release your I-20 to that program.

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

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period April 13 to April 19:

Students:

April 15: Luis Curbelo Celis  
April 16: Bruno Boehme Duran  
April 16: Abdullah Alshaeri  
April 16: Silvia Gloria De Vivo  
April 17: Lannusa Evaristo Diógenes de Castro  
April 18: Abdulaziz Alhomaidhy

Staff:  
April 18: Christie Fleeman

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What does the name "America" mean?*

A: It's a mapmaker's mistake. Back in the age of exploration, there was an Italian explorer named Amerigo Vespucci. A mapmaker in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century mistook the label on a trace of his route to the new world as a label for the new world, and the mistake has been duplicated ever since. Some historians dispute this account, but it's still among the most widely credited theories.

*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.

## Words of the Week

Look for these words in this *Weekly!*

*duplicate* (V) \_\_\_\_\_  
Collocates: result, feat, attempt, able, attempt

*dispute* (\_\_\_) to disagree about something  
Collocates: claim, fact, finding, widely, hotly

## Quote of the Week

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

**Marcel Proust**



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