

# The ELI Weekly

## UF Homecoming Parade



There's no class on Friday, but there will be a parade to celebrate Homecoming! It's a big part of UF and Gainesville culture. You can see floats from different organizations, Albert and Alberta, the UF marching band, the UF football team, and much more!

**Where:** Meet outside of Matherly Hall on the ledges by University Avenue across from Chipotle

**When:** Friday, October 14th, at 11 a.m. (the parade starts at noon)

**What to Bring:** It's a good idea to bring a camera, sunscreen, food and a water bottle. Wear **ORANGE** & **BLUE**!

## The Next Activity

Next weekend is the Midterm and Welcome B Picnic. Come out on Saturday, October 22nd, to meet new students and enjoy a free picnic lunch! Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Transferring Your I-20

Congratulations! You've been accepted to a new school! Here are some Frequently Asked Questions:

### What do I do now?

If you are on an F-1 visa, you need to transfer your I-20 to the new school. You must show Daryl proof that you have been accepted to the new school and provide the new school's transfer form. He will schedule your I-20 to transfer on December 9th, the last day of the Fall semester.

### I want to transfer my I-20 before December 9th, can I?

Daryl will only transfer the I-20 early in exceptional cases. You must show documentation that supports doing so. For example, a flight itinerary showing that you are leaving the US on December 10th.

### I've been accepted to University X. I don't need the ELI anymore. Can I stop attending?

First off, I am doubtful that you don't need the ELI anymore. You will have an easier time at University X if you improve your English as much as possible before you arrive. Anyway, you are expected to maintain student status while currently registered at the ELI. You need to keep going to classes in order to have your I-20 transferred. If you decide to withdraw from the ELI early, your I-20 will be terminated for early withdrawal. Also, remember that your I-20 can be terminated for poor attendance, which is another reason to keep going to classes. Your new school will likely not accept the transfer of your I-20 if it is terminated.

**If you have other questions,** make an appointment with Daryl in the Main Office.

## Field and Fork Pantry

This semester, Melina Jimenez and Reading/Writing 49 took a trip to visit the UF Field and Fork Pantry. Sakinah Alyousif, one of the students in the class, wrote this great article about their visit:

On Wednesday, September 14, 2016, our RW teacher took us on a trip to the Field and Fork Pantry, which is a place that provides food for UF students and UF staff who don't have food. It's located at 564 Newell Drive, Building 476. The pantry was established on August 11, 2015, and it's 25 square feet. The pantry was built to help hungry students and staff to get food. The most popular foods there are green beans and pasta. People there usually take foods that have a lot of calories and carbohydrate to keep them full for a long time. Anyone who has a UF ID and wants to get food can go there and get food. The pantry receives food from many places such as some departments on campus, grocery store, supermarkets like Publix, organizations, and from individuals. ELI students can volunteer there by signing on their website, and they can donate there too by going there or contacting them through [fieldandfork@ufl.edu](mailto:fieldandfork@ufl.edu) for big donations, or if you have any questions.

## This Week's Birthdays!

### Students:

October 10: Bahia Benali  
October 10: Fawaz Mahmoud  
October 11: Paola Paguaga  
October 15: Seong Ah Choi

### Staff:

October 10: Josh Fetterman  
October 11: Matthew Goode  
October 13: Estefania Martinez

## Student Advice

Here's some more helpful advice for you written by ELI student, Jose M. Iglesias C.:  
"Speak English All the Time"



We want to improve our English skills like listening, speaking, writing and reading.

The best way to do that is trying to switch everything to English. You should try to change all your devices' languages to English. You should speak the whole time in English, even with people who speak the same language as you. When you start thinking in English against translating to say something, you are going to be dreaming in English, too. Those are signs you are doing well. Also, hanging out with people who do not speak the same language as you it is really helpful.

## Grammar

*Q: Do I need a comma before a FANBOYS conjunction in all cases?*

*A: You need one in a compound sentence with a FANBOYS conjunction or in a series of 3 or more items, but not with only 2 items.*

- I like to eat hamburgers, but my sister dislikes them.
- I eat a lot of hamburgers, yet I'm skinny.
- I like to eat hamburger, fries, and ice cream.
- I like to eat carrots and yogurt.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Can I invite my friend to a party that I've been invited to?*

*A: It depends what kind of party this is. If it's a small gathering, you should ask the host first. If you heard about it from a friend who heard about it from a friend and so on, it's probably ok to invite all your friends too. But it's best to check first.*



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