

# The ELI Weekly

## Thanksgiving Potluck



On Friday, November 18th, we will be holding the 15th Annual ELI International Thanksgiving Potluck! Thanksgiving in the United States is a time to gather with friends and family to give thanks, enjoy each other's company, and eat delicious food. This event is our typically our biggest event of the year!

The ELI will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday as an International Potluck. ELI staff, teachers, administrators and LAs will bring their traditional Thanksgiving Day food! ELI students are asked to bring a traditional dish from their country for others to enjoy.

**When:** Friday, November 18th from 6:30-9:30p.m.

**Where:** Meet at Gainesville Woman's Club (2809 W University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32607). You can take bus 34, get off across from the UF Golf Course and walk a block to the location. If you need help, you can meet LAs at the Hub at 6:15 p.m. to ride the bus with them. You can also drive your car and park there.

**What to Bring:** Please sign up with the food that you would like to bring on the Activities Board outside Matherly 211. There are signups for Main Course, Side Dish, and Dessert. Please sign up on only one list with the dish you will bring. Make sure to bring a notecard with your name, country, dish name, and ingredients along with your food. Also, label your container and serving spoon, and remember to take it home!

Megan Forbes  
US

Mashed Potatoes  
(Potatoes, Milk, Butter)

Note: No one needs to bring plates, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, cups or drinks. We will provide those!

## No CIP Activity Next Weekend

There is no ELI trip scheduled next week, since it will be Thanksgiving Break. Use this time to relax and prepare for your final exams!

## Notes From the Office

**Student Voices:** Friday is the last day! Send your submissions to [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) with your name, your class, and a title for your writing.

**Great American SmokeOut:** Are you interested in ways to stop smoking or to help your friends quit? Come to the Plaza of the Americas on Thursday November 17th from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the Great American Smokeout. If you would like more details or help quitting smoking, see Victoria in Matherly 223.

**Thanksgiving Break:** There will be no ELI classes next week Wednesday-Friday, November 23rd-25th. The main office will be closed on Thursday and Friday and there will be reduced bus service.

**End of Semester:** ELI classes will end on December 8th and start again on January 17th for Spring 2017 (remember, all returning students MUST check-in online between January 6th and January 10th).

The ELI Office will be closed December 26th through January 1st and may have reduced hours December 19th-23rd. ELI administrators may take vacation after December 16th, so if you need to see them, make an appointment before then.

**Jaywalking:** Be careful when crossing the street, especially busy roads like 13th Street or University Avenue. Always use a crosswalk and wait for a walk signal before crossing. If you don't, you might get a ticket for jaywalking and more importantly, it's safer!

**Notes from Apartments:** If you receive a note on your apartment door, do NOT ignore it! It probably has important information, so if you need help understanding, talk to your apartment office or ask Victoria for help.

**Expiring I-20s:** If you started at the ELI in Spring C 2016 and plan to return next semester, make an appointment with Daryl in Matherly 223 ASAP to renew your I-20 before it expires.

**Graduate Admissions Workshop:** There will be a workshop for all students interested in applying to graduate schools in the US on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:15 p.m in Matherly 214.

## Upcoming Birthdays!

### Students:

November 14: Mariza Nunez Mercado  
 November 14: Yousef Sabti  
 November 15: Eun Ha Park  
 November 15: Sultan Kh Alenezi  
 November 17: Giuseppe La Ciacara  
 November 17: Nasrin Elmubarak  
 November 17: Carolina Lopez Pinal  
 November 17: Lei Zhao  
 November 18: Riyadh Alzahrani  
 November 18: Torky Alshemeri  
 November 20: Feras Alghamdi  
 November 21: Abdulrahman Alanazi  
 November 21: Seongbin Koh  
 November 22: Fuheed Alenezi  
 November 23: Jiraporn Napiboon  
 November 23: Turki Aldaihani  
 November 24: Mustafa Alyousif  
 November 24: Lilly Lopez Moser  
 November 24: Ali Alenezi  
 November 25: Marco Bruno Taguaruco  
 November 25: Dany Nasser  
 November 26: Baowendsom Zoungrana

### Staff:

November 18: Maryann Nolin  
 November 19: Brian Santiago  
 November 19: Amy Debacker



## Electives

When you sign up for Spring 2017 classes, remember that you might be able to take elective classes.

Replacement Electives: takes the place of a regular class; must be level 40 or higher to enroll

Advanced Informal English (replaces RW)

Grammar and Writing (replaces LS)

Business English (replaces GM)

\*All sponsored students must exit the skill to take the corresponding replacement elective.

Extra Electives: take these in addition to your regular classes

TOEFL or IELTS Prep

Pronunciation (6-week class)

## ★ Scholarship Nominees ★

Please join me in congratulating the nominees of the ELI Scholarships to study in the Spring 2017 semester.

Franky Celestin	Napassaporn Ridbua
Oriana Diaz Moffa	Barbara Rodriguez Ferreira
Santiago Espinosa	Ricardo Schmitz
Catalina Guisao Mira	Claudia Zanetti
Maria Leyton	Baowendesom Zoungrana
Jiraporn Napiboon	

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.

Congrats nominees! Good luck to all of you!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What is the meaning of the Thanksgiving Holiday?*

*A:* Just what the name says, basically. It's a day that we set aside to express our appreciation for all the people in our lives and all the things that we have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is the universal family holiday in the US, as it doesn't have specific ties to any one particular religion or belief system.



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