

The ELI Weekly

End of Semester BBQ at Lake Wauburg!



by UF. You can also play volleyball, Frisbee, football, and soccer. We will have food inside, so come even if it rains!

Where: We will be at the North Pavilion at the North Entrance (the first one coming from Gainesville) of Lake Wauburg.

Join us on Saturday, December 3rd, for the end of semester barbeque at Lake Wauburg! This is a great chance to celebrate the end of the semester and say goodbye to your friends. There will be free food and you can canoe, paddleboat, swim, or kayak on the lake owned

When: Saturday, December 3rd. Meet at Norman Garage at 11:30 a.m. to carpool. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return.

Cost: FREE! Entrance to Lake Wauburg and boat rentals are free with a Gator1 ID and the ELI will bring the BBQ.

Transportation: This is a carpool trip. Lake Wauburg is about a 20-minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board in Matherly by 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 1st.

What to Bring: Bring your Gator 1 ID plus a swimsuit and towel if you plan on swimming. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

If you have any questions, you can ask Nate or Tate in the CIP office.

Last Day of ELI Classes

Thursday, December 8th, is the final day of ELI classes this semester. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, December 7th. If you are absent on Thursday, December 8th, your absence will not be counted for immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. However, students who are planning on exiting have interviews on December 8th. **All absences on December 5th, 6th and 7th still count!!! You should not miss class these days!**

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, December 8th. Your teachers and LAs have many fun and interesting lessons and activities planned. However, we know many ELI students are making preparations to leave Gainesville, so are very busy this last week. **If you will not be attending class on Thursday, December 8th, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, December 6th.** Your teachers and LAs need to know how many students to plan for.

All of your teachers and LAs will be at the ELI Commencement Ceremony on Friday, December 9th. We hope you will be there, too!

Commencement at University Auditorium

On Friday, December 9th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. we will have our Commencement Ceremony at the UF University Auditorium. Everybody is invited: ELI students, teachers, Language Assistants, and staff as well as friends and family. There will be scholarship speeches and the CIP slideshow with photos from all of the activities this semester! Please dress semi-casual: dresses, nice pants, and button-up shirts since many people will be taking photos.

Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Spring 2017 semester.

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship: Oriana Diaz Moffa

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship: Ricardo Schmitz

Congratulations to all of the nominees:

- Franky Celestin
- Santiago Espinosa
- Catalina Guisao Mira
- Maria Leyton
- Jiraporn Napiboon
- Napassaporn Ridbua
- Barbara Rodriguez Ferreira
- Claudia Zanetti
- Baowendesom Zoungrana

You all did a great job this semester!

Spring C 2017 Reminders

Want to move to the next level in your classes? Take the CELT, take and pass the final exams in your classes, do the classwork, speak English, and of course, go to class.

Returning for Spring C? Check in online between January 6th and January 10th. If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. No students will be accepted after Thursday, January 12th.

Transferring to another school? Talk to Daryl.

Taking a vacation semester? Talk to Daryl. If you are a sponsored student, you must have a written approval from your sponsor.

Expiring I20? Make an appointment to talk to Daryl before it expires.

Spring schedules: Schedules will be available for pick up on January 17th. Only *you* may pick up your schedule, not friends and family. Classes will also start on January 17th.

Manners & Culture

Q: Why do some Americans wear flip-flops and shorts with a sweater when it's cold outside?

A: Wearing shorts with sweaters or jackets isn't a strictly American behavior, but something more related to fashion. It has become trendy in the past few years to wear shorts even when it is a little cold outside.

Also, at UF, we have students from many different places, so what one person considers cold weather is not the same for people from farther north. They might be perfectly comfortable in flip-flops and shorts when the temperature starts to drop, while people from southern climates think it is too cold outside.

Grammar

Q: Why can I say one hundred or hundreds but not two hundreds?

A: You can say dozens, hundreds, thousands, etc. only to refer to indefinite amounts. Otherwise, we never make any number plural. How many does each sentence below express?

- I bought a **dozen** eggs.
- I saw **dozens** of people I knew at the party.

Q: What is the difference between go away and go out?

A: Go out means to go to do something for just the day or evening and generally in the same town. Go away means to go somewhere out of town for a longer period of time or to stop talking to someone.

- Let's **go out** tonight and see a movie.
- Most UF students **went away** for Thanksgiving weekend.
- **Go away!** I need to concentrate.

Notes From the Office

CELT for Part-time Students: If you're not taking Listening/Speaking, your CELT will be Friday, December 2nd, from 12:50 to 1:40 p.m. in Matherly 214.

If you are not currently taking Grammar, your CELT will be Friday, December 2nd from 1:55 to 2:30 p.m. in Matherly 214.

Late Fees, Tuition, Elective Classes, Infirmary or Library Fees: Please pay them ASAP. If you have any unpaid fees by the end of the semester, we won't be able to give you the commencement packet. See Christine K in the ELI Main Office for help.

Certificates: If you can't pick up your certificate at Commencement, stop by Matherly 223 by December 8th to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you. We can't give you the packet early. If you want to have it mailed or Fed-Exed, see the office for the cost.

Petition Deadline: The last day to file a petition is Thursday, December 1st. See Victoria in Matherly 223 for details.

Birthdays this Week!

Students:

November 28: Changjiang Wang
 November 29: Noor Alabbasi
 November 30: Almuthana Alharbi
 November 30: Mawaheb Alotaiq
 November 30: Alan Zrihem
 December 3: Abdulrahman Alshehri
 December 4: Jumanah Jamal
 December 4: Hong Nguyen
 December 4: Barbara Rodriguez Ferreira
 December 8: Valeria Rincones San Martin
 December 9: Anna Benvenuto
 December 9: Maria Granadillo Basso

Staff:

November 30: Catherine Davis
 December 1: Jose Londono
 December 4: Jolee Gibbs
 December 7: Chad Pierre



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