

# 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 6th, 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**!

## 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 8th, the last day of the Fall semester.

### Can I transfer my I-20 before December 8th?

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 9th.

### 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 to transfer your I-20, you can do that, but if you are on scholarship, you may have problems with the scholarship for not completing classes at the ELI. 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.

## Upcoming Activities

This week's Thursday afternoon activity is Gator soccer! Come watch the UF women's team play against Missouri from 7-9 p.m. at James Presley Stadium (325 Woodlawn Dr, near O'Connell Center).

Next weekend, there will not be a weekend activity so you can study for midterm exams. The next activity will be the B-term Welcome Picnic on September 21st. Details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

## Notes from the Office

**People out:** Victoria will be out of the office starting on Tuesday afternoon. She will return next week. If you have questions or need help, you can ask the main office or make an appointment for next week.

Jen Ramos will also be out on Wednesday and Thursday this week. If you have questions for her, please send an email.

**Writing for the Weekly:** Have you done something interesting in class or around Gainesville? Write about it! Have questions about grammar or American culture? Ask about it! Talk to your teachers for help or send it to [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) and your work could be in a future issue of the Weekly!

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Where can I go if I get sick?*

A: During the week, you should make an appointment at Team Red at the UF Student Health Care Center. You can call 352-294-7465, or Victoria can make the appointment for you. They are open 8:00am to 5:00pm on Monday through Friday.

If you get sick when the Student Health Center is closed, you can go to an urgent care clinic, but call first if you are not sure they accept your insurance. There is a list in the ELI office, or you can just Google "Gainesville urgent care clinics". If it's late at night, you'll have to go to the ER, but if you can wait until morning you should. Remember, the ER really is only for emergencies, so if you don't have an emergency, you'll have a long wait.

*Q: Do I need to take my insurance card to the doctor every time?*

A: YES! You should always have your insurance card with you in case of an emergency. It is very important because if you don't have your insurance card when you go to the doctor, they could charge you for all of your medical treatment.

If you aren't sure where your insurance card is, find it! If you can't find your card, Victoria can help.

## Birthdays!

Students:

October 4: Juan Postiglione Domingo

Staff:

None this week

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between the present perfect "I have visited Tampa" and modals in the past "I should have visited Tampa"?*

A: The present perfect is used for something that happened in the past but has some connection to the present time. Modals in the past are used for events that could have possibly happened (but maybe didn't).

- I have visited Tampa two times since I moved to the United States.
- My friends went to Tampa and said it was a lot of fun. I should have visited Tampa, too.

*Q: When can I use "get" instead of "go", as in, "I get to work," vs. "I go to work"?*

A: They have different meanings. "Get" is very restricted in that it means "arrive" while "go" has multiple meanings.

- I get to work at 9am.

Meaning: I arrive at work at 9am.

- I go to work at 9am.

Possibility 1: I leave my house at 9am.

Possibility 2: I start working at 9am.



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