

# The ELI Weekly

## Thanksgiving Potluck

On Thursday, November 16th, we will be holding the 16th 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 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:** Thursday, November 16th, 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. 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 MAT 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!

## Gator Football vs. Alabama-Birmingham



This weekend, join us as we watch the Gators play their first home football game against the University of Alabama - Birmingham.

Come learn about American football and cheer for the Gators!

**Where:** Meet at the Reitz Union Subway restaurant

**When:** Saturday, November 18th, at 3 p.m.

**Cost:** Bring your Gator1 ID and \$20 cash to buy a ticket from Nate in the CIP Office, MAT 211, between 9 am and 12 pm. Get your tickets early - they will sell out!

**What to Bring:** Extra money for food and drinks, you can bring a bottled water that is 20oz or less and unopened. Don't forget to wear **ORANGE** and **BLUE**!

**What NOT to Bring:** Do not bring a backpack, large purse, camera bag, cooler, flag, food or drinks, umbrella, noise maker, cigarettes, video camera, or a camera with a detachable lens. For a full list of banned items, check here:

<http://floridagators.com/sports/2016/4/11/clear-bag-policy.aspx?id=13739>

## Upcoming Activities

There are no CIP activities scheduled next week on Wednesday through Sunday since it will be Thanksgiving Break. Use this time to relax and prepare for your final exams!

## Notes From the Office

**Student Voices:** This Friday, November 17th, 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.

**Thanksgiving Break:** There will be no ELI classes next week Wednesday-Friday, November 22nd-24th. The main office will be closed at noon Wednesday and all day Thursday and Friday.

**Expiring I-20s:** If your I-20 is expiring soon, make an appointment with Daryl in MAT 223 ASAP to renew your I-20 before it expires.

**Scholarship Students:** If you plan on returning for the Spring C 2018 semester, make sure to extend your financial guarantee for the entire semester and submit it by January 16th. If you have any questions, talk to Jennifer Vann in the ELI Main Office.

**Tiffany Out:** Tiffany will be out of the office until 12/4. While she's out, some LAs will be helping in the main office, but you may have to wait a little longer than usual. Please be patient when you visit the office to ask for something!

**Notes:** If you receive a note from the main office, make sure you read it! If you don't understand the note, come to MAT 223 to ask.



## Scholarship Nominees



Please join me in congratulating the nominees of the ELI Scholarships to study in the Spring 2018 semester.

Tae Young Noh	Andrea Navarro Moreno
Mikel Holmquist Castano	Paulo de Sa Goes
Chih-Jeng Huang	Ziwei "Rachel" Niu
My Cao	Sheila Vasconcelos da Costa e Silva
Vovener Edmond	Victoria Sanchez Bravo
Amanda Linares	Roberto Edde Verde
Andres Inchausti Acuna	

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
- Academic Excellence: 4.0 GPA and high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas
- Outstanding Progress: outstanding progress in language skills
- Excellent Attendance: no more than ten hours absences
- Speak English: make every effort to speak English at all times
- Successful Work Strategies: demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom

Congrats nominees! Good luck to all of you!

## Student Birthdays!

November 14: Yousef Sabti  
November 15: Sultan Kh Alenezi  
November 15: Yena Kim  
November 18: Torky Alshemeri  
November 18: Riyadh Alzahrani  
November 18: Andrea Bruzual  
Alcala  
November 19: Diya Yang  
November 20: Minji Kim

November 21: Abdulrahman Alanazi  
November 21: Meimei Wang  
November 22: Karoline Maruf  
November 22: Carlos Canela Perozo  
November 23: Turki Aldaihani  
November 24: Ali Alenezi  
November 24: Hamad Aldawsari  
November 25: Mariana Fernandez

## Manners & 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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