

The ELI Weekly

End of Semester BBQ

Join us this Saturday 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 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 Cypress Lodge at the North Entrance (the first one when driving from Gainesville) of Lake Wauburg.

When: Saturday, December 2nd. 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 near MAT 211 by 4 p.m. on Thursday.

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!



Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for Spring 2018.

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:
Ziwei "Rachel" Niu

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:
Amanda Linares Velazco

Congratulations to the winners and all of the nominees – you did amazing work this semester!

Upcoming Activities

On Friday, December 8th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. we will have our **Commencement Ceremony** at the 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.

Last Day of ELI Classes

Thursday, December 7th, is the final day of ELI classes this summer. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, December 6th. If you are absent on Thursday, December 7th, your absence will not be counted for immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. **All absences on December 4th, 5th, and 6th still count!!! You should not miss class these days!**

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, December 7th. 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 7th, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, December 5th.** 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 8th. We hope you will be there, too!

This Thursday, November 30th, is the last afternoon activity! Come **hang out with your ELI friends at Felipe's** on the corner of University Avenue and SW 12th St. We will be there from 6:30-9:30.

Electives

When you sign up for Spring 2018 classes, remember that you might be able to take elective classes.

Replacement Electives: takes the place of a regular class; students must be in 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 a skill before they can take the replacement elective.*

Extra Electives: take these in addition to your regular classes

- TOEFL or IELTS Prep
- Pronunciation (6-week class)

Birthdays!

Students:

November 29: Ihab Abdel Rahman
November 30: Almuthana Alharbi
December 1: Aline Dallazem
December 2: Muk Lim
December 3: Saleh Alamri
December 3: Luz Rodriguez Morillo
December 6: Sultan M Alenezi
December 7: Dong Eun Weon

Staff:

December 4: Jolee Gibbs
December 12: Zoe Witty

Notes from the Office

CELT for Part-time Students: If you plan on taking Listening/Speaking or Grammar in the future and are not taking it now, come to MAT 223 to sign up for the test. We will need this information to place you into the right class.

If you're not taking Listening/Speaking, your CELT will be Friday, December 1st, from 12:45 to 1:20 p.m. in MAT 214.

If you are not taking Grammar, your CELT will be Friday, December 1st, from 1:55 to 2:45 p.m. in MAT 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. You can pay Student Health Care Center fees online and ELI fees in the main office. See Jennifer or Victoria in MAT 223 for help.

Certificates: If you can't pick up your certificate at Commencement, stop by MAT 223 by December 7th 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.

I-20s: If you are transferring to another school next semester or if your I-20 will expire soon, make an appointment to see Daryl before the end of the semester.

Subleases: If you need to find a place to stay for a short time or someone to take over your lease, Victoria might be able to help you.

ELI Alumni List: If this is your last semester, make sure to join the alumni list to get updates on things happening at the ELI. Just click on "Alumni" on the ELI website.

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.



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