

Protect Yourself from Scams

Phone scammers are targeting international students in order to gain personal information about you so they can steal your money. These calls and texts can be about job offers or problems with your immigration status. They can be reported to local law enforcement, but it is very difficult to trace the number the call is made from. The best course of action to protect yourself is to:

- Never engage the caller in discussion
- Do not give any personal contact information
- Do not send money or give bank account information
- Block the number from your phone

If you have ANY questions or concerns about calls regarding jobs or your immigration status, ALWAYS feel free to contact Victoria or Daryl. Be safe and be smart.

Conversation Partner Update

Conversation Partners will be given at the end of September or at the beginning of October. Look for an email from Ryann around then. Still need to sign up? Email conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu or visit Matherly 211.

Hurricane Season

If you watched the news last weekend, you may have heard about hurricane Florence, a very large storm that affected large parts of the east coast of the United States. Hurricane season lasts from June until the end of November. During this time, there is a risk of hurricanes. Hurricanes can be dangerous, but there are many things to do to protect yourself.

- Hurricanes are slow and easy to predict. If there is a hurricane coming to Florida, we will know many days in advance so that we can prepare.
- Gainesville is inland and far from the coast. Hurricanes are strongest near the ocean. As a result, Gainesville is a relatively safe place to be during a big storm. In fact, many people who live on the coast will come to cities like Gainesville during a hurricane.
- Tell your family back home you are safe! Not everyone knows United States geography. Even if a storm hits somewhere else, it's a good idea to let your family know that you are safe.

If a hurricane will affect us in Florida, the ELI staff will make sure you're ready for anything!

The CIP Insider

Your place to find out what is going on with the Cultural Immersion Program!

Thursday—Connect with Service

Do you want to join a UF student organization? Do you want to make your community a better place? Come to the ELI's Connect with Service event this Friday.

At this event, you can learn about different UF student volunteer groups, including Florida Women in Business, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Theta Nu Xi Multicultural sorority, and many others!

After learning about these organizations, join the ELI for dinner in the Reitz Union Food Court.

Time: 4:30–6:00. It's ok to be late if you have afternoon Reading and Writing class. Dinner is from 6:00–7:30.

Place: Reitz Union room BCLS 2015

Saturday Activity- Volunteer Day

Get involved in your local community and help others! If you are interested, please sign up on the CIP activities board. Act fast! These activities fill up quickly!

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| Fun4Kids Touch a Truck Event 11:30–4:00 | Help support Food4Kids by collecting food donations at an event for children at Santa Fe College. |
| Grace Marketplace 8:00–12:00 | Make breakfast and serve it to people experiencing homelessness at a local shelter. |
| Ronald McDonald House 1:30–4:00 | Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better. |
| Oak Hammock 9:00–11:30 | Meet elderly people and talk with them! This is a great opportunity for conversation practice. |

ELI Weekly Guest Columns

The *ELI Weekly* is open for guest submissions! Do you have an idea for an article that everyone at the ELI should read? The *ELI Weekly* wants to publish your writing.

Whether you are a student, a language assistant, teacher, or other friend of the ELI, we want to hear from you. Articles can be informative, give advice, or share your perspective on an issue of interest to the ELI community.

If you have an idea for an *ELI Weekly* guest column, contact Thomas Dolce at tomdolce@ufl.edu or visit his office in Matherly 220B.

Using myELI

myELI is a very useful website for ELI students. If you have not used it yet, you should! Here are some important things you can do on the website.

- **Upload your documents**— Every semester, you have to give the ELI many different forms. This is especially true if you are new to the ELI. myELI makes submitting your documents easy and convenient! From the myELI homepage, click on “My Profile” and then “Documents.” On this page, you can upload your insurance forms, proof of immunizations, I-20, financial statement, and other important required documents. If you have not uploaded your required documents for this semester, now is a good time to do it!
- **Check your attendance**— Attending your classes everyday is important for success at the ELI. With myELI, you can check your attendance to see how many classes you have missed and how many times you have been late. To check your attendance, click on “My Courses” and then “Attendance” from the myELI homepage. If you see any mistakes, ask your teacher to confirm your attendance. Finally, ask your teacher for more information if you have questions about the attendance policy for the ELI or your classes.

If you have any problems using myELI, visit the ELI front desk for help. Address: <http://my.eli.ufl.edu>

Useful Expression of the Week

Expression of the Week: In the CIP Insider, you saw one underlined phrases.

Phrase Two: fill up

These activities fill up quickly!

Fill up is a phrasal verb. It means to make full. You can use **fill up** with containers or space. For example, you can **fill up** your gas tank in your car, or you can **fill up** your water bottle before class.

Next Weekend—Beach Trip!

On Saturday, September 29th, the ELI will be taking a trip to one of Florida’s beautiful beaches! The current plan is to go to Clearwater Beach on Florida’s west coast, though that may change. Read next week’s *ELI Weekly* for the final plan.

If you’d like to attend the beach trip, you can reserve your spot on the bus starting this week. Bring \$20 cash to the CIP Office in Matherly 211.

Happy birthday!

Be sure to wish the following person a happy birthday this week!

Students:

September 17th: Minju Baik

September 20th: Natalia Rivero Justiniano

September 20th: Shady Ibrahim Shtayeh

September 21st: Ivan Lanziano Alvarez

September 22nd: Jaime Tortolero Colina

September 23rd: Dohyeon Yoon

Staff:

September 25th: Minsang Kim