

The ELI Weekly

Volunteer Day



We are holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the spring term this Saturday, March 17th.

This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment.

The activity is free! Wear comfortable clothes for being outside and closed-toed shoes. You should bring a bottle of water as well.

Arrive or be ready **ON TIME** for your activity!

Check the chart on the right for details and times. Sign-up on the Activities Board by Thursday at 4 pm. Please don't sign up for an activity if it is full and if you have any questions, talk to someone in the CIP office, MAT211, or your LAs.

Volunteer Activities

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| Oak Hammock Retirement Community | 9 a.m.-11 a.m. |
| <i>LAs will drive students to event</i> | |
| Meet elderly people and talk with them. This opportunity is great for English practice! | |
| Grace Marketplace | 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. |
| <i>LAs will drive students to event</i> | |
| Feed the homeless people of Gainesville breakfast and clean up afterwards. | |
| Ronald McDonald House | 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. |
| <i>Meet at Norman Garage to take bus or walk</i> | |
| Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better! | |
| Gainesville Pet Rescue | 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. |
| <i>LAs will drive students to event</i> | |
| Play with rescued animals waiting to be adopted. Help clean up and take care of them! | |
| Check the CIP Activities Board next to MAT 211 to sign-up or find more details! | |

ELI Talent Show

The ELI is hosting its sixth annual Talent Show this semester! The talent show is open to ELI students, faculty, staff, and LAs. Acts can include singing, music, dancing, skits, juggling, comedy, cultural presentations, or any other talent you have!

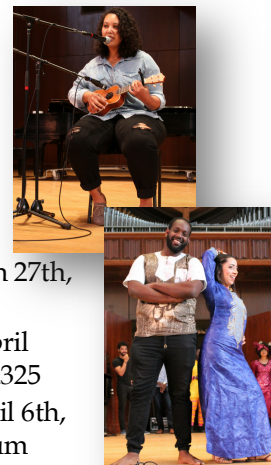
When: Saturday, April 7th, doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Where: University Auditorium

Requirements: Talk to your friends and think about a possible act. It must be appropriate and not offensive. This is a safe, family-friendly show. Group acts are needed! If you're not sure, ask Nate or Liz in MAT211.

There will be some required meeting and rehearsals. Performers and crew must attend ALL meetings and be on time!

- **Information Meeting:** Tuesday, March 20th, 5-6 p.m. in MAT16
- **First Rehearsal:** Tuesday, March 27th, 5-6:30 p.m. in Reitz Union 2325
- **Second Rehearsal:** Tuesday, April 3rd, 5-6:30 p.m. in Reitz Union 2325
- **Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, April 6th, 4-6 p.m. in University Auditorium



Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, 3/15, come hang out at the Oaks Mall from 6-9 pm! Meet at the food court. We will go shopping and eat at the food court. You can take bus 20, bus 62, or bus 5 to get there.

Our next weekend trip is a visit to Depot Park in Downtown Gainesville on Saturday, March 24th. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between like and such as?

A: Depending on which grammar book you're reading, when we use like to mean such as (to introduce an example or series of examples), it's either slang, conversational, or informal. In other words, it's incorrect grammar that a lot of people use anyway.

- Conversational: I enjoy many American foods, like pizza and hamburgers.
- Academic: I enjoy many American foods, such as pizza and hamburgers.

Manners & Culture

Q: What is St. Patrick's Day? What do people do on this day?

A: St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th because that is the day that Saint Patrick died. Saint Patrick is one of the patron saints of Ireland. On this day in the US, the holiday is celebrated just for fun. You will see people wearing a lot of green and possibly drinking lots of beer (sometimes also green).



Birthdays!

Students:

March 2: Mariel Andrea Ojeda Tuz
 March 4: Ahmad KHS Z Alshammari
 March 4: Murad Asiri
 March 6: Raed Aljohani
 March 6: Miguel Calero Vasquez
 March 7: Sohayb Batwa
 March 9: Jorge Cataldo
 March 10: Martha Ramirez Vargas
 March 12: Issa Alsayed
 March 14: Maria Daniela Linares Rivas
 March 14: Tong Wu
 March 15: Ana Julia Duarte DeAndrade
 March 16: Yasmin Algadani

Staff

March 17: Melina Jimenez

B-Term Students

This week, we are welcoming our new B-term students to the ELI! Here are their 14 places of origin:

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| Brazil | Saudi Arabia |
| India | South Korea |
| Israel | Turkey |
| Italy | United States |
| Jordan | Uzbekistan |
| Mexico | Venezuela |
| Panama | Vietnam |

Say "Hi!" if you see them!

Notes From the Office

Tuition, Immunizations, & Insurance: B-TERM STUDENTS, remember to take care of this as soon as possible!

Student Voices: It's time to start sending your Student Voices submissions to Christine V. at christinevoigt@ufl.edu. Student Voices is the ELI's collection of student writing and we would love for you to show off some of the amazing work you've been doing!

Remember to include your name, class number, and a title for your piece. All of the submissions are entered to win a gift card to the University of Florida bookstore, so your name is very important! You can submit anything that you'd like to see in writing, such as paragraphs, essays, recipes, plays, poems, etc. The final due date is April 6th, but the earlier, the better! If you have any questions, you can ask Christine or your teachers.



Insurance Cards:

Thank you for giving Victoria your health insurance information at the beginning of the semester. However, that information is still your responsibility. For example, when you see a doctor, she does not ask Victoria for your insurance information. You must always keep your health insurance card with you in case of emergency. Do you have yours? If you need help finding it, please contact Victoria.



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