

The ELI Weekly



ELI Talent Show

The day has finally come! The 6th Annual ELI Talent Show will be on Saturday, April 7th in the University Auditorium. Come watch your classmates, LAs, and teachers show off their talents! Bring your conversation partners, friends, and families.

When: Saturday, April 7th at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm

Where: University Auditorium

Cost: Free!

Rehearsals: If you are participating in the show as a performer or crew, you **MUST** attend the rehearsals this week!

- **Rehearsal 2:** Tuesday, April 3rd, 5-6:30pm, in Reitz 2325. Bring your instruments and music.
- **Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, April 7th, 4-6pm, in the University Auditorium. Bring your costumes, instruments, and anything else you need for the show.

*If you are interested in displaying artwork in the lobby, talk to Nate in the CIP Office, MAT 211.

ELI Food Drive Competition

The ELI is hosting a **Food Drive to benefit the Field and Fork Pantry**. Here is some information about the Pantry written by Abeer Alqahtani, a student in RW43:

In our RW 43 class, we concentrate in topics related to production, consumption, and waste, we write and read about different aspects of these topics: causes, effects, and the possible solutions for these problems as well. Food waste is considered as one of the most interesting topics in our class because we lived it practically when Melina, our teacher, told us, we will visit "Field and Fork Food Pantry" here on UF which is charity organization

intended to help members, current students and employee, who experience food insecurity. The pantry, opened in 2015, only depends on donations from people and some markets which the pantry has partnership with them. When we visited them, we saw the great efforts of workers and volunteers to help people in need among campus. This pantry is great example of volunteer that contributes to solve many problems in our community at the same time.

If you'd like to donate, bring any non-perishable food or household items to the ELI Office, MAT223, from April 2nd-25th and place it in the box for your LS level. The level with the most donations will be the winner! For more information, talk to Tiffany.

Reminder: IRS Tax Forms

Taxes are due on April 17th this year. If you don't make money in the U.S., you won't owe money; however, **all international students who studied in the US in 2017 must send a document to the IRS**. If you do not file, it may hurt your chances to be approved for future visa applications.

If you are on an F-1 visa, do not have a job in the US, and have been in this country for less than 5 years, you need to fill out this form: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

Fill out the information under Part I and Part III. In 9 and 10, you need to include the information about the academic institution that you attended in 2017. You'll find that on the back of this *Weekly* at the bottom of the page.

The name of the director of the ELI is Megan Forbes.

Mail your completed form to this address:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Austin, TX 73301

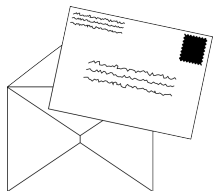
If your situation is different, you should make an appointment to ask Daryl or someone in the ELI admin group for help.

You can also find many answers to your questions on the UF International Center tax page:

<https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/taxes>

Helpful links are also posted on the ELI Facebook page.

Letters of Recommendation



Remember that instructors' letters have to be an accurate description of your work and student skills, so if you have a lot of absences or do not do the classwork, it will be very difficult to write a letter that will be helpful for

you. **It is a good idea to only ask teachers for a letter if you have an 'A' in the class and they know your work well.**

If your instructor agrees to write a letter for you, follow these steps:

1. **FIRST**, ask your instructor if they have time to write a letter – be polite!
2. Fill out a document request form in the ELI Main Office. We will send the request to your instructor
3. Documents can take from 3 days to two weeks – plan ahead! Don't demand a letter in a short time

When possible, always request documents or letters from the main office or your instructors early. If you are applying to schools during the summer, start collecting materials now. Don't wait until the last minute!

Notes from the Office

Student Voices: Student Voices entries are due **THIS WEEK!** Email your writing to christinevoigt@ufl.edu by the end of the day on Friday, April 6th.

Apartment Leases: As the semester draws to a close, keep in mind that your lease might be ending soon. It is important to know the exact date that your apartment lease ends so you can make plans. If you're not sure when it ends, ask your apartment office.

If you need help finding a hotel to stay in short-term (you should ask your friends first!), someone to take over your lease, or a new apartment, talk to Victoria in Matherly 223.

Victoria Out: Victoria will be out of the office from April 4th through the 9th. If you need help, you can still ask in the Main Office and she will be back on April 10th.

Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, April 5th, meet us at the Reitz Union to have dinner and then go see the bats fly at sunset. Meet at the Reitz Food Court at 6 pm and then take Bus 20 to the **UF Bat Houses** near Lake Alice.

Next weekend there will not be a CIP activity so you can spend the weekend preparing for **final exams**.

Manners & Culture

Q: Why do teachers expect students to work in pairs or groups?

A: At universities, teachers expect students to work together on projects. Group work is also an important part of most of our work culture so your teachers are preparing you for an aspect of 'real world' in the US.

Grammar

Q: Can you end a sentence with a preposition?

A: There is a rule that says you shouldn't end sentences with a preposition. However, this rule came from Latin so it doesn't really work in English and can make sentences sound awkward or too formal. In everyday speaking, there's definitely no problem with putting them there.

Appropriate: I told you who you can talk to.

Awkward: I told you to whom you could talk.

Birthdays!

Students:

April 3: Sheila Hernandez Toribio

April 7: Luisa Montano Santoyo

April 7: Juan Rodriguez Carames

April 8: Bajad Alotaibi

Staff:

April 7: Barbara Drake



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