

## The End is Near

*The end of the semester is coming quickly. Are you prepared?*

### Final Week Schedule

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, is the final day of ELI classes. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are absent on Thursday, your absence will not affect immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. All absences on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> still count! You should not miss class these days!

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. However, we know many ELI students are making preparations to leave Gainesville and are very busy this last week. If you will not be attending class on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, please tell your teacher by Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Commencement is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Orange & Blue Game and ELI Promotions

Even though football season isn't until the Fall semester, this weekend is a small preview. On **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, the annual Orange and Blue game will happen. This football game is actually a practice game in which the University of Florida plays against the University of Florida. This is a great way for the players to get their feet wet playing in front of a large crowd and for fans to see some of the new players that will play for the team next season. Admission to this game is free! The game starts at 1:00 in the football stadium.

In addition to the game, there will be many celebrations happening on and around campus. There will be food trucks on University Avenue, tailgating activities around campus, and even a concert on the North Lawn near the Reitz Union.

Most importantly, the ELI will be creating some new promotional materials on Saturday. In particular, we are creating a virtual reality video for future ELI students to learn about the ELI and the University of Florida campus. We want you to be in the video! We want students, language assistants, and teachers to be part of the video. If you want to be in the ELI's virtual reality video, wear your best orange and blue clothing and meet us on campus from 11:00–1:00. Send Lia a message through WhatsApp (352-256-6267) to find out where to meet on Saturday. See you there!

### Exams for Part-Time Students

Part-time students who will return to the ELI should take the CELT exam. The ELI uses this exam to know which level you should be in for future semesters.

- If you are not in Grammar class, your CELT exam is on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:50–1:40.
- If you are not in Listening and Speaking class, your CELT exam is on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:55–2:30.

If you need to take one or both of these tests, please come to the ELI office to sign up for them.

## The CIP Insider

### Thursday Activity– Gator Baseball

This Thursday, the ELI will go watch the University of Florida baseball team play against the University of South Carolina. The UF baseball team is always one of the best in the country. They have competed in the championship tournament 12 times, including the past four years in a row. In fact, they won the national championship in 2017!

Gator baseball games are always a lot of fun! In addition to the baseball game, there is good food at the concession stands and enthusiastic fans of all ages. Come experience American college baseball at its highest level!

**When:** Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

**Where:** McKethan Stadium (near the O'Connell Center)

**What to Bring:** Admission is free with your Gator 1 ID. Bring some extra money if you want to buy some food or some souvenirs.

### Weekend Activity– Study for your Finals

There is no official CIP activity this weekend so that you can study for your finals exams and prepare your final presentations without distraction. You're welcome!

## Important Dates

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>—C-Term Reading Final Exams

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>—End of Semester BBQ at Blue Springs

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>—All Grammar Final Exams

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>—Deadline to Pay Campus Fees

Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>—All Listening Final Exams

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>—Last Day for Attendance

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>—Last Day of Classes

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>—Commencement Ceremony

For specific questions about your final exams, ask your teachers!

## Notes from the Office

**Thank You:** Thank you to everyone who performed at and attended last week's ELI Talent Show. It was amazing! Also, thank you to everyone who submitted their writing to the *ELI Student Voices*. There were over 50 submissions this semester. Outstanding!

**Taxes:** The tax deadline is next week! If you studied in the United States in 2018, you must file a tax document with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) before April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do not, it could hurt your chances to get a visa in the future.

If you are on an F-1 or J visa, did not earn income in the US in 2018, and have been in this country for less than 5 years, you need to fill out Form 8843 available on the IRS website.

If you had on-campus employment in 2018, your situation is more complicated, and you should make an appointment with Daryl to make sure you do everything properly.

**Charges Due:** Please remember to pay any fees to the University of Florida before the end of the semester. These fees include things like printing lab fees, infirmity fees, or late fees from the library. Please be aware that government scholarships do not pay these fees. You must pay these fees yourself.

If you do not pay your fees, you will not receive a certificate at the end of the semester. See Victoria in the office if you have any questions.

## Useful Expressions of the Week

### Phrase One: get your feet wet

*This is a great way for the players to get their feet wet playing in front of a large crowd*

**To get your feet wet** is an idiom that means you are getting some experience for a new action or activity. We can use this for activities and jobs. If you get your feet wet, it means so you are doing something in a slow and simple way so that you can become more familiar with it.

### Phrase Two: in a row

*They have competed in the championship tournament 12 times, including the past four years in a row.*

**In a row** is a common expression meaning consecutively. In other words, it means that something happened more than once without any breaks or failures. In the example, it means that the UF baseball team has competed in the championship tournament each of the last four years—2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

## Happy Birthday!

*Wish the following people a happy birthday this week!*

### Students:

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Talal Aldhafeeri

**April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Abdulsalam Alsaawi

**April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Faisal Ahmed

**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Gladys Roman Farfan

**April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Sheila Vasconcelos da Costa Silva

**April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Gain Kim

**April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Santiago Rosero Roza

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Sol Park

### Staff:

**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Thomas Dolce