

# The ELI Weekly

## Volunteer Day

*Help others while practicing your English with friends!*



We are holding our second Volunteer Day of the summer term on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

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 water bottle as well!

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

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 ask Nate or Greg in the CIP office, Matherly 211.

## Volunteer Activities on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**UF Student Compost Cooperative** 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
LAs will pick students up  
Create compost soil, learn about biofuels and sustainable housing, see solar energy at work, and prepare UF's garden for Fall crops!

**Mill Creek Horse Farm** 9a.m. -12:30p.m.  
LAs will pick students up  
Clean up and work on projects around the farm. Afterwards, interact with the retired horses that live there!

**The Humane Society** 12-2:30 p.m.  
LAs will pick students up  
Help walk dogs, play with cats, and keep their living spaces clean and safe. In addition, we will be helping with any other cleaning and organizing.

**Gainesville Food Bank** TBA  
Meet at Norman Garage  
Help organize and prepare food for people in need around Gainesville

## Afternoon Activities

Come out each afternoon to meet your LAs and classmates and practice speaking English in a fun, relaxed environment! Here are all of the afternoon activities you can take part in.

Monday	Monday Mixer with Anna	Cancelled this week for Fourth of July
Tuesday	Soccer with Ameen	7-10 pm at Flavet Field Free!
Wednesday	Smoothie Talk with Lua	7-10 pm at Tropical Smoothie on Archer Road - Bring money for snacks
Thursday	Volleyball with Sonny & Mako	7-10 pm at Lexington Crossing Free!
Friday	Café Friday with Danielle	7-10 pm at Starbucks in Butler Plaza Bring money for snacks and drinks

## The Next Activity

Next weekend, we will be going to **Clearwater Beach**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

This trip is a bus trip, so you will need to bring \$20 cash and your Gator 1 ID to Matherly 211 starting July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. There are

## #humansoftheeli



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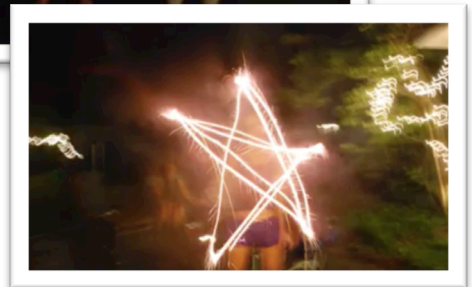
ufleli Iyad Bagari from Yemen is our #humansoftheeli this week and he told us his story! "After graduating top of my class in high school, it was really hard for me to find funding to study at a university. Most people would give up but I knew I had a great purpose in my life. After my aunt died of cancer, I knew I wanted to go into biomedical engineering because Yemen did not have the kind of advanced medical equipment needed to cure her. I knew, then, that I wanted to contribute to making my country better. After working hard on applications, I was the one student accepted out of 1,000 applicants for a scholarship to study in Jordan. It was very difficult to leave my country and my family for the first time, but I knew I had to do it. I studied in Jordan and worked very hard, graduating top of my class again. But when I got back to Yemen, I could not get a job. Instead of giving up, I knew I had to go on to get my master's degree. I was offered a scholarship to study in the United States, and here I am, improving my English before taking the next step towards my goal. I want to be someone who not only makes a difference in the healthcare system of my country, but I also want to be someone who represents my country well in international science. So many people just think Yemen is only about war and terrorism because that is what the media says. I hope to be someone who changes that view about Yemen and influences the world in a positive way."

## Quote of the Week

Good friends, good books, and sleepy conscience; this is the ideal life.

**Mark Twain**

## Fanfare &amp; Fireworks



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## Notes From the Office

**Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out of the office this week July 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and again from July 22<sup>nd</sup> until August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need help with a transfer, I-20s, or have any other questions, plan ahead and make an appointment to see him.

**Hallway Etiquette:** Students, please remember to keep the volume of your voice down while you are in the halls between classes. When you make a lot of noise, it can disturb the other classes and offices in the building. Also, do not sit in or block the stairs and hallways because it is unsafe for you and others.

**Tuition, Immunizations, & Insurance:** B-TERM STUDENTS, remember to take care of this as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend class until you do.

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

**Student Voices:** It's time to start sending your Student Voices submissions to Christine V at [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu). 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 July 22<sup>nd</sup> but the earlier, the better! If you have any questions, you can ask me or your teachers.

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why don't American students dress up for class?*

A: Some of the UF students that you see live on campus, so they roll out of bed and go to class in their pajamas. Most students don't have money to spend on fancy clothing. But the biggest reason is probably because we are more laid back than other cultures, especially in a university setting like UF in a climate like Florida.

## Grammar

*Q: When do you use "either" and "neither" with a negative verb?*

A: Either is used when you give the negative verb in your answer. Neither is used when you don't say a verb in your answer and you are agreeing with a negative verb.

Rafael: I don't like hot weather.

Sasha: I don't either.

Elizabeth: Me neither.

## Word of the Week

Here's a word that has multiple meanings. Look for it in this *Weekly* to figure out the definition.

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## Birthdays!

The following are ELI birthdays from June 5 to July 10:

Students:

July 5: Faisal Alqarni

July 5: Yasmin Nicolao Tavares

July 5: Rong Zhao

July 8: Maan Alshuaibi

July 9: Alejandra Briceno Sulbaran

July 9: Shao Chian Hsu

July 9: Jinsol Lim

July 10: Sujeong Kim

Staff:

None this week!

Interested in writing articles for the *Weekly*? Have photos to share? Talk to Christine V. or email [chrisitnevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:chrisitnevoigt@ufl.edu)



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