

The ELI Weekly

Volunteer Day



We are holding our first **Volunteer Day** of the summer term on Saturday, May 27th.

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 outside of Matherly 10 by Thursday at 4 pm. Please don't sign up for an activity if the spaces are full. If you have any questions ask Nate or Tate in the CIP office, Matherly 10.

Volunteer Activities on Saturday, May 27th

Mill Creek Horse Farm 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LAs will drive students to the event

Groom and care for retired horses at a local farm.

Grace Marketplace 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

LAs will drive students to the event

Cook and serve a meal at a Gainesville homeless shelter

Project Downtown Gainesville 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Meet at Norman Garage

Serve food to the homeless downtown at City Hall

Ronald McDonald House 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Meet at Norman Garage

Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better!

Alachua County Humane Society 3:30 - 6 p.m.

LAs will drive students to the event

Clean up for the pets and play with dogs and cats that need a home!

Places of Origin

This semester, our students hail from 25 different places of origin!

Bolivia	Kuwait
Brazil	Mexico
Burkina Faso	Niger
China	Qatar
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	Senegal
Egypt	South Korea
Haiti	Sudan
Iran	Thailand
Italy	United States
Jordan	Uzbekistan
Kazakhstan	Venezuela
	Vietnam



Notes From the Office

No Class: Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day. The ELI Offices will be closed, there will be no classes, and the buses be running on reduced service. Enjoy your long weekend!

People Out: Patricia and Victoria will be out of the office this week on Friday, May 26th. Also, Daryl will be out of the office all week next week.

If you need help from Patricia, Victoria, or Daryl, plan ahead and make an appointment to see them before or after these dates.

Tuition: The tuition deadline has passed! If you have not yet paid tuition for your classes or submitted your financial guarantee, come to the ELI office in Yon 314 **immediately** to see Christine Kunkel.

Students who pay tuition late will be charged a late fee each week and will not be allowed to attend class.

Immunizations & Insurance: If you receive a note from Tiffany, please carefully read the note. If you don't understand or have any questions, come to Yon 314 or Matherly 10 for help.

If you miss class because of an issue with tuition, immunizations, or insurance, it counts as an absence!

Birthdays!

Students:

May 23: Hattan Alrajhi
May 25: Moaaz Alkhulaifi
May 26: Yousef Al-Ashar
May 26: Ismail Lamash
May 28: Fahad Alghadhour

Staff

May 22: Tiffany Frison

My Life as an Undergrad

The following is part one of a new weekly column written by ELI teacher Melina Jimenez about her experiences taking an undergraduate level class this semester.

This summer, I decided to take ENC1102, which is the second writing class that all undergraduates have to take. It has been... interesting. The most challenging thing for me, and I think for our ELI students that will take this class at Santa Fe, UF, or other schools is twofold. First, everything is done online, so we don't get any handouts. Second, the class is completely lecture. There's almost zero pair or group work in the class. This is very different from the way that I learn and the way that I teach. I love having papers that have outlines or directions or examples. I also benefit a lot from talking to other students and getting their perspectives about the paper we had to read, but there's almost none of that.

Although this is only one class out of a lot of classes that our students will have to take, the biggest challenge I see for our students is the amount of information that is said, rather than written. If you're not listening carefully, you can miss something very important.

The Next Activity

Next weekend, we will be going to Universal Islands of Adventure. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's Weekly.

This is a bus trip, so you can buy a bus pass by bringing \$20 in cash, exact change and your Gator1 ID to Nate in the CIP Office (Matherly 10). You can buy the pass starting Wednesday from 9am to 12:30pm. Bus passes are first come, first serve, and they do NOT include admission to Islands of Adventure (\$132).

Grammar

Q: I hear people say "sure" when they mean "yes" but my friend said that sometimes it doesn't make sense. When can I use "sure" to say "yes"?

A: "Sure" only means "yes" when you're accepting an invitation or agreeing to or giving an opinion. It doesn't mean "yes" when it's simple factual information.

Look at the questions below. When can you reply 'sure' and when must you use 'yes'?

- Would you like to go to the movies with me?
- Do you like pizza?
- Is Florida hot in the summer?
- Does your grammar class start at 12:30?

Manners & Culture

Q: Is it OK if I didn't give a tip to the pizza delivery person because I paid the delivery fee?

A: No. The delivery fee goes to the company whereas the tip goes to the driver. You should tip about \$2 per pizza to your driver. If you order other food delivery, not pizza, you should usually tip about 10% of the bill.



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