

The ELI Weekly

End of Semester BBQ at Blue Springs!

Join us on Saturday, July 29th for the end of semester barbeque at Blue Springs, a park in High Springs, FL! It's a chance to celebrate the end of the semester and say goodbye to friends. Swim in the beautiful spring and play volleyball, Frisbee, and soccer. Plus, there will be free barbeque lunch for everyone!

When: Saturday, July 29th. Meet at Norman Garage at 11 a.m. to carpool. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your group chooses to return.

Cost: \$8.00 cash per person if you say you are with the ELI. *Groups of two or more can pay with credit card.

Transportation: This is a carpool trip. Blue Springs is about a 40-minute drive from Norman Hall. You **MUST** sign up on the Activities Board in Matherly 10 by 4 PM on Thursday, July 27th.



What to Bring: Swimsuit, sandals, sunscreen, a change of clothes, and a towel (Remember: no pets or alcohol are allowed at ELI events)

If you have any questions, you can ask Nate, or Elizabeth in the CIP office, Matherly 10.

Last Day of ELI Classes

Thursday, August 3rd is the final day of ELI classes this summer. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, August 2nd. If you are absent on Thursday, August 3rd, your absence will not be counted for immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. **All absences on July 31st, August 1st, and August 2nd still count! You should not miss class these days!**

We hope all students will attend class on the last day. Your teachers and LAs have many fun and interesting lessons and activities planned. However, we know many of you are making preparations to leave Gainesville, so are very busy this last week. **If you will not be attending class on Thursday, August 3rd, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, August 1st.** Your teachers and LAs need to know how many students to plan for.

All of your teachers and LAs will be at the ELI Commencement Ceremony on Friday, August 4th. We hope you will be there, too!

Upcoming Activities

On Friday, August 4th, we will be holding our **Summer 2017 Commencement Ceremony** in the University Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. More details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

This Thursday, July 27th, come to Felipe's on University Ave. from 6-8:30 p.m. for our last Thursday evening activity of the semester. We will have a **Conversation Partner Social**, where you can enjoy food and conversation with your ELI friends!

Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Fall 2017 semester!

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:
Carlos Rojas Acosta

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:
Johanna Rondon Berrio

Good job to all of the other nominees as well!

Notes from the Office

Fees: If you owe money to the infirmary, library, or the ELI for late tuition, you **MUST** pay by August 1st or you will not receive a packet at Commencement. Go to the ELI Office if you have questions.

Grades: To receive an ELI certificate, you must pass all of your classes. If you have questions about your grades, talk to your teachers or the ELI Office.

Going home between semesters: If you have an F-1 visa, page 2 of your I-20 must be signed in order to be allowed back into the country! Check it before you leave and go to the ELI main office if it is not. If you have a J visa, you must check with your ARO.

Traveling: Remember to take all important documents (visa, passport, I-20) with you if you travel anywhere during the break! Even if you are planning to travel inside of the U.S., it is better to be prepared. If you need help during the break, call the ELI emergency cell.

CELT for Part-time Students: If you're not currently taking Listening Speaking or Grammar, your CELT will be Friday, July 28th in MAT 112. The Listening CELT will be from 12:45-1:20 p.m. and the Grammar CELT will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Don't be late!

Certificates: If you can't pick up your certificate at Commencement, come by Matherly 10 or Yon 314 by August 3rd to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you. We *cannot* give you the packet early. If you want to have it mailed or FedExed, ask the office for the cost.

Letters from Victoria: If you received a letter about absences from Victoria and want to submit a petition, speak to her immediately in Yon 314. Bring your letter when you come to the office.

Subleases: If you want to find someone to take over your lease at the end of this semester, Victoria *might* be able to help.

Manners & Culture

Q: Why do some Americans wear flip-flops with socks?

A: You can see some people at UF sporting this strange fashion, but you may not get a good answer as to why they do it. One reason may be because wearing flip-flops makes your feet dirty, so wearing them with socks keeps your feet clean.

Grammar

Q: Can I use future perfect and future perfect continuous with "going to"? Is there any difference in the meaning when I use "will"?

A: You can use both "going to" and "will", usually with very little or no change in meaning. Still, it is more common to use will, especially in written English.

- By the end of this semester, you're **going to have studied** a lot of grammar.
- By the end of this semester, you **will have studied** a lot of grammar.

Fall C 2017 Reminders

Want to move to the next level in your ELI classes? Take and pass the CELT and all exams, do the classwork, speak English, and of course, go to class!

Returning for Fall C? Check in online between August 24th and August 28th. If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 late fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. No students will be accepted after Thursday, September 7th.

Transferring to another school? Bring your letter of acceptance to the new school to show Daryl.

Taking a vacation semester? Talk to Daryl! If you are a sponsored student, you must have a written approval from your sponsor.

Expiring I20? Make an appointment to talk to Daryl before it expires.

Fall schedules: Schedules will be available for pick up on Tuesday, September 5th. You must pick up your own schedule; friends and family cannot do it for you. Classes also start on the 5th.

Birthdays!

Students:

July 25: Mohammed Alhazmi
July 26: Nawaf Alalyani

Staff:

July 26: Noreen Baker
July 29: Todd Allen



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