

The CIP Insider

Your place to find out what is going on with the Cultural Immersion Program!

Experience the World Cup with the ELI!

The World Cup kicks off this week! Even though the United States did not qualify for the World Cup, the ELI is still excited for it! Here are some ways to experience the World Cup with the ELI!

Thursday Activity- World Cup Night

Come watch a replay of the Russia vs. Saudi Arabia World Cup match. There will be free pizza and soda!

When: Thursday, June 14th from 6:30 to 9:30 PM

Where: The Woodlands apartment complex clubhouse

ELI World Cup Challenge!

Do you know who is going to win the World Cup? Prove it! Fill out a World Cup bracket by guessing the winners of each round of the World Cup. The person with the most predictions correct will be featured on the ELI Instagram and at the ELI commencement ceremony.

How to play: Pick up a group stage bracket from the board outside of Matherly 211. Fill it out and submit it to Matherly 211 by Thursday, June 14th. The brackets for the knockout stage of the tournament are due by Saturday, June 30th. Follow @ufleli on Instagram for World Cup news and challenge winners!

Weekday Activities Updates

The locations for two of your favorite activities have changed! Both activities run from 6:30–9:30.

Tuesday Soccer

Play soccer at our new location, Flavet Field!

Where: Flavet Field, near Museum Road and Woodlawn Drive on the UF Campus.

Wednesday Volleyball

Volleyball has moved to the Gainesville Place apartment complex volleyball courts. Come show off your skills!

Where: Gainesville Place apartment complex, off of SW 35th Place. Take RTS Bus Route 34 directly there!

Saturday Activity—Campfire Night!

On Saturday, June 16th, the ELI will be visiting Payne's Prairie for Campfire Night! Payne's Prairie is one of the most beautiful places in all of Gainesville. We will be exploring the area and making s'mores around a campfire! Sign up on the activities board if you want to attend!

Where: Payne's Prairie. Meet at Norman Garage at 7:00 for a ride!

Note: We at the ELI are excited about the World Cup, but please do not skip class to watch the games. Also, please do not watch the games on your phones in class. Your teachers will know!

A Message About ELI Religious Holiday Policy

The ELI knows it is important to observe the holy days of your faith. Unfortunately, the ELI is not able to schedule activities that do not conflict with the holy days of all religious groups because our students come from many different backgrounds and faiths. Therefore, individual students should tell their teachers when they will be

absent for a religious holiday. If you will miss class for a religious holiday:

You must tell your teacher before the day you miss class. If you do not, you might not be able to make up the work in your class.

You will be given time to make up the material or activities covered in your absence. Your teacher may

give you a deadline that you must meet.

Your grade will not be affected due to your absence from class or other scheduled academic activity because of religious observances.

Your absences still count towards the permitted 15% for immigration reasons.

If many students will be absent from class because of a religious observance, your teacher will reschedule a major exam or other academic event. Students are not required to provide documentation for the absence. Students who feel that they have been unreasonably denied an education benefit due to religious beliefs or practices may seek action through the student grievance procedure.

Remembering a Peacemaker



It is with great sadness we share news of the passing of Dr. Jean "JC" Casagrande. Dr. Casagrande was the second director of the UF ELI, serving from 1984 until 2003. He founded the ELI Peace Scholarship after the tragic events of 9/11/2001 in order to formally recognize the role ELI students play promoting peace in the world. This scholarship was re-named the "JC Casagrande Peace Scholarship" upon his

retirement in 2003 in recognition of his efforts to create this peace through his work at the ELI. Dr. Casagrande was Professor Emeritus in the UF Department of Linguistics and served as the Director of the Program in Linguistics from 1976-79 and 1984-95. You can learn more about his work on the page of the JC Casagrande Peace Scholarship (<http://www.eli.ufl.edu/scholarship/jcasagrande.htm>).

Dr. Casagrande was born in Oran, Algeria and, like many ELI students, came to the U.S. at the age of 19. Perhaps this is one reason he was always warm and welcoming to all, no matter their background, and why he was so passionate about promoting the study of languages and cultures as a path towards greater world peace and understanding. JC Casagrande passed away Sunday, June 10th, 2018 at the age of 79. His legacy will live on at the ELI and through the thousands of students, faculty, and staff whose lives he touched and who now serve as peacemakers around the globe.

Notes from the Office

Summer Break: There are no classes during the week of June 25th—June 29th. Now is a good time to start planning if you want to travel that week. If you are traveling outside of the United States, please make sure that the travel authorization on your I-20 is signed. If you are not sure or have some questions, see **Daryl** in the main office. Remember! Taking a cruise is considered leaving the country!

Daryl Out: **Daryl** will be out of the office from June 18th—June 22nd. If you have questions related to immigration, your I-20, or transferring to another school, you can see **Christine** between 9:00 and 12:00.

Useful Expressions of the Week

Expression of the Week #1: In the CIP Insider, you saw the phrase "kick off."

Phrase One: kick off

The World Cup kicks off this week!

Kick off is a phrasal verb. In this sentence, it means start or begin an event. An easy way to remember this one is that soccer and football games are started by kicking the ball.

Example:

- I will kick off my vacation by driving to Orlando and visiting Universal Studios!

Expression of the Week #2 : In the "ELI Religious Holiday" article, you saw the phrase "make up" twice.

Phrase Two: make up

If you do not, you might not be able to make up the work in your class.

You will be given time to make up the material or activities covered in your absence.

Make up is a phrasal verb. It has many meanings. In these two sentences, it means to do something after the regular time.

Examples:

- I missed class on Friday, so I have to go to my teacher's office to make up the quiz that I missed.
- I missed my quiz. I hope my teacher will let me make it up.

As always, send your English expression questions to Thomas Dolce at tomdolce@ufl.edu.

Happy birthday!

Be sure to wish the following people a happy birthday this week!

Students:

June 11th: Omar M H B Almutairi

June 17th: Mohammed Althaher