

Fourth of July Holiday and Fanfares and Fireworks

Wednesday, July 4th is American Independence Day. There will be **no ELI classes** and the ELI Main Office will be closed. RTS buses will be running on Holiday Service so check www.go-rts.com for more information about your bus route.

On Tuesday evening, the ELI will be attending Gainesville's annual Independence Day celebration: **Fanfare & Fireworks!** Come enjoy music, food trucks, and fireworks with your ELI friends! This is a wonderful way to experience an important tradition in the United States.

When: Tuesday, July 3rd from 7-10 p.m. Meet at the Reitz Union Subway at 7:30 p.m. to walk over together.

Where: Flavet Field on UF campus. If you have a car, you can park on campus and meet us there - look for the ELI banner!

What to Bring: A blanket to sit on, a packed meal for dinner or money for food, and bug repellent

Saturday Activity- Volunteer Day

Get involved in your local community and help others! If you are interested, please sign up on the CIP activities board. Act fast! These activities fill up quickly!

Project Downtown Gainesville 12:30–2:00	Serve food to the homeless in downtown Gainesville with a student group, Islam on Campus.
Mill Creek Horse Farm 8:00–1:00	Help with gardening fruits and vegetables at a community farm.
Ronald McDonald House 1:30–4:00	Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better.
Alachua County Humane Society 2:30–5:00	Clean and play with dogs and cats who need a home!
Oak Hammock 9:00–11:30	Meet elderly people and talk with them! This opportunity is great for English practice.

Thursday Activity- Depot Park

Come visit one of Gainesville's best places to hang out! Come see the park, grab a snack at the convenience store, and chat with your ELI friends.

Place: Depot Park in Downtown Gainesville. Take RTS buses 1 or 17. There is parking if you want to drive your own car.

Time: 6:30–9:30

Conversation Partners for Summer B

Conversation Partners are a great way to practice English and learn about American culture! You will meet for one hour every week this semester.

Conversation Partners are UF students or a person in Gainesville, and they are excited to help you practice English!

You have to go to one meeting to get a Conversation Partner!

The two meetings are **Friday, July 6th** at **11:00 AM OR 12:00 PM** in **Matherly 251**.

See **Ryann** in Matherly 211 if you have any questions!

Weekday Activities

Join the ELI every week-night for fun and English conversation! All activities are from 6:30–9:30.

Monday Mixer

Bowl, play pool and ping-pong, and hang out with your conversation partners and Language Assistants!

Place: Reitz Union Game Room

Tuesday Soccer

Play soccer or Frisbee with other students and Language Assistants!

Place: Flavet Field

Wednesday Volleyball

Play volleyball or basketball! Hang out with your ELI friends!

Place: Gainesville Place Apartment Complex

Rotating Thursdays

Something new every week! Check the Weekly for more details!

Café Friday

Get a coffee, play games, or eat at a nearby restaurant!

Place: Starbucks on Archer road

ELI Student Voices

ELI Student Voices is the ELI's student writing showcase. During the semester, you can submit any writing that you do, such as paragraphs, essays, recipes, plays, poems, or creative writing.

Your writing will be published for all ELI students to read. In addition, the writers of two best submissions will receive a prize and will be recognized at the ELI commencement ceremony!

Submissions are due by **Friday, July 20th**. Ask your teachers for help or advice if you want input. To submit your writing, send your name, class number, and a title for your piece to **Thomas** at tomdolce@ufl.edu. We can't wait to read your writing!

ELI Success Stories

Students come to the ELI for many different reasons, but everyone comes to the ELI because they have goals. Have you recently achieved one of your goals? Let the ELI know!

If you or someone you know has an ELI success story, let the *ELI Weekly* know and we will publish your story.

If you have an ELI success story, contact **Thomas** at tomdolce@ufl.edu or visit his office in Matherly 220B.

Notes from the Office

Midterm Reports: This week, your teachers will be giving you feedback on how you are doing in your classes. Remember that their suggestions are a guide to help you improve and achieve the student learning outcomes for your classes. You should save your midterm forms from your teacher in case you have any questions or need a letters of progress.

B-Term Deadlines: The deadline for new B-term students to pay tuition and drop or add a class is **Thursday, July 5th**. If you still need to submit proof of insurance or immunizations, the deadline is also **Thursday, July 5th**. If you miss these deadlines, go to the Main Office **ASAP**!

Daryl Out: **Daryl** will be out of the office from July 9th to July 23rd. If you have questions related to immigration, your I-20, or transferring to another school, you can see **Christine** between 11:00 and 1:00.

Useful Expression of the Week

Expression of the Week #1: In the "Notes from the Office" article, you saw the phrase "**ASAP**."

Phrase One: ASAP

If you miss these deadlines, go to the Main Office **ASAP**!

ASAP is an acronym. This means it is a word created from the first letter of other words. In this case, **ASAP** means, "As Soon As Possible." You can pronounce **ASAP** like "A sap" (rhymes with a cap).

Examples:

- A:** Teacher, I'm sorry, but I didn't have time to finish my homework last night. Can I turn it in late?
- B:** Thanks for telling me. I'll allow you to turn in your homework late, but you need to turn it in **ASAP**.

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

B-Term Places of Origin

These are the places of origin of our Summer B students.

Brazil	Guinea	Saudi Arabia	United States
China	Italy	South Korea	
Ecuador	Kuwait	Spain	
Egypt	Russia	Turkey	

Happy birthday!

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

Students:

July 4th: **Tiange Lu**

July 5th: **Joao H De Mendonca Pereira**

July 5th: **Daniel Mendoza Gomez**

July 6th: **Rossana Rubino**