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The ELI Weekly

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Final and Exit Exams

Wow, the semester's almost over!

This coming weekend, Saturday, July 27th, there is no scheduled ELI trip so you can study for your final exams.

All ELI classes will be administering final exams, many of them on Thursday, August 8th. In addition, you will be taking the CELT, Listening Speaking classes. All of the exams are very important for promotion purposes. Please be on time to your classes as all exams must start as scheduled. There are no early CELT tests, no CELT makeups, and late arrivals to the CELT cannot take the exam. If you are not taking Listening Speaking, please stop by the ELI Main Office to schedule your CELT exam.

Special note:

For the exams on Thursday, August 8th, we have the following reminders for you:

ALL students are expected to take the final exams on Thursday, August 8. Without these exams, neither the ELI nor you will have a full picture of your progress this semester.

☐ If you miss the exams, you will need to successfully complete ALL

other promotion requirements in order to move to the next level.

- ☐ You must take these exams, even if you are not planning on returning to the ELI. PLANS CHANGE.
- ☐ You must take these exams if you plan on asking the ELI or your teachers for proficiency letters or letters of recommendation in the future.
- ☐ You must take these exams if you are being sponsored by a government, organization, company, or university.
- ☐ Attendance will be taken at all final exams.

The ELI will not schedule any early, late, or make-up final exams. If you miss the final exams for any reason, you must talk to the Associate Director, Patricia Moon, immediately.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, the activity will be the **End of Semester Barbecue at Blue**

Springs on Saturday, August 3. Details about the trip will be on the bulletin board outside of MAT 211 and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 24 to July 31:

Students:

July 28: Sultan Alsulami July 31: Juan Choi

Staff:

July 26: Noreen Baker

July 29: Todd Allen (hey, that's me!)

July 31: Patricia Moon

Happy Birthday, y'all!

Scholarship Nominations

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the nominees! We interviewed all of these students on Friday, July 19th.

Please congratulate the following students for their nomination for the

Jayne C Harder Memorial Scholarship and the JC Casagrande Peace Scholarship.

Saud Bin Rimal Clebson Dos Santos Tavares Abdulrahman Alshabib

Please congratulate the following students for their nomination for the Dr. Valentina Komeniecka Memorial Scholarship.

Maria Prati Gagliardi Kuri Andagana Jose Cayo Ahmed Hamdi

We will be announcing the winners soon, and they will be published in next week's *Weekly*.

The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, July 25th, we will having **Karaoke Night** at Stage 7 Karaoke. Sing along to all of your favorite songs with your friends. Don't be shy to show off your musical talents! We will be meeting from 7-10pm.

Reminders from the Office

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmary fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Victoria has a handout (Matherly 225F) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your exit package.

Expiring I-20s: If your I-20 is expiring and you plan on returning to the ELI in the fall, you must talk to Daryl **before** the expiration date. It is in section 5 of the I-20.

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do 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: When do you use "neither" and "either" 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.

O: When do I use "so do I" and "so am I?"

A: They both mean that you agree with the person talking but which one you use depends on the verb in the original sentence. Use "so am I" for the *be* verb. Use "so do I" for all other verbs. Look at the conversations that follow:

Joan: I am tired. Selena: So am I.

Joan: I want to go to the movies. Selena: So do I.

Quote of the Week

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin



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