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The ELI Weekly

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Thanksgiving Potluck

Join us for a holiday meal!

On Friday, November 22nd, we will be holding **The 18th Annual ELI International Thanksgiving Potluck!** The ELI will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday as an International Potluck. ELI staff, teachers, administrators and Language Assistants will bring traditional Thanksgiving Day food like turkey and stuffing, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, pumpkin pie and more! ELI students are asked to bring a traditional dish from their country for others to enjoy. Also, please bring a canned or other non-perishable item for our food drive. We will donate these items to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank.

When: Friday, November 22nd from 6 pm to 9pm. All students, teachers, staff, administrators, and language assistants who would like to go should sign up on the Activities Board by Thursday, November 21st. Please also sign up for what type of food you will bring and if you plan to bring any guests.

Where: Gator Wesley Foundation, next to The Standard, right across the street from Matherly Hall.

What to Bring: Everyone should bring a traditional dish large enough for 5 to 10 people. You should bring a serving utensil for your dish, but no one needs to bring plates, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, cups or drinks. Also bring a

notecard with your food and ingredients listed, like this:

Megan Forbes

US

Mashed Potatoes

(Potatoes, Milk, Butter)

The Thursday Activity

This week, our Thursday activity will be Volleyball at Lexington Crossing, from 6-9pm. This is because our rotating activity is on Wednesday instead! The Wednesday activity will be the **Wednesday Farmer's Market** in Downtown Gainesville. We will meet in front of Bo Diddley Plaza downtown at 5:30pm and be there until around 8pm. You can shop with friends, get dinner from local food stands, and explore the Farmer's Market and Downtown Gainesville.

Scholarship Winners

Please join us in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Spring 2020 semester.

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship: Mona Alfawazan

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship: Samantha Ali Ghandour

First Runner-up: Kuri Andagana
Second Runner-up: Refah Alrabie

Final Exams

All ELI classes will be administering final exams this week and next week. Please be on time to your classes as all exams must start as scheduled.

If you're not currently taking Listening Speaking or Grammar and want to return in the Spring, your CELT will be Friday, November 22nd. Please sign up for this in the Main Office, MAT 223.

I-20s Expiring

If you started at the ELI in Spring C 2019, your I-20 is going to expire on December 16. If you want to continue studying at the ELI in Spring C 2020 or you are transferring to another school, you must see Daryl before December 6 to renew your I-20. If you don't, you'll need to leave the country. Also, remember to have your I-20 signed if you plan on leaving the country and coming back.

Reminders from the Office

Photos: If you have photos that you'd like to submit for the commencement slideshow, please get them to the CIP office by 4:30pm on Tuesday, November 26th.

Certificates: If you can't pick up your certificate at Commencement, please stop by the office *before* December 6th to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you.

I-20s: Have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Matherly 223) if you plan on leaving the country and coming back. Also, don't forget that Daryl must see you **BEFORE** your I-20 expires!

Fines and Fees: Every ELI student should log in to ONE.ufl.edu and look at the "Charges Due" section to see if they owe any fees to the university. These will be charges from outside the ELI, for example, visiting the Student Health Care Center or printing in a library. If you have a scholarship, it will not pay these charges.

Spring Electives

Are you bored of taking LS, RW, or GM classes? Want to learn different skills that you can use outside of college classes? Will you be level 50 or 60 in the spring and not on a government scholarship?

Are you on a government scholarship and have you exited one of the core courses? Sign up for one of the substitute electives instead! They will be available online when you check in next semester.

To substitute Reading/Writing

- Advanced Informal English

To substitute Grammar

- Between Two Worlds

To substitute Listening/Speaking

- Grammar for Writing

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from November 20 to December 6:

Students:

November 20: Chantal Tovar Sforza
November 24: Maria Bezerra Pinheiro
November 26: Thamer Alnazzal
November 29: Murad Abuzekri
December 1: Laura Londoño
December 1: Gabriel Paz
December 2: Caoshan Piao
December 4: Saad Alqahtani
December 5: Geubin Lee
December 5: Reema Alotaibi

Staff:

December 4: Jolee Gibbs

Manners and Culture

Q: If I'm walking with an American and they encounter a friend, why don't they introduce me to their friend? Isn't this rude?

A: There could be a number of explanations. Your friend forgot your name or the other person's name and is avoiding the awkwardness. Your friend is hoping this will be a quick hello and doesn't want to involve you in it. Or your friend is just rude.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between go away and go out?

A: *Go out* means to go to do something for just the day or evening and generally in the same town. *Go away* means to go somewhere out of town for a longer period of time or to stop talking to someone.

- Let's go out tonight and see a movie.
- Most UF students go away for Thanksgiving weekend.
- Go away! I need to concentrate.

Quote of the Week

A friend is, as it were, a second self.

Cicero



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