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The ELI Weekly

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Commencement

Congratulations, everyone!

Thanks,
everyone!

You've worked so hard this semester but also had a lot of fun!! This has been a great semester and we hope you're going home with a lot of fond memories. This will be the last issue of the *Weekly* for the Fall Term, 2019.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 6th.

Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion. Students will receive their grades and certificate after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

When: Friday, December 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: University Auditorium

The ELI Main Office will open at 2:30 after Commencement.

End-of-Semester Barbecue

This coming Thursday, December 5th, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Lake Wauburg!**

This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and

friends at Lake Wauburg. Enjoy barbecue chicken and sides from Sonny's Barbecue restaurant. After eating, have fun canoeing, playing soccer, volleyball, and other games. This is the last scheduled CIP activity this semester, so don't miss it! All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

Where: Lake Wauburg

When: Thursday, December 5th. Meet at 12noon at Norman Garage so we can carpool to Lake Wauburg. Since the barbecue is inside, don't worry if it is cool or rainy.

Cost: FREE! Just sign up on the Activities Board before 5pm on Tuesday, December 3rd, so we know how much food to order. Also, entry for each car is free if you bring your Gator1 ID.

Reminders from the Office

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!

Talk to Daryl: If you're taking a vacation semester or transferring to another school, please see Daryl.

Fines and Fees: Every ELI student should log in to ONE.uf.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.

Office Hours during Break

Please note that the ELI main office will have a few different hours during the holiday break.

Dec. 9 to Dec. 22 – 8:00am to 4:30pm
Dec. 23 – 9am to 4pm
Dec. 24 to Dec. Jan 1 – Closed
Starting Jan. 2-- 8:00am to 4:30pm

Weekday Activities

Don't forget, all of our weekday activities have concluded for the Fall Semester. Thanks, everyone, for making all of the activities so engaging!

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

Additional Electives

- TOEFL
- IELTS
- Pronunciation

Manners and Culture

Q: When do the Christmas holidays really start?

A: Advent, which means “coming” in Latin, is a period of commemorating the First Coming of Christ while preparing for the Second Coming. This year, it began Sunday, December 1st, and it ends on Christmas Eve. However, most of the decorations that you see are not commemorating this aspect of Christmas. Even some people who are not Christians also put up decorations. We used to put out decorations only after Thanksgiving, but in recent years, stores have started putting out the decorations earlier and earlier. All of this, of course, is more related to trying to get people to shop more than it really is to celebrating Christmas.

Grammar

Since you’re all grammar experts now, I have a few questions for you. What is the difference between the following groups of sentences?

- You’ve been chewing on the same gum for an hour!
- You’ve eaten all the gum!
- You ate all the gum!

- I get to work at 9am.
- I go to work at 9am.

- I ate a burger for lunch.
- I ate the burger for lunch.

- You must get your I-20 signed if you want to enter the country again.
- You should see Daryl next week.

- My roommate went out last night.
- My roommate went away last night.

Quote of the Week

Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country.

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