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The ELI Weekly

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CIP Updates

No weekend trips for a little while, folks.

So, for those of you who haven't heard, we won't be having our weekend activities for a while due to the current restrictions in place. The Spring Garden Festival, the trip to St. Augustine, and the ELI Talent show have all been cancelled.

Monday Mixer is cancelled. We have a new schedule for afternoon activities!

Social Distancing

We are told we that should stay 3-6 feet apart to protect everyone's health. This is called "social distancing." So, UF has required all events and student activities be moved online. Because of this, all in-person afternoon CIP activities will be cancelled until AT LEAST March 30th. We will be moving some of our activities to Zoom so that you can still socialize and be a part of the ELI community!

Here is the new afternoon activity schedule beginning Wednesday, March 18th:

Wednesdays: Coffee and Culture Talk – 6:30pm – Make your favorite hot drink at home and join LAs and students for different themed culture discussions on Zoom!

Thursdays: Dinner Time! – 6:30pm – Show us what you are cooking at home and share your recipes! Then join some breakout session with LAs and share how you are feeling and how you are doing at home.

Mondays: Game Night – 6:30pm – Play trivia, the Price is Right, and other games with LAs and students on Zoom!

Zoom links to online activities with either be emailed to you, sent to you by your LAs, or made available on MyELI.

Parking

Campus facilities are still open, and UF has lifted some parking restrictions from March 16 through March 30. You no longer need a decal to park in Green, Red, or Park-and-Ride parking lots. This means if you want to come to campus you can park in the red areas of Norman Hall garage (not the Orange areas or the surface lot!), the O'Connell Center Garage and Garage 14 on Gale Lemerand Drive, and other Red or Green parking areas. Be careful! You still cannot park in Orange, Blue, Gated, or other faculty and staff parking lots! You will get a ticket if you do.

Bus Service

Effective Monday, March 16, RTS bus service will operate on a reduced schedule as follows:

- Reduced Service - Campus Routes 121 and 126
- No Service - Campus Routes 117, 118, 119, 120, 122, 127 and 128
- Reduced Service - City Routes 9, 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40 and 46
- No Service - City Routes 19, 27 and 29

All other routes not listed will remain on their regular service schedule. For additional information and updates regarding RTS service, please visit www.go-rts.com.

Student Voices

The deadline to submit to Student Voices is fast approaching! Email your writing to clarklhr@ufl.edu by **Friday, March 27th**. Please remember to include your name, class, and title for the piece.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of March 18 to March 24:

Students:

March 18: Reynaldo Rubio Rivas

March 20: Juan Henao Madrigal

March 20: Baraa Alsulami

March 22: Njoud Alghamdi

March 22: Abdulrahman Alablan

March 24: Thi Hue Le

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

*Q: What is the history of St. Patrick's Day?
What do people do this day?*

A: St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th because that is the day that Saint Patrick died. Saint Patrick is one of the patron saints of Ireland. On this day, you will see people wearing a lot of green, drinking lots of beer (sometimes also green), and more importantly, singing happy birthday to Melina.

Q: I asked someone "how old are you?" and they told me that it's rude. Why is this rude?

A: Age is considered a taboo topic that Americans are uncomfortable discussing, especially a woman's age. Other taboo topics that you should not ask about are weight, why someone doesn't have children, why they aren't married, nor how much money they make at their job. Many of the taboo topics deal with money and numbers.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between to people and for people?

It depends on the context. *To* can mean that it's going towards someone. *For* can mean that it's being done as a favor. Here are some examples. Can you tell what the difference is?

- David threw the ball to Scott.
- David threw the ball for Scott.
- I'm donating this money to the organization.

- I'm donating this money for the organization.

Q: What is the difference between kind, sort, and type?

A: *Type* is the most specific and clearly defined of the three. *Sort* is used more often with people. However, *sort* and *kind* are used more freely, although there is overlap with all three. *Sort* and *kind* are generally followed by *of*; we don't make compound nouns with them. See the examples below:

Type: blood type, personality types, skin type

Sort: What sort of person is he?

Kind: What kind of dog is that?

Incorrect: blood sort, blood kind, dog kind

Quote of the Week

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

Albert Einstein



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