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# The ELI Weekly

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## Who to Contact for What You Need

*Here's a list of ELI folks who can help out!*

### ELI Contact Information

Now that the ELI office is closed to visitors, we want to be sure you know how to contact us if you have questions or need help!

**ELI Main Office** (Tiffany can help you find the right person)

8:00am – 4:30pm  
352-392-2070

**Daryl Bish** (Questions about immigration and admissions)

[StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu)

**Victoria Dolce** (Questions about student life, health, and Gatorlinks)

[vcshelly@ufl.edu](mailto:vcshelly@ufl.edu)

**Tate Quinones** (Questions about LAs and online CIP activities)

[tquinones@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:tquinones@eli.ufl.edu)

**Patricia Moon** (Questions about academics and classes)

[pmoon@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:pmoon@eli.ufl.edu)

**Jennifer Vann** (Questions about tuition and financial guarantees)

[jvann@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:jvann@eli.ufl.edu)

**Megan Forbes** (Questions about the ELI and this summer)

[mforbes@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:mforbes@eli.ufl.edu)

Remember, if you have an emergency, you can always call the ELI emergency phone:

**ELI Emergency Phone: 352-672-0144**

**Please contact us if you have questions, need help, or just want to say hi!**

### CIP Weeknight Activities

Here is the current schedule for our Zoom weeknight activities!

**Mondays:** Game Night, 6:30pm. Play fun games like trivia and Pictionary every week with LAs and other students.

Zoom link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/978081072>

**Wednesdays:** Coffee and Culture talk, 6:30pm. Make your favorite coffee and join LAs and other students each week for a themed culture discussion.

Zoom link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/4501031957>

**Thursdays:** Dinner Time, 6:30pm. Cook your dinner and show and tell what you made. Hang out with LAs and other students online and talk about how things are at home.

Zoom link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/600349813>

### CIP Saturday Activities

And here is the current schedule for our Zoom Saturday activities!

**Exercise Activity, 3-4pm.** Join Students and LAs with a different exercise each week, such as Zumba or yoga! Tell the sponsor if you would like to lead an exercise the following week. Get moving and socialize to stay healthy and happy at home.

Zoom link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/687112741>

**Movie Night, 6-8pm.** Vote on a movie you want to watch at the beginning of the activity and watch with classmates and LAs while chatting about the movie. Get your snacks and popcorn ready!

Zoom link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/912930158>

**Video Game Night, 8-10pm.** Chat with classmates and LAs while playing your video games. Talk about your faves and play online together!

Zoom link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/379483048>

## Financial Guarantees for Summer 2020

Dear scholarship students, we realize that you have had many challenges this semester, including the transition to Safeer2 for Saudi students and the transition to online classes for everyone. Because of that, we are sending you an early reminder to request your new financial guarantee letter for the Summer semester if you plan to return. Almost all of you have financial guarantees that expire before August 7, 2020, which means that you will need to submit a new letter by the tuition deadline of May 20<sup>th</sup> for the Summer C semester to avoid owing a late fee. If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Vann at [jvann@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:jvann@eli.ufl.edu). We really appreciate your help with this!

## The US Census

Every 10 years the US Government counts all of the people living in the United States, including international students. This is called the US Census. You probably received the census form in the mail with instructions to complete it online. If you can, you should do this. If you do not complete the form online, US census workers might come to your apartment or home to ask you the questions in person.

Unfortunately, there are many scams that people use during the census. This

is what you should know to avoid scams:

- You will receive a physical letter through the US Mail from the "U.S. Census Bureau."
- You will NOT receive it via email. If you get an email saying it is the census, it is a scam.
- The census does not ask for social security or passport numbers
- The census does not ask for your bank account or credit card number
- There is no cost to complete the census
- The census will not ask you for money or donations

You can find more information about the US Census here: <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

## Student Voices Change

**Student Voices:** The deadline has been changed. Please get us your work by Friday, April 3. You can email your work to [clarklhr@ufl.edu](mailto:clarklhr@ufl.edu).

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of March 31-April 7:

Students:  
March 31: Taro Sano  
April 2: Mohammed Alharbi  
April 2: Rayan Bashail  
April 5: Ahmed Hamdi

Staff:

With apologies, this info is on my Desktop at the office, and I'm at home. If you have a birthday during the rest of the semester, let me know!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do Americans say excuse me when they pass by you in the store?*

A: It is a way to be polite and maybe to give notice that they are going to pass by you. Also, saying *excuse me* is a much nicer way to say *get out of the way*. Typically, the usual response is *I'm sorry*.

## Staying at Home Activities

We would love for you to share what you're doing while you're at home. What are you watching? What games are you playing? What are you reading? What activities are you keeping busy with? Let us know what's going on at home for us all to share! You can email me ideas at [toddy33@ufl.edu](mailto:toddy33@ufl.edu).

## Quote of the Week

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.

St. Augustine of Hippo



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