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# The ELI Weekly

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## ELI Scholarship Winners

*Congratulations!*

Please  
join us,  
everyone,  
in

congratulating our amazing scholarship winners for study in the Summer C, 2020 Semester:

**Dr. Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:** Anisabel Lopez de Castro Bolufer, from Cuba

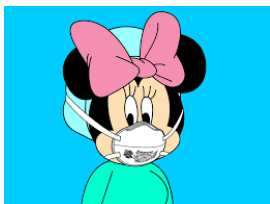
**Dr. J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:** Voralak (Mill) Inthong, from Thailand

**Dr. Valentina Komaniecka Memorial Scholarship:** Thiago Galvao Vianna Gameiro, from Brazil

## Covid-19 Update

Alachua County is asking people to wear a facial covering (like a cloth mask) when they

leave their homes to do things like go grocery shopping, even if they are not sick. They say people should not use N95 or medical masks because those should only be for health care or other emergency workers. Remember, if you



have questions or worries about this, or any other COVID-19 recommendations, you can always write to or call Victoria. She is happy to chat or Zoom with you!

## Summer B and C

The University of Florida is requiring that all classes this summer semester be online. This means that all ELI Summer C and B classes will only be online next semester. The ELI semester dates will not change. Summer C classes will begin May 15th and end August 7th. Summer B classes will begin June 29th and end August 7th.

You can take the online classes here in the United States or in your home country. If you want to take the classes in your home country, you must let Daryl know. If you have an F-1 visa, you can maintain your student status in your home country by taking the online Summer C classes. If you have not completed the Returning Student Survey in myELI or if your plans for Summer have changed, please contact Daryl at [studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu). It is important that he knows your plans so he can take correct action with your I-20 in SEVIS.

To study next semester, you must check in for the Summer C term in myELI between May 4 – 8. Because all of the

classes will be online, the ELI will be using digital books for the summer terms.

We plan to return to regular, in-person classes for the Fall C 2020 semester that starts September 1, but will follow guidance by the University of Florida and state government officials.

We greatly appreciate your hard work, strength, and patience with all of the changes happening because of COVID-19!

## Talent Showcase and CIP

Enjoy a night of talent sharing at the ELI Talent Showcase on Zoom on Saturday April 18th at 7pm. Please note this is an informal event, much like our regular activities. If you would still like to share a talent, please email [tquinones@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:tquinones@eli.ufl.edu), you can also decide at the activity if you would like to perform after the scheduled performers! Remember you can share videos of yourself, read poems, share photography, or perform live. If you don't want to perform, please come watch and support those who are sharing talent!

The Zoom link for the Talent Showcase is ZOOM ID: 934-9640-9444.

There will not be any other Saturday activities, however, some ELI activities will continue during the break!

Monday - Game Night  
Wednesday - Coffee and Culture Talk  
Thursday - Video Game Hangout  
Saturday - Movie Night

Stay tuned for more details next week!  
For now, activities will continue as usual and then switch to our break schedule starting the first week of the break.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period April 15 to April 21:

Students:

April 18: Carlota Sandoval Bravo

Staff:

None this week!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do Americans care about animals more than humans?*

A: Most of us don't. However, our pets (particularly dogs and cats) are definitely treated as part of the family by most of us who have them.

*Q: Is it okay to bring home leftover food from a restaurant? Can I offer it to my friends?*

A: To the first part of the question, absolutely! Even we know that our portions are larger in our restaurants. Most Americans will ask for a to-go box for leftover food at a restaurant. For the second part of your question, it's fine if you know someone well, and more so if it's something you didn't actually eat any of.

*Q: What does the name "America" mean?*

A: It's a mapmaker's mistake. Back in the age of exploration, there was an Italian explorer named Amerigo Vespucci. A mapmaker in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century mistook the label on a trace of his route to the new world as a label for the new world, and the mistake has been duplicated ever since. Some historians dispute this account, but it's still among the most widely credited theories.

*Q: Why do Americans ignore grammar rules when speaking?*

A: Nearly everyone does, to some extent. This is how we create slang and idioms and how language evolves over time. Language is not a static, unchanging thing. It lives because it's spoken by a nearly infinite variety of people with a nearly infinite variety of thoughts and

ideas. Think about it. When you speak in your native language with your friends, does it sound exactly like the language you are formally taught in school? Does it sound like the exact same language that your grandparents or even your parents use when they speak to their friends? My motto is, learn the rules and then learn how to break them, so you can sound more like a native speaker!

## Grammar

*Q: What does the future perfect express?*

A: That one action will be completed *before* a fixed point or another action in the future. Look at the examples below. Which action happens first?

- I will have sent a message to my friends by the time I get to my country.
- The essay will have been finished when I get to class tomorrow.

## Quote of the Week

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

**Marcel Proust**



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