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The ELI Weekly

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Commencement

It's around the corner!

Congratulations, everyone! Thanks, everyone! This will be the last issue of the Weekly for the Spring Term, 2020. Congratulations on making it to the end of this crazy semester! We hope you learned more English, made some wonderful friends and had some fun, as well. You should all be very proud of yourselves and we'd like to celebrate this accomplishment at our Commencement Ceremony on Friday. At the ceremony, we will recognize our scholarship and award winners and reflect back on one of the most unique semesters the ELI has ever experienced.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, April 24th. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion.

When: Friday, April 24th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30pm
Zoom ID: 966-7126-5267
Zoom password: 155877

Certificates and Grades

Semester certificates and grade reports will be available in my.ELI by Monday, April 27th. You will be able to find your certificate in your profile under "my profile" and "documents" in myELI.

Hard copies of certificates can be picked up in the ELI main office either when the office re-opens or by appointment. If you would like a friend or family member to pick up your certificate for you or you would like us to mail your certificate to a US mailing address, you should email Tiffany at tifferson@ufl.edu. If you need a hard copy of your certificate sent to you to an international address by Fedex you should email your name, exact mailing address, and phone number to StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu. You will also have to pay a \$25 certificate shipping fee. If you are asking us to mail a hard copy of your certificate, you must write to Daryl or Tiffany by July 1, 2020.

Reminders

Returning for Summer C: Please remember that all returning students must check in online using my.ELI between May 4 – 8. If you do not check in, you are not guaranteed a space in the class and you will have to pay a \$100 Late Check in Fee. Remember, if your plans have changed for the summer, you should email Daryl at studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu to let him know.

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.

Your I-20: Make sure your I-20 does not expire on May 1st if you will study at the ELI after this Spring semester. Contact Daryl if you need to extend your I-20.

CIP Between Semesters

Join our Zoom activities during the break weeks!

The Break Activities begin 4/27 and end when the Summer C Term begins.

Mondays: Game Night. 6:30pm. Play fun games such as Pictionary and trivia every week with LAs and students.

Zoom Link:

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

Wednesdays: Coffee & Culture Talk. 6:30pm.

Make your favorite coffee and join LAs and students each week for a themed discussion on culture!

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/95972296175>

Thursdays: Video Game Hang Out. 6:30pm.

Play video games and other online games while hanging out with LAs. You do not have to be playing video games to attend.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92265065322>

Saturdays: Movie Night. 6:30pm.

Join LAs and student to watch a movie through Zoom; you will vote on the movie to be seen. Socialize before and after and use the chat feature during the movie!

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/95392482753>

Keep Learning English!

The ELI is announcing a Short-term English Program for non-F1 students this summer called STEP online. These classes are short, part-time classes open to anyone in the world. Sign up for a class and invite your family and friends. These classes are not for F1 students and do not count towards full-time enrollment for SEVP purposes. These classes are not intensive and not divided into levels, but are a great way to keep practicing English and find more information at <https://eli.ufl.edu/programs/step-online/>.

Remember! The ELI Summer C intensive English program semester will also be online all summer. These classes are open to all current ELI students and ELI alumni

from the Fall 2019 and Summer 2019 semesters. You can register for a class or two even if you are returning to your country and will not be an F-1 student. To register for an intensive English class this summer, check in online on myELI between May 4 – 8 and pay tuition for the class you would like to take before May 20th at

<https://xms.dce.ufl.edu/reg/groups/eli/registration.aspx>

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period April 22 to May 15:

Students:

April 25: Aitor Hernandez Toribio

April 26: Suyoung Seo

April 26: Se Young Baek

April 28: Omar Razan

April 29: Ali Abushal

April 30: Ewaldo Rivas Millan

May 4: Varsha Mistry

May 4: Eunhye Yeo

May 5: Sandra Sanabrio Galindo

May 6: Valeria Garcia Velasquez

May 6: Lu Wu

May 8: Khalid Alenezi

May 10: Mohammed Alsaedi

May 10: Hamad Albedah

May 11: Andrea Lascano Valero

May 13: Yoojin An

Staff:

April 22: Davis Dees

April 23: Patrick Klager

April 25: Daryl Bish

April 30: Alexandra St. Tellien

May 2: Catherine Lambert

May 3: Jen Ramos

May 8: Karen Owens

May 8: Caleb Bright

May 8: Kathleen Lee

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans use the phrase “African American” instead of “Black” to name dark-skinned people?

A: It is considered by some to be more polite than Black. However, some scholars argue that it's better to use the term Black since there are many groups of Blacks in the US: some whose ancestors came on slave ships centuries ago who no longer have a strong connection to Africa, those who themselves came from Africa and still have a connection to the continent, and those who come from South American or Caribbean countries. Ask all your friends how they identify.

Quote of the Week

Life is a circle. The end of one journey is the beginning of the next.

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