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The ELI Weekly

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Farewell Tiffany!

Our amazing receptionist is moving on to new adventures.

Well, we have news that is sad for us but most wonderful for our Tiffany. She is moving on after 5 fabulous years with us; in the fall semester, Tiffany is starting Graduate School!

Tiffany has a message to all of us:

My Beloved ELI Family,

As many of you know, I am getting ready to leave the ELI at the end of this semester.

I was given the humbling chance to leave you all with a little message.

After 5 years of working as a receptionist at the ELI, I have to say, I don't think any experience in my life will ever replace or compare to being a part of the ELI. I know many of you have been at the ELI almost as long as I have been alive, I cannot image the changes you have seen in that time because in just 5 years I have seen so many amazing people and friends come and go.

It has been an utmost honor to work alongside so many amazing individuals, whether we were chatting at a picnic, being part of the many talent shows or packing check-in packets in the main office, each one of you will always have a special place in my heart.

To all students, even if you don't know me, it has been my privilege to be here all of these years to help and support all of you. I hope that you always feel welcomed and included at the ELI, even if you did not have the chance to know me.

And it is with tears in my eyes that I say that I will never forget the ELI and all the friends and family I have gained from being a part of this huge ELI family. But I do not believe in goodbyes, after all everyone returns at some point. So this is not a goodbye, but instead a "see you the next time I'm in town."

Peace, Love and Pineapples,

Tiffany

The CIP Weekday Activities

This week, we will not be holding a Saturday activity due to the July 4th Holiday. The following are this week's Zoom activities. Please note that the links are new, as we have different sponsors for the B-Term.

Monday Game Night: This week we will be playing Jeopardy! with LAs and ELI students.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/978081072?pwd=ZXh0QW9tTko4SGpBRzZCMXIpVzYwQT09>
Meeting ID: 978 081 072
Password: 250371

Wednesday Coffee and Culture Talk:

Join LAs and students for a discussion this week on the 4th of July and national day celebrations! across countries! Bring your favorite warm drink!

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/97621063308?pwd=aTZ1bnhOS1Vtc1hwMFRmcXdsNHhaZz09>
Meeting ID: 976 2106 3308
Password: 345079

Thursday Movie Night: Vote between Captain America, Miracle, and Remember the Titans and watch with LAs and ELI friends! Use the chat feature to socialize during the movie!

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/2610086854?pwd=aDJXc3c2eWZmK0FkZEdEbXdlMS81QT09>
Meeting ID: 261 008 6854
Password: ELIMovies

Notes from the Office

Independence Day: Saturday, July 4th, is Independence Day. We have the day off on Friday, July 3rd. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day. There will be reduced RTS bus service this day.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 1-7:

Students:

July 6: Ziyad Al Muzaini

July 6: Najla Alzahrani

Staff:

None this week

Manners and Culture

Q: Why isn't tobacco banned everywhere in the US?

A: Tobacco itself isn't banned in the US. Smoking in enclosed public places like restaurants, however, is banned. Florida has smoking bans in enclosed places except bars, private houses, and a few

other places. In addition, the University of Florida has a campus-wide smoking ban, whether inside or outside of buildings. Currently, there are only 28 states that have smoking bans in enclosed public spaces. One of the reasons that smoking hasn't been banned everywhere is because of the strength of the tobacco lobby. There are also a lot of arguments in favor of personal choice and personal freedom that are against smoking bans.

Q: With so many people killed by drunk drivers, why don't Americans ban alcohol?

A: The US banned alcohol from 1920 to 1933, which we call Prohibition. However, Prohibition also caused organized criminal activity to increase. In addition, many citizens saw the law as unfair to the working class because they were the ones who got in trouble more often. The government also saw an opportunity to tax alcohol sales to increase money. For these reasons, the law became very unpopular and it was reversed. Now, all states have the same law: you can't drive if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is over 0.08. Some states have much stricter laws to protect against drunk drivers.

Grammar

Q: How is it possible to talk about something in the future that will be past before the future comes?

A: You will have learned a lot of English by the time you graduate. We call this Future Perfect.

Q: How would I punctuate this sentence?

One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.

A: *One morning, I shot an elephant in my pajamas.*

Just add a comma to separate the time expression from the rest of the sentence. However, it's unclear who is wearing the pajamas. You would have to rewrite the sentence to make sure the elephant was not in your PJs.

Quote of the Week

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

Jack Canfield



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