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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 Summer 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, August 7th. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion.

When: Friday, August 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30pm.

Zoom link:
<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/93502290474?pwd=cVllcC9FTGkveEI2MkFiSTBGKzU4UT09>

Zoom ID: 935 0229 0474
Zoom password: 380521

The Weekday Activities

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

Zoom Link:
<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/978081072?pwd=ZXh0QW9rTko4SGpBRzZCMXlpVzYwQT09>
Meeting ID: 978 081 072
Password: 250371

Wednesday Coffee and Culture Talk:
Join LAs and students for a discussion this week on goals! Bring your favorite warm drink.

Zoom Link:
<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/91124973460?pwd=c24vMTM2MXp3aUNZWUFkL2ZMRE8yUT09>
Meeting ID: 911 2497 3460
Password: culture

Thursday Movie Night: Vote between Shrek 2, Hunger Games 2 (Mockingjay), and Bolt, and watch with LAs and ELI friends! Use the chat feature to socialize during the movie!

Zoom Link:
<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/6959649306?pwd=DQ4WmlZUXFaZVlsV0FkYzdhMFRldz09>
Meeting ID: 695 964 9306
Password: Movies

Certificates and Grades

Semester certificates and grade reports will be available in my.ELI by Monday, August 10th. You will be able to find your certificate in your profile under “my profile” and “documents” in my.ELI. 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 Min at minsang921@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.

Reminders

Returning for Fall C: Please remember that all returning students must check in online using my.ELI between August 24-28. 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.ufl.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. If you have a scholarship, it will not pay these charges.

Your I-20: Make sure your I-20 does not expire on August 16th if you will study at the ELI after this Summer semester. Contact Daryl if you need to extend your I-20.

Gatorlink: Remember, if you are not returning to the ELI in the fall, you will not be able to access your ufl.edu email address, one.ufl.edu, Canvas, or other gatorlink services after September 1st.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period August 5-31:

Students:

August 5: Sara Arriola Carcelen
August 8: Piero Jaramillo Sacheri
August 9: Nimah Jastaniyyah
August 12: Mohammed Alharbi
August 15: Victor Tovar Leal
August 16: Hayfa Almufarej
August 17: Reem Zahid
August 22: Zhiying Lin
August 22: Jamaan Alzahrani
August 23: Ana Lucia Rodrigues da Silva

Staff:

August 13: Megan Forbes
August 28: Victoria Dolce

Happy Birthday, one and all!

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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