

# The ELI Weekly

## Out and About: Photos of the Week



Here are your photos of ELI activities from last week. It is heartwarming to see your friendship and smiles during the Downtown Hangout and Disney Escape Room activities. Whether you are far from Gainesville or right around the corner, I am so glad you have these opportunities to be together on Zoom and in person. As Henry Ford, founder of the Ford car company, said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Let's continue to find ways to come together and share friendship!

## CIP Weekday Activities

### Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> - Game Night (Zoom) - 6 - 8pm

Play fun virtual games with LAs and classmates! This week we will play Taboo!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96129662095?pwd=TmdIdmgvWkFlckhBc0FwdFdOeW9NZz09>

Meeting ID: 961 2966 2095  
Passcode: gamenight

### Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Plaza Hangout (In Person) - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Come hang out at Plaza of the Americas on UF campus! Please note the location change. Socialize with LAs and play games! Bring your own blankets or hammocks to sit on outside. (Teachers can sign up too!)

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-plaza>

- \*You MUST sign up, have attended the CIP overview or met with Tate, and be campus cleared to attend this activity
- \*At this activity, you must wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart
- \*Please see signup link for more details

### Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Coffee and Culture Talk (Zoom) - 6 - 8pm

Join us this week for our TV Shows across cultures discussion theme!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99582032927?pwd=U1FOQ1pjaiswa3huUk41cnBuMEFiQT09>

Meeting ID: 995 8203 2927  
Passcode: 926123

### Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>- Movie Night - 6 - 9pm

Come vote on a movie and watch it with LAs and ELI friends as we chat in the chatbox! Stick around for a fun discussion afterward!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92962712031?pwd=dnZhVnh5SWTJxWE5FNGZaRnkyOFN0UT09>

Meeting ID: 929 6271 2031  
Passcode: movienight



## Weekend Activity

### Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Card Night – 6- 8pm

Come play some ELI card game favorites online – like Uno and Mafia!!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96726524009?pwd=OEc2d003NXFaWXlvOWJsYjhjVnFpdz09>

Meeting ID: 967 2652 4009

Passcode: cardnight

**Conversation Partners:** We have over 60 English speaking volunteers from UF and Gainesville waiting to be paired with you, become your friend, and speak English! Get paired today by emailing [conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu).

## Notes from the Office

**ELI Scholarships:** Right now, the ELI has two tuition-free scholarships for returning students. A scholarship recipient can attend the next term without paying tuition. However, the third scholarship, the Tina Komaniecka Memorial Scholarship, is not available until 100% in-person classes resume. Read more about scholarships at <https://eli.ufl.edu/application-information/scholarship/>.

**Gatorlink Problems:** If you need help with your GatorLink or multi-factor authentication, you can contact the UF Computing Help Desk. Please call the international toll free number at +1-844-269-0441 or email [helpdesk@ufl.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu) with your UFID number. If you are outside the US, you should wait on hold until someone answers, or you should email them. They cannot call you back if you leave a message and you do not have a US phone number.

**Attendance on Zoom:** Your teachers need to see you or hear you to count your attendance for classes. You can turn on your camera to show you are there, or you can answer your teachers' questions. If you do not reply, your teachers might count you absent.

**Mask Update:** The University of Florida now requires everyone inside buildings and outside on the UF campus to wear a mask. There are some exceptions. For example, children under 2 years old do not have to wear a mask, and if you are outside and far away from other people, you don't have to wear a mask.

## Birthdays!



**Students:** Sofia Cano Alfanar 9/26

**Staff:** Minsang Kim 9/21  
Jane Keeler 9/25

## Notes from the Editor

Send your grammar and/or culture questions, and I'll answer them in the *Weekly!*

Send me your report (1-2 paragraphs) about an ELI or a Gainesville event, or even a movie, a book, or music that you enjoyed.

Send your questions and reports to [mshastr@ufl.edu](mailto:mshastr@ufl.edu).

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Are the RTS buses back to normal?*

*A:* The RTS buses are running this fall, but with some new rules. Passengers need to wear a mask, and if they forget to bring a mask, they can get one from the free mask dispensers on the bus. Social distancing rules are also in place, and passengers are required to sit. Remember that your student ID is your bus pass. For information on bus schedules, visit <http://go-rts.com> or download the Rider app for free.



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