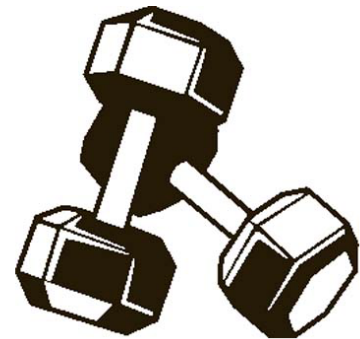


The ELI Weekly

Out and About: Keeping Busy

--by Antonio Gonzalez Marinelli

When you think about quarantine, you think about a boring day in your home doing nothing, but for that reason, I tried to do something different, and I changed my routine. What did I do? I started working out in my garage because it helped me to be energetic the whole day. If you are in a bad mood it can change your mind about everything and you start to be a productive person. It is important to know this activity does not just help your mental health, it helps you to keep in shape, and this is really hard to do if you are in your bed sleeping. I also need to say thanks to the sports like soccer, basketball, tennis and Formula 1 because when I do not have anything to do, I just turn on my TV and start watching the games. This is one of my best things to do. I usually did that before quarantine, but now of course I have more time to do it.



CIP Weekday Activities

Monday October 12th - Game Night (Zoom) - 6 - 8pm

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

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96129662095?pwd=TmdldmgvWkFlEkhBc0FwdFdOeW9NZz09>

Meeting ID: 961 2966 2095

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Tuesday October 13th - 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! (Teachers can sign up too!). Bring a blanket to sit on outside if you want!

Sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-plaza3>

*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 October 14th - Coffee and Culture Talk (Zoom) - 6 - 8pm

Join us this week for our music around the world discussion!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99582032927?pwd=UIFOQ1pjaiswa3huUk41cnBuMEFiQT09>

Meeting ID: 995 8203 2927

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Thursday October 15th - Movie Night (Zoom) - 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! Movie choices are *Brave*, *Instant Family*, and *Enola Holmes*.

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92962712031?pwd=dnZhVnh5WTJxWE5FNGZaRndyOFN0UT09>

Meeting ID: 929 6271 2031

Passcode: movienight

Social Media:

We want to feature you for International Education Week. Email Tate at tquinones@eli.ufl.edu to find out how you can represent your country on our Instagram!

Conversation Partners:

We have 30 volunteers still waiting! Do you want a second partner, or maybe a third? Get paired today by emailing conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu.

Weekend Activities

There are no weekend activities on Saturday, October 17, so that students have time to study for midterm tests.

New ELI Class for B Term

INTERNATIONAL TOEFL (internet based test- iBT)
October 26 -December 11

Cost: \$665

This class is for students who place into high-intermediate or higher reading and writing classes. The course meets after core courses, 5 hours a week synchronously via Zoom. The purpose of this class is for students to become familiar with the design of the TOEFL iBT. The course will identify language points that are most commonly tested in the reading, listening, speaking, and writing sections of the test. Exercises will be similar in format to those on the TOEFL iBT and practice tests will be given periodically.

This course is meant to familiarize students with the test format, but all our ELI classes help with level and language ability, which also prepares you for the TOEFL exam.

No birthdays this week

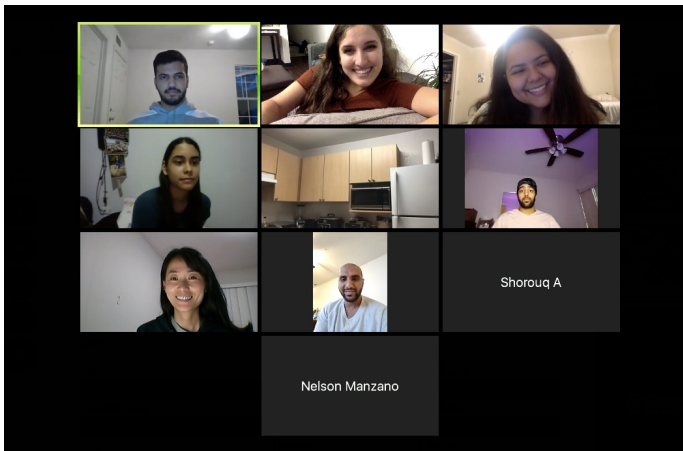


Notes from the Office

International Education Week: Can you do a cultural dance, prepare traditional food from your country, play music or sing a song, or make a presentation about your country and culture? The ELI needs students to feature on our YouTube page for International Education Week in November. Email Christine Voigt (christinevoigt@ufl.edu) if you would like to make a video to represent your country.

#IAMWithTHEM Photo Contest: The Department of Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management is hosting a photo contest open to all UF Students. Details about the contest are here: <http://hfp.ufl.edu/about/departments/them/articles/2020/i-am-with-them-photo-contest.html>.

Global Photo Competition: The University of Florida International Center (UFIC) invites students, faculty, staff and alumni to enter its annual international photography contest. The contest ends on October 16th. Details are here: <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/global-culture-photography-contest>



ELI students enjoying Coffee and Culture Talk last week

Manners and Culture

Q: What are the rules for talking to other students on WhatsApp?

A: WhatsApp is a great way for students to chat and discuss assignments. However, be careful to follow some basic rules to make the WhatsApp experience good for everyone:



- Only use WhatsApp for the purpose of the group. If the group is for GM50 class, then asking about the homework for GM50 is great, but asking someone for the homework of LS60 is not ok. For a class WhatsApp, do not post memes, political messages, etc. that are not class assignments.
- Do not audio call or video call students on WhatsApp without asking for permission. You might be calling at an inappropriate time. Also, for classroom etiquette, we do not typically make phone or video calls if we are not good friends with the other student.
- If you are chatting with only one person, switch to email or personal chat. Then you are not bothering the entire group with your individual chat.
- If you find yourself asking for help over and over, email your teacher instead of the WhatsApp group.

The ELI Weekly needs you! Send your reports about activities, book/ movie reviews, and grammar/culture questions to Maya Shastri (mshastri@ufl.edu).



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