

# The ELI Weekly

## Out and About: UF Baseball

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For baseball lovers, January 1<sup>st</sup> is not the real new year's day. MLB teams start training camp, and college baseball season starts in February, so February is the real new year for baseball lovers. The Gators won the national championship in 2017 and were ranked the No.1 team in the preseason this year. It can be expected that the Gators baseball team will do well this season. From this season, the strongest supporter joined the Gators. It is a brand new stadium. I went to the stadium! Unfortunately, I couldn't get into the stadium because of COVID. Even though I was only looking into the stadium, it was so exciting. Everything in the stadium: beautiful grass, a pure white base, the scoreboard, even the music, attracted me! Before I knew it, I had been standing for two and a half hours by the stadium. Since then, I have been excited to watch a game in the stadium! Even if you don't like baseball so much, you can go there, and eat food, have a drink, enjoy the atmosphere! Let's go to the new stadium!

## Notes from the Office

### COVID-19 Requirements:

Face-to-face students, this week you must do the weekly COVID-19 screening AND a saliva test. If you got a test last week, that does not count for this week. You must follow the above schedule with the rest of the ELI students. Everyone is required to do a test this week.

Please complete the screening, schedule a test, and forward Victoria your test appointment confirmation by 3pm on Monday, March 8. **You must make your test appointment on or before Thursday, March 18.**

1. Complete the screening and schedule a test: <https://uf.tfaforms.net/440>
2. Log in to your UF email account with your GatorLink Username and Password: <https://outlook.com/ufl.edu>
3. Forward the test appointment confirmation email to Victoria: [vcshelly@ufl.edu](mailto:vcshelly@ufl.edu)

If you do not forward the test appointment confirmation email by **3pm on Monday, March 8**, you cannot attend classes. Please email Victoria with any questions!

Week of 3-15: Test	Week of 3-22: Screening only	Week of 3-29: Test	Week of 4-5: Screening only	Week of 4-12: Test	Week of 4-19: Screening only
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### B-term Students:

Say hello to our new B-term students and help them to feel welcome when you see them in your classes. This semester, B-term students are from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United States, Venezuela, and Chile.

# CIP Weekday Activities



*Coffee and Culture Talk, March 10, 2021*

## Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Game Night (Zoom) – 6-8pm

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

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96129662095?pwd=TmdIdmgvWkFIekhBc0FwdFdOeW9NZz09>

Meeting ID: 961 2966 2095

Passcode: gamenight

## Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> – Plaza Hangout (In-person) – 5:15–7:15pm

Come hang out face-to-face at the Plaza! Socialize and play some contactless games.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-plaza17>

- You must be campus cleared, sign up, and wear a mask to attend this event

## Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Coffee and Culture Talk (Zoom) - 6-7:30pm

Join us this week for discussion about self-care!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99582032927?pwd=UIFOQ1pja1swa3huUk41cnBuMEFiQT09>

Meeting ID: 995 8203 2927

Passcode: 926123

## Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night (Zoom) – 6:00-8:30pm

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 this week are *Mulan* (Live Action), *Ratatouille*, and *Ocean’s Eleven*.

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

Meeting ID: 929 6271 2031

Passcode: movienight

## Call for Talent!

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having a Talent Share on Zoom. We welcome ANY talent. You can perform live or send videos and pictures to [tquinones@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:tquinones@eli.ufl.edu). Talents can be: singing, dancing, juggling, art photos, poetry, fashion, and more! Anything you are good at, now is the chance to share it. If you are too nervous to perform live, prepare a video and just join the activity to watch!

## Weekend Activities

### Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> – Kanapaha Botanical Gardens (In-person) – 11:00am – 1:00pm

We are able to reschedule from last time's weather cancelation! Come see Gainesville's very own botanical gardens, with beautiful plants from around the world! Explore the beautiful trails with friends and LAs. Tickets cost 10 dollars at the entrance. **Please read the signup for more details.** You must wear a mask, be campus cleared, and sign up to attend this event.

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

### Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> – Draw Along! (Zoom) – 3:30 – 5:30pm

Come try drawing with the ELI as we follow step-by-step guides to drawing really cool pictures together! All levels welcome and no experience necessary.

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96250177253?pwd=S056ajBGM3dsTFgzNnE5ODFndWp6dz09>

Meeting ID: 962 5017 7253

Passcode: 866464

**Conversation Partners:** Want to meet with an English speaker every week to practice English and make a friend? Sign up for a conversation partner! You can sign up by emailing Tate at [conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu). We still have some volunteers waiting to be paired with you! We have one CP who specifically works with students on their pronunciation, email Tate if you are interested in being paired with her for special pronunciation practice.



## Manners and Culture



*Q: My American friend told me to wear green on Wednesday. Why?*

*A: Wednesday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is a patron saint of Ireland. In the history of the US, a lot of Irish people immigrated to America, and they brought many traditions with them. Then these celebrations changed to reflect the American-Irish life. Today, St. Patrick's Day is marked in the US by wearing green clothes and possibly drinking green-colored drinks.*

### Notes from the Editor

Do you have something to say? Say it in the Weekly! Send your grammar questions, culture questions, and stories to Maya Shastri at [mshastr@ufl.edu](mailto:mshastr@ufl.edu).

### Birthdays!



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