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# The ELI Weekly

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## Skate Station Funworks!

*Join us for some old-fashioned fun!*

Saturday July 17th – Skate Station Funworks – 12:00 to 3:00pm

Roller skate, play games, rock climb, mini golf, or go kart! There are tons of activities at this entertainment center! Meet us there if you have a car, rideshare, or can walk from Oaks mall. If you need a ride, there are 8 car spaces available if you meet us at Norman Hall at 11:30. You must sign up for one of these car spaces and they are first come first serve. Please bring around 20 dollars to pay for the entrance, games, and activities, though there are also cheaper options available.

You must sign up on the weekly activity sign up to attend this activity.

### The Weekday Activities

Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>– Soccer – 6:30 – 8:30pm

Come play Soccer on campus at Flavet Field! No experience necessary!

Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup> - Movie Night (Zoom) – 6:30 – 9:00 pm

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 Hachi, Wall-E and Mulan (Live

Action). Come out and vote for the one you want!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92246818257?pwd=Qk1EUINjOEZmczZxUE5lRTZETk5UUT09>

Meeting ID: 922 4681 8257  
Passcode: movienight

Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> – Rotating Thursdays: Minute to Win It and Dinner – 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Play these fun, competitive, field games at Cora P. Roberson Park (Location: 600 SW 6th St, Gainesville, FL 32601). Take bus 1 or 46 then walk 10 minutes. Let's see whose team wins these challenges! After that go to 4th Ave Food Park to hang out and get dinner, only an 8 minute walk away!

Sign up for all activities this week here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-student5>

### Student Voices Reminder

Last call, everyone! Every semester, the ELI publishes a collection of student writing. You can send a piece of your writing to be published for everyone to read. You can send paragraphs, essays, stories, recipes, poetry, and even

photos. For inspiration, you can find previous editions of *The ELI Student Voices* on the ELI website.

To submit your writing, please email Thomas Dolce at [tomdolce@ufl.edu](mailto:tomdolce@ufl.edu). Please include your name and class. The last day to submit a piece of writing is July 16<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to read your writing!

### Scholarship Nominees

Please join me in congratulating the nominees for the ELI Scholarships to study in the Fall 2021 semester.

**Brandon Diaz-Moret** from Venezuela, **Alexander Figueredo Moreno** from Colombia, and **Irene Lopez** from Spain.

It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and achieved the following criteria:

- Full-time C semester student
- Academic Excellence: 4.0 GPA and high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas
- Outstanding Progress: outstanding progress in language skills

- Excellent Attendance: no more than ten hours absences
- Speak English: make every effort to speak English at all times with fellow ELI students
- Successful Work Strategies: demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom

Congrats nominees! Good luck to all of you!

### Notes from the Office

**Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out of the office all this week, July 12-16. If you need any help with anything you would normally ask Daryl about, just come to the ELI Main Office, Matherly 223, for help during the week.

### Santa Fe College Workshop

Representatives from Santa Fe College will present to ELI students on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm in Matherly Hall, room 214. If you are interested in attending the University of Florida or another undergraduate program in the US, Santa Fe College is an excellent place to start! Santa Fe College transfers more undergraduates to the University of Florida than any other school. Many ELI students have transferred to Santa Fe College and returned to UF two years later to complete their bachelor's degree. The friendly staff of Santa Fe College

look forward to answering your questions and sharing more about their school.

### Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 14 to July 20:

Students:  
July 18: Abdulmaik Albelaihed

Staff:  
None this week!

Happy Birthday!

### Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do Americans make such a big deal about their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday?*

A: Turning 21, for most young adults, is a big deal because they feel like they are really starting to begin their adult life. Also, they are now allowed to legally drink.

*Q: Why don't young people in the U.S. care about their families?*

A: Not all young people are the same, but most young adults see this period in their lives as a time when they can grow up and become independent. Most young people do care about their families, they just have different ways of showing it.

### Grammar

*Q: What is the difference between less and fewer?*

A: Use *fewer* if you're referring to people or things in the plural (e.g. houses, newspapers, dogs, students, children).

- People these days are buying **fewer newspapers**.

Use *less* when you're referring to something that can't be counted or doesn't have a plural (e.g. money, air, time, music, rain).

- It's a better job but they pay you **less money**.

*Less* is also used with numbers when they are on their own and with expressions of measurement or time.

- Their marriage lasted **less** than two years.

### Quote of the Week

Nothing is so embarrassing as watching someone do something that you said couldn't be done.

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