
The ELI Weekly

Out and About: Goodbye!

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Time flies like an arrow. Just a few weeks ago, it was hot enough to swim, but fall has come in Florida. This means that a lot of time has passed. How was your experience in the United States? Each person is full of different experiences, memories, and impressions.

This picture was taken a month ago when I went to Walt Disney World. The fireworks I saw then gave me a wonderful feeling and I recalled the past time in America during the fireworks. I felt that I was really happy here.

I am sad to know that if I return to Korea, it would be difficult to come back to the United States. Everything that happened in the United States, such as campus tours, parade, Weekly activities, Clearwater, Disney World and American scenery, are all precious memories to me. There is only one week left until the end of ELI classes. I decided to enjoy until the last moment. Everyone has different memories, but I hope everyone will finish the ELI happily for the rest of the time. I wish that they could make a day to share those delightful memories with each other.

Commencement

Friday December 10th -10:00am



Celebrate your accomplishments, see your friends, and say goodbye! The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 10th at 10:00am in the University Auditorium. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, administrators, family, and friends are welcome to this special occasion.

Notes from the Office

I20s: Make sure you have a printed, signed copy of your active I20 if you are leaving the US and returning. Also, check your I20 to make sure it isn't about to expire if you are returning next semester.

ELI Office Hours during the Break: The ELI main office will be open regular hours 12/13 – 12/17 and will be open from 9am – 3pm from 12/20 – 12/23. The main office will be closed from 12/24 – 12/31.

Returning Students: If you are returning to the ELI for the Spring 2022 semester, remember to check in online between January 3rd and January 7th.

Check your UF email: Please check your UF email for important messages before the end of the semester. Remember, if you are not returning to UF in January, you will lose access to your UF email and gatorlink at the end of the semester.

COVID Vaccination Requirement for Entry in the United States

A new CDC [Order](#) means that, in addition to showing a negative COVID-19 test, all non-immigrant, non-citizen air travelers to the United States must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Travelers must provide proof of vaccination to get on an airplane to the United

States. [The vaccine must be FDA or WHO approved](#). The Order includes students on F-1 visas. **All students will need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination to enter the U.S. If you are leaving the United States during the winter break, you must bring your proof of vaccination with you.** If you have not been vaccinated yet, we recommend you complete the vaccines before leaving the U.S. If you need help scheduling a vaccine or have questions about the new Order, you should talk to Victoria right away.

Leaving the ELI

If you are leaving the ELI, we hope you will share your experiences with your friends and family. Also, please keep your email updated with us. When the ELI travels internationally for conferences and events, we invite alumni to join us.

If you are interested in acting as an ELI Ambassador to assist future Gators in your country apply to the ELI, please let Lia Brenneman know (lia@ufl.edu, MAT 220A). If you are interested in becoming an Educational Consultant for the ELI, ask Lia for details. You are the best source of information about the ELI and Gainesville for new students. We appreciate our alumni! Also, the ELI's 70th anniversary will be in 2024. We hope you will join us for a special homecoming celebration.

If you want to stay active with English study in your country, please contact our friends at EducationUSA. They have centers all over the world where they advise students about studying in the USA. <https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center> It is a great place for you to network, practice English, and help other students learn about your experience studying in Florida.

[Find An Advising Center - EducationUSA](#)

A list of all the EducationUSA advising centers around the world. Find an advising center near you!

educationusa.state.gov

Birthdays!

Students:

- 12/8 Roaa Alshouaibi
- 12/12 Guillaume Wesberge
- 12/15 Maria Robles Peredo
- 12/16 Abdulaziz Alajlan
- 12/17 Thomas Alzuru Rojas
- 12/17 Edineia Rodrigues
- 12/22 Bertha Lucia Rodriguez Pena
- 12/26 Carlos Baquedano Rojas
- 12/27 Sophia Jerez Gil
- 12/27 Sebastian Vieira Sabino
- 12/30 Edmundo Caballero Espinosa
- 12/31 Ali Salou Moumouni



Staff:

- 12/12 Zoe Witty

Notes from the Editor



Thank you to all the students who submitted stories, photos, and questions to the *ELI Weekly*. We all enjoyed the experiences you shared. Keep on writing!



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