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The ELI Weekly

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Reitz Union Arts and Crafts Center

Come and enjoy doing some crafts with us!

Saturday, July 9 – Reitz Union Arts & Craft Center – 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Crafting with friends is a popular hobby here! Come try it for yourself, no experience necessary! Paint some pottery and keep your amazing piece, right here on campus! Bring between 8 and 20 dollars to pay for your piece that you paint! Hang out in the Reitz with friends and LAs when you are finished. Space is limited for this event.

Address: 686 Museum Rd, Lower Level, Gainesville, Florida 32611

You must sign up to attend this event – Space is limited! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ba9a823a02-reitz>

CIP Weekday Activities

Tuesday July 5th – Volleyball – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Come play volleyball and hang out at Lexington Crossing Apartments Phase 2! No experience necessary! Take bus 34 or 35.

Address: 3900 SW 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32608

Wednesday July 6th – Soccer – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

Address: Bledsoe Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611

Thursday July 7th – Tinker – 6:00 – 8:30

Come get amazing food and arepas at this Venezuelan restaurant with ELI friends! Take bus 1 or 5 to downtown!

Address: 502 S Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Friday July 8th – Café Friday – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Socialize with LAs and ELI friends at the Starbucks on Archer Road next to Burger Fi! Play games, speak English, and drink a coffee or get dinner at one of the restaurants nearby! Take bus 1.

Address: 3524 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608

Student Voices Reminder

We have a new deadline: July 15th. This semester, you have practiced writing a lot! Now is the time to show your new skills. Submit your writing to The ELI Student Voices! Do you want to share your writing with the ELI? The ELI Student Voices is a great opportunity! 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. Also, the best two pieces of writing will be recognized at the ELI Commencement ceremony at the end of the semester. 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. Please include your name and class. The last day to submit a piece of writing is July 15th. We can't wait to read your writing!

Language Studio Round Tables

If you are a part-time ELI Student not taking Listening/Speaking this semester, the Language Studio has some round table meetings each week that students can meet English speakers at who are interested in practicing some languages. This summer there is Spanish Mondays between 1 and 2pm and Japanese is Thursdays between 2 and 3pm. They are happy to welcome ELI students and would actually love to have native speakers of those languages present.

Santa Fe College Workshop

Representatives from Santa Fe College will present to ELI students on Wednesday, July 13th at 5pm in Matherly Hall, Room 11. 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.

Notes from the Office

I-20s Expiring: Please be sure to contact Daryl as soon as possible if your I-20 expiration date is coming up before the Fall semester. Also, if you are in the US now and plan to travel outside of the US during the break between semesters, please be sure to contact Daryl to get your I-20 signed.

People Out: Daryl will be out of the office all this week. Victoria will be out of the office on Friday 7/8 and Monday 7/11.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 4 to July 10:

Students:
July 7: Abdulelah Almutairi
July 9: Manal Almalki
July 9: Galymzhan Issabekov

Staff:
None this week!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do the American people wear flip-flops a lot?

A: This one's a classic "Gainesville" question. People all over the US wear a wide variety of shoes. Because we are in Florida and it's very hot, people here tend to wear the most comfortable shoes for the temperature and that happens to be flip-flops and sandals.

Grammar

Q: What's a phrasal verb?

A: A phrasal verb is a verb that adds another word (or words), usually a preposition, that changes the meaning of the action completely. For example, "I dropped him" is different from, "I dropped him off." In the first example, the meaning is very specific...it means

that I was carrying him, physically, and I couldn't or wouldn't hold on to him, and I dropped him. It can also mean that we were in a romantic relationship, and I ended it. In the second case, it means that I was transporting him, most likely in my car, and I drove him to his house and let him out of the car there.

The prepositions don't always make sense if you try to isolate them. Each time you change the preposition, you change the meaning entirely—basically, creating a new dictionary word. The only way to master phrasal verbs is to take notice of how they are used and practice, practice, practice, just like you would with any other new vocabulary.

Here are some useful phrasal verbs:

- I need to *make up* the exam that I missed last week.
- Can I *hand in* my essay late?
- *Put away* your cell phones, please!
- I had to *do* my homework *over* because I had too many mistakes.

Quote of the Week

I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday. And lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson



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