

# The ELI Weekly

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## Out and About: Upper Crust



by Valentina Gabino and the students of RW51

Upper Crust is a French bakery in Gainesville. It has two locations; one is in the Northwest part of town by the Fresh Market, and the other is in Haile Plantation. The bread and pastries are fresh and baked daily. My favorite pastries are the almond chocolate croissant and the raspberry cream cheese Danish. In addition to pastries, they have a large selection of bread. They also have drinks like Starbucks. Pastry prices range from \$2 to \$6, which is a good value for the quality. The first time I visited, they gave me a free croissant. Maybe they will give one to you, too.

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## Weekend Event

### Saturday, October 29th - Micanopy Fall Festival - 11:00am-3:00pm

Celebrate the Fall season at this festival – a cultural and seasonal tradition! Walk around the historic small town of Micanopy and shop for food, crafts, and other Fall items at this event! See music performances and a live auction! Admission is free, but bring money for lunch and shopping! Meet at Norman Parking Garage

You must sign up to attend this event and rides are limited. Please sign up for ONE slot: “I need a ride” if you need a ride in an LA’s car OR “I have my own ride” if you do NOT need a ride from us. Self-drivers are encouraged to meet us at Norman Hall.

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



- *Norman Parking Garage Address: Parking Garage 8 (Norman), Gainesville, FL 32601*
  - *Micanopy Address for self-drivers: 703 NE Chokolka Blvd, Micanopy, FL 32667*
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## CIP Weekday Activities

### Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Talk– 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*

### Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 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, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Painting at the Bat House – 5:45-8:45pm



Do some fun Fall activities with the ELI! Meet at Bat Houses in front of Lake Alice to paint mini pumpkins! Please come on time, pumpkins are given on a first come first serves basis. Watch the thousands of bats come out of the houses at sunset – A Gainesville, UF, and Halloween tradition! Stick around after to walk or drive to a campus haunted house for some scares! Wear your Halloween costume! Please be on time for this event.

Address: *Museum Rd, Gainesville, FL 32611*  
<https://goo.gl/maps/o5mrtxW9hGwLPxPP8>

### Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



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

Address: *Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603*

### Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at the Plaza – 12:30-2:30pm (No Gator Nights)



Bring a lunch to Plaza of the Americas to have lunch with LAs and ELI friends! You can bring food from home, get Krishna lunch, or get to-go food from across the street and bring it over! Play games and hang out with your friends outdoors during your Friday class break! Meet in Plaza of the Americas on Campus.

## Special Activities Next Week!!

### Monday, October 31st - Boo at the Zoo at Santa Fe College - 3:45-6:00pm



Celebrate Halloween at the Santa Fe Teaching Zoo! See the animals and all the amazing Halloween decorations throughout the small zoo!! Admission is one canned food item for donation. Wear costumes and see lots of people dressed up for the holiday! If time and conditions allow, stop by a nearby pumpkin patch after the Zoo! Finish before 6pm so you still have time for all your other Halloween plans!

Remember there are NO ELI classes this day.

If you are doing Santa Fe International Center advising, it is a short walk to the activity from your advising session! Make a Santa Fe day out of both the activity and advising with your day off!

*Address: 3000 NW 83 St Building Z, Gainesville, FL 32606*

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## Other CIP Reminders

**CIP Passports:** Don't forget to get your CIP Passport Stickers from the activity leaders AT the event (not after). Redeem your completed passport for a small gift and photo for the ELI Instagram! Remember the CIP Pineapple is hidden in a new place every Monday in the CIP office. Stop by and find it!



**Conversation Partners (CPs):** Want to make a friend and speak English? Sign up for a conversation partner! Wait two weeks to be paired and then meet your new partner for one hour a week to practice conversation and make a friend! If you are a returner and still want a CP, you should still sign up here, even if you had a partner last semester.

Sign up for a CP here!: <https://forms.gle/h5NyWTrkpE331zzS7>

Remember, if you sign up, you must meet your partner at least once a week and respond to their messages. Email [conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu) if you have any questions or problems.

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## Notes from the Office

### New Student Life and Special Programs Coordinator

**Goodbye Victoria!** Remember that this week is Victoria's last week in the ELI office! Her last day at the ELI is Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. After that you will need to go to the UF International Center in the Hub to visit her. Be sure to stop by to say thank you and goodbye before she leaves!



**Thank you, Christine!** Our own core faculty member Christine Voigt is stepping up to serve as Student Life and Special Programs Coordinator for the ELI. Please join us in thanking her! Christine's first day will be Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Christine is still teaching her classes for the rest of the fall semester, so you will find her in the Student Life Office (in 223 Matherly Hall) Monday through Thursday from 9:00am – 12:30pm and 3:30pm – 4:00pm. On Fridays she will be there from 9:00am – 10:00am and 12:30pm – 4:00pm. Thank you, Christine!

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### Santa Fe College Workshop and ELI Day at Santa Fe!

**Santa Fe Workshop:** Representatives from the Santa Fe College will speak to ELI students on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm in 214 Matherly Hall. This is a great opportunity to learn about SF and their admissions process. If you are thinking about attending Santa Fe College, this is a great opportunity to get information and meet their International Student Services team.

**ELI Day at Santa Fe:** Additionally, Santa Fe College is hosting an ELI Day at Santa Fe. On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, any current ELI student can visit Santa Fe College to finalize the steps for their admission in the spring, review their pending application, or start a new application to the College. ELI students will meet one-on-one with an Advisor at Santa Fe. ELI students will also be able to take the Santa Fe College placement exam on the 31<sup>st</sup> and discuss their spring classes. October 31<sup>st</sup> is an ELI teacher workday, so there are no ELI classes that day.

October 31<sup>st</sup> is Halloween, so everyone at the SFC ISS office will be dressed up in Halloween costumes. ELI students can also attend ELI Day at Santa Fe in Halloween costumes and will be able to win prizes for the best costumes! Later that afternoon, the ELI activity will be Boo at the Zoo at the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo, so you can make a day of it!

ELI Day at Santa Fe will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 4pm. Students should sign up for a slot to meet with a SFC Advisor on this [electronic sign-up form using SignUpGenius](#).

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## Other Notes from the Office

**Teacher Workday:** There are no ELI classes on Monday, October 31, so that your instructors can have a planning day.

**Check your I20s:** If your I-20 is expiring soon, make an appointment with Daryl in MAT 223 to renew your I-20 before it expires.

**Student Voices:** Don't forget to send your original writing to Student Voices so that the ELI can celebrate your writing. You can submit any of your work that you wish to see published. It can be from any class or something you have written on your own, but ask your teachers for help editing! You can email it to Olga Moody ([omoodu@ufl.edu](mailto:omoodu@ufl.edu)) or to your teacher. Please include your name and class on your submission. The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 18th.

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## Photo of the Week



ELI students at Skate Station Funworks!

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## Birthdays



### Students:

- 10/27-Veronica Herlinda Lima Bornas

### Staff:

- 10/28-Grace Johnson
- 10/30-Christine Voigt

## Manners & Culture

*Q: When I go to the bakery and pay with a credit card, the machine asks if I want to leave a tip. Am I expected to leave a tip in that situation?*

If you are ordering, picking up your order, and cleaning your own table, you are not obligated to leave a tip. If a server brings you your food and cleans up after you, you should leave a tip of 15-20%. In the bakery, you probably ordered and took your food with you, so you do not need to leave a tip. However, if you think the service is fantastic, you can leave a tip even if it is not expected.

*Q: Should I tip an Uber driver?*

It is standard procedure to tip Uber drivers in the US. You should tip between 10-20%. You can use the in-app payment or pay a cash tip directly to the driver.

*Q: Am I expected to tip on a delivery?*

Tipping for food delivery is standard in the US. It is standard to tip about 15-20%, or no less than \$5.00.

## Notes from the Editor

- Share your special experiences of campus, Gainesville, Florida, and your country by sending me your stories for the *Weekly*.
- Do you have grammar questions? Do you have manners and culture questions? Share them with us!
- Send your material to Maya ([mshastri@ufl.edu](mailto:mshastri@ufl.edu)). Use the subject heading, 'ELI Weekly.'



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