

# The ELI Weekly

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## Out and About: “Rainesville” and “Jailesville”

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Standing at the bus stop in “Rainesville”

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I’ve been in Gainesville since September 2022, and I love living in here. However, as a Korean, there are a few things I’m not used to. The weather in Gainesville is almost always warm, but it then rains suddenly almost every day. Therefore, we call this city “Rainesville”. In this city, there are many places to go and things to do, such as springs, parks, and downtown. However, for people without cars, getting around is too difficult, so we also call this city “Jailesville”. Now, I’m overwhelmingly happy and satisfied with my life here in Gainesville, but I think that I would love this city more and more if I had my own car.

## Weekend Event

**Saturday, November 5th – Florida Museum of Natural History – 1:00-3:30pm**



See amazing fossils and learn about Florida’s natural history with ELI friends! Go to the butterfly garden to see hundreds of butterflies and get some great photo opportunities! Free with a Gator1 ID! Meet in front of the museum at 1:00pm. Take bus 20 or 21!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-museum> (opens in new tab)

*Address: 3215 Hull Rd, Gainesville, FL 32611*

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## CIP Weekday Activities

### Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>– 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! Finish before 6pm so you still have time for all your other Halloween plans!

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

### Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</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, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



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

Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

### Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</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

### Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Gator Nights – 6:30-9:30pm



Get ready for Gator Nights' Disney and Marvel themed event! Do the fun activities with ELI friends and see what entertainment the Reitz has planned! Bring your Gator 1 ID and meet outside the Reitz Lawn entrance!

Address: 686 Museum Rd, Gainesville, FL 32611

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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> (opens in new tab)

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) (opens in new tab) if you have any questions or problems.

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## ELI Day at Santa Fe

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](#). (opens in new tab)

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## International Education Week #IEW2022



International Education Week (#IEW2022) is November 14 – 18, 2022. UF is hosting many events, like the World Flags Display Event. You may sign up to carry one or multiple flags at the Plaza of the Americas on November 14, between 11am-2pm. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/4rj8xj3y> The ELI family is welcome to attend any of the UF events on campus, listed here: <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/events/international-education-week>

The ELI also has activities to celebrate International Education Week. Join in the Spirit Week activities and show us your country's language, colors, and clothing!

Also, tell us your international stories and we will share them in the *Weekly* and on social media! Tell us stories about study abroad, an international friend, or a language or culture study. Send video, audio, or brief written stories with photos to show how being involved in international education impacts your life. Please make sure audio and videos are brief and clear. The deadline is November 12<sup>th</sup>. Send your international stories to Maya ([mshastri@ufl.edu](mailto:mshastri@ufl.edu)).

### Monday 11/14: Sports Day.

Wear your team colors/jersey/shirt. Show your team spirit!

### Tuesday 11/15: Two for Tuesday - Twin Day!

Dress like your bestie, an LA, or ELI Instructor.

### Wednesday 11/16: Dress for success.

Wear the clothes of your dream job.

### Thursday 11/17: Country Day.

Wear your country traditional dress, colors, or country flags.

### Friday 11/18: Languages Day.

Wear something with languages on it.

## Notes from the Office

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

**Out of the Office:** Min will be out of the office on November 7th, and Jennifer Van will be out on November 10th. Please plan around these days if you need to speak to Min or Jennifer.

**Time Change:** On Sunday, November 6 at 2am, we will change from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time. Your phones, computers, and most computer-controlled devices with clocks will automatically set themselves back one hour, but you will have to manually set your other clocks (like on your microwave) back yourself. If you somehow forget, you could wind up showing up an hour early for classes on Monday!

**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.

*(Notes from the office, continued)*

**Financial Guarantees for Spring:** Dear scholarship students, we hope to see you again in the Spring! Therefore, we have sent you an early reminder to request your new financial guarantee letter for the Spring semester, if you plan to return. Most of your financial guarantees will expire this December, which means that you will need to submit a new financial guarantee by the tuition deadline of January 26<sup>th</sup> for the Spring C semester to avoid owing a late fee. If you need an enrollment letter or if you have any questions, please email Jennifer Vann at [jvann@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:jvann@eli.ufl.edu) ([opens in new tab](#)).

**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 painting pumpkins for Halloween

## Birthdays!



### Students:

- 11/3-Seoyoung Kwon

### Staff:

- none
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## Grammar

*Q: Why don't Americans pronounce the words the way they are written?*

A: English is a combination of many different languages, mainly with Germanic, Latin, and Celtic roots. Because there are so many different languages with their own sound system and spelling system, the spelling in English got a little crazy over the decades and centuries. In addition, there was NO standardized spelling in English at all until well into the 19th Century. On top of that, the way words are pronounced today has changed, but we keep the old spelling. For all these reasons, learning how to pronounce words correctly is frustrating. Here are some crazy examples:

- too, shoe, flew, through, true
  - toe, sew, flow, though
  - laid, paid, said,
  - bread, bead, lead (verb), lead (metal)
  - bologna, pony
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## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why do Americans hug so much?*

The hug is a greeting that says “you are my friend and I trust you like family.” On the college campus, students are away from families, so hugging might be more common on campus than in other places or in other stages of life. Luckily, American culture is also fairly accepting of people who do not like to hug. If you do not like to hug, a wave is acceptable in informal situations and a handshake in formal situations.

*(Manners & Culture, continued)*

*Q: Why do Americans wear casual clothes to class?*

There is actually a book called, *Dress Casual: How College Students Redefined American Style*, by Deirdra Clemente. She claims that college students in the last century have increasingly caused American clothing to become more and more casual. She recounts the history of casual clothing US campuses from sports coats to tennis shoes to shorts and how this clothing became more mainstream. So when you see those students in their pajamas walking to class, you might be seeing the next big fashion trend in American clothes!

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### 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 stories and questions to Maya ([mshastri@ufl.edu](mailto:mshastri@ufl.edu)). Use the subject heading, 'ELI Weekly.'



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