

The ELI Weekly

Gators on Campus



ELI students at the Gator Ubiquity sculpture

Gator Ubiquity is the name of the sculpture between Matherly and Bryan Halls. It depicts an alligator on top of the Earth. The sculpture is eight feet tall and 6 feet wide. It is made of bronze and weighs about 1,500 lbs. It symbolizes the impact and relationships of UF Gators all over the world, and now you are part of this group! *Gator Ubiquity* is not the only gator art on campus. As you explore campus, see if you can find gator statues, sculptures, and other gator artwork. There are also real gators on campus that are visible close to or in the ponds on campus. The little pond just outside the Reitz Union is one place you can see alligators.

CIP Weekday Activities

Monday, January 23rd – Coffee Talk– 6:30-9:00pm



Socialize with LAs and ELI friends at the **Panera Bread** on Newberry Road next to Oaks Mall! Play games, speak English, and drink a coffee or get dinner or go shopping at the nearby mall! Take bus 5 or 20 to Oaks Mall and walk a few minutes from there.

Address: *6017 W Newberry Rd, Gainesville, FL 32605*

Tuesday, January 24th – 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, January 25th – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



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

Address: *Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603*

Thursday, January 26th – Midpoint Eatery– 5:30-7:30pm



Come get dinner after your last class and take fun pictures at this cool spot! Hanging lights, umbrellas, hammocks, and big lawn chairs make for a fun vibe with ELI friends! Take bus 46 or just walk 15 minutes from campus!

Address: *931 SW 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601*

Friday, January 27th – Reitz Game Room – 6:30-9:00pm



Hang out with ELI friends and play pool or go bowling! Pool and bowling are at a discounted cost with your Gator ID, but board games and socializing are free!

Address: *655 Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611*

Weekend Event

Saturday, January 28th—Hoggetowne Medieval Faire—11:00am-3:00pm



Travel through time to this magical festival celebrating history and fantasy! See jousting tournaments, buy interesting foods, crafts, costumes and more! Play games, see kings and queens and enjoy this cultural festival you won't want to miss! Tickets are 20 dollars at the door. Meet at Norman Parking Garage.

You must sign up to attend this event here, please read the details on the signup for more information about the event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-hoggetowne> (opens in new tab)

Other CIP Reminders

CIP Passport Stickers

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 for more stickers!

CIP PASSPORT

This is an optional way to have fun and get involved with CIP!

CIP Passport

Monday Activity	Tuesday Activity	Wednesday Activity	Thursday Activity	Friday Activity	Saturday Activity	Sunday Pineapple
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Fill out the full card for a surprise and a social media feature!
at English Language Institute

How does it work?

1. Get stickers from the sponsor (staff or LA) from each activity!
 - o To fill out your card, you should go to each one twice throughout the semester!
2. Find the pineapple!
 - o Stop by the CIP office every week to try to find a tiny hidden pineapple! The first one of the week to find it gets their picture posted. Find it twice to fill out your card!
3. When your card is all filled, bring it to the CIP office for a surprise and get featured on social media!

FIND THE PINEAPPLE!

STOP BY THE CIP OFFICE EVERY WEEK TO TRY AND FIND THE HIDDEN MINI PINEAPPLE! THE FIRST ONE OF THE WEEK TO FIND IT GETS THEIR PICTURE POSTED. BUT ANYONE CAN STILL FIND IT AFTER THAT! FIND IT TWICE TO FILL OUT YOUR CARD!

Conversation Partners



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 returning student 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/8nDmxEbrzaSP92Cj8>

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 if you have any questions or problems.

Basketball Tickets for Sale Next Week



The ELI is going to the Gator Basketball game on February 11th! You can buy tickets from Tate in the CIP Office starting NEXT week (1/30) with 20 dollars cash and your gator1 ID card from 9am to 12:30pm Monday through Thursday. Tickets are limited!

Notes from the Office

Deadlines: The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, submit proof of insurance and immunizations, and turn in a signed waiver of liability, is Wednesday, **January 25th**. If you miss any of these deadlines, you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee! If you have questions about paying tuition or submitting a financial guarantee, email Jennifer Vann at jvann@eli.ufl.edu. If you have questions about insurance or immunizations, email Christine Voigt at christinevoigt@ufl.edu.

Withdrawing: Students who withdraw from a course or from the ELI after the drop/add deadline (**January 25th**) will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

Birthdays!

Here are the birthdays from January 1 to January 29.

Students

- Mazen Al-Hammadi 1/1
- Mohammed Alobaid 1/1
- Veronica Rojas Villamizar 1/2
- Sojeong Kim 1/3
- Hyerim Yu 1/6
- Juho Kim 1/7
- Noura Altarif 1/10
- Uiin Jee 1/10
- Masako Kondo 1/12
- Jiwon Cho 1/16
- Georgios Kalfagiannis 1/19
- Youssef Zakhia Dahdah 1/22



Staff

- Debbie Sakalla 1/1
- Lynne Clark 1/24
- Tate Quinones 1/26

Notes from the Editor



The *ELI Weekly* needs you! You can participate in several ways:

- Email grammar questions for me to put in the *Weekly*.
- Email manners and culture questions for me to put in the *Weekly*.
- Write a paragraph about your experiences this semester. You could write about an ELI activity, a Gainesville event, a fabulous local restaurant, or tell us about a place or event in your country that we should visit!

Send your questions and stories to Maya (mshastri@ufl.edu). Use the subject heading: the ELI Weekly.



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