

# The ELI Weekly

## Where in the World?

This semester, the ELI has 117 students from 25 countries. Ask your classmates where they are from!



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| Bolivia      | Cuba    | Italy         | Panama               | United States of America |
| Brazil       | Ecuador | Japan         | Paraguay             | Uruguay                  |
| Burkina Faso | Greece  | Korea (South) | Peru                 | Venezuela                |
| Chile        | Haiti   | Kuwait        | Saudi Arabia         | Viet Nam                 |
| Colombia     | India   | Morocco       | United Arab Emirates | Yemen                    |

## CIP Weekday Activities

### Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Talk — 6:30-9:00pm



Socialize with LAs and ELI friends at the **Starbucks** on Archer Road! Play games, speak English, and drink a coffee or get dinner at the restaurants nearby! Take bus 1, 12, or 34.

*Address: 3524 SW Archer Rd #160, Gainesville, FL 32608*

### Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Volleyball – 5:30-8:00pm



Come play volleyball and hang out at **Cabana Beach Apartments** Volleyball Courts! No experience necessary! Take bus 20 or 21. **Please note new location.**

*Address: 1601 SW 51st Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32607*

### Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



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

*Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603*

### Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Museum Nights at the Harn – 6:00-9:00pm



Explore the beautiful Harn museum for free on UF Campus as they host their monthly event! The theme this month is Noche de Museo celebrating Latin America with dance, song, art, and more! Meet LAs and friends at the entrance of the Harn Museum of Art. Take bus 20 or 21.

*Address: 3259 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32608*

### Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – 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*

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## Volunteer Weekend



Help the local Gainesville community through one of these volunteering opportunities! There are 4 different activities on Saturday and Sunday, but **please only sign up for one.**

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-volunteer4>

**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am to 2:30pm**

### Habitat for Humanity

Help this nonprofit organization with building/repairing a house for an underprivileged family. Your help with this home keeps a family in need housed!

*Meet at Norman Parking Garage*

**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am to 12:30pm**

### Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs

Go to a facility for medical service dogs in training and play with puppies and help to maintain the facility! These dogs help people with medical issues in amazing ways and your help to maintain the facility helps them gift these dogs to people in need for free!

*Meet at Norman Parking Garage*

**Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> – 12:30pm to 2:00pm**

### Project Downtown Gainesville

Help serve food to the unsheltered community of Gainesville! Have a chance to speak in English and provide food to those who need it. Meet in front of City Hall. Take bus 5 or 1.

*Address: 200 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601*

**Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am to 1:45pm**

### Millcreek Horse Farm

Come help this retirement home for horses! Your help maintaining the farm keeps the horses happy, safe, and housed after a hard life. After the work, you will have a chance to feed the horses!

*Meet at Norman Parking Garage*

## Other CIP Reminders

### Gator football tickets on sale this week

Buy tickets now for the CIP activity on 9/23! We are selling football tickets starting this week until they are sold out! Come to the CIP Office between 9am and 12:30pm. Bring your Gator1 ID and 20 dollars exact cash. Tickets are limited! The game will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and we will meet at 6:15pm to enter the stadium together.



**Tickets and guest policy:** During the FIRST WEEK of sales (this week), ELI students can only purchase tickets for themselves and their immediate family members (spouse, children, parents, siblings). If students want to buy tickets for additional guests (friends, roommates, etc.) they can do so during the SECOND WEEK of sales (next week) if tickets are still available. Former students and other friends of the ELI can also buy tickets the second week of sales, but not the first week.

### CIP Passport

Don't forget to get your CIP Passport hole punched from the activity leaders AT the event (not after). We will no longer hole punch passports after the event. 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 hole punches!

### Pineapples, pineapples, pineapples!



Stop by the CIP office every week to try and find the hidden mini pineapple! The first student of the week to find it gets their picture posted, but anyone can still find it after that. Find it four times to get all the hole punches for your CIP Passport!

### Conversation Partners (CPs)

Sign up for a CP here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrc0-3vxQmpyStsHOW0DQcoPfk5yJYDzOuWLMq3nIaj2wg/viewform>

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 or stop by the CIP office to see Will during his office hours.





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## Notes from the Office

**Class Attendance:** Your attendance is important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day. Please remember that this also includes time spent in the hallway instead of the classroom.

**Lost and Found:** Have you lost your car keys, student ID card, driver's license, wallet, or some other important item? Many times, when people find an item, they bring it to the office for safe keeping. When you lose something, please come by the ELI Main Office (MAT223) and see if it is in the lost and found.

**Hallways:** Many UF faculty and staff have offices in classroom buildings, just like Matherly Hall and Norman. Please remember to speak softly in the buildings. Please do not block the hallways or staircases by sitting in them.

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## Photo of the Week



*ELI students at the soccer activity!*

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## Birthdays!

No birthdays this week!

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## Culture

**Q:** *In the USA, can I call my teacher “Teacher” like this: “Teacher Maya?”*

**A:** We do not say “Teacher Maya” in the United States. We have very specific forms of address for formal and informal situations.

**Informal address:** This is easy! You only use the person’s first name. If your teacher wants you to be informal, she will tell you, “Call me Maya.”

**Formal address:** For a more respectful way to address people, we use a title plus the last name.

- Men: Mister (Mr.) Smith
  - Women: Miss Smith for a young girl, Missus (Mrs.) Smith for a married woman, and Ms. Smith for a woman when you don’t know if she is married or not.
  - At the university, you will also hear two titles “Doctor” and “Professor”. Doctor is only for people who have earned their PhD or medical degree. Professor can be used for any teaching staff with a master’s or PhD. Remember that you would still use the *last or family* name with these, so if Maya wants you to use a formal address, you might use any of these: Ms. Shastri, Mrs. Shastri, or Professor Shastri.
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## Grammar

**Q:** *Do I use “much” or “many” with money?*

**A:** While both words mean “a lot,” we use the word “much” with things that cannot be counted and “many” with plural count nouns. The word “money” is non-count, so we use “much.”

- I don’t have much money.
- How much money is in the bank account?

However, if we are talking about units of money (coins, bills) then we will use “many.”

- I have many one-dollar bills in my wallet.
- She asked me for many coins from my country for her world coin collection.

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## Notes from the Editor



When you see or do cool things on campus, in Gainesville, and around Florida, share them with your ELI family by sending a paragraph and a photo to me to put in the Weekly.

Are you curious about the culture of Gainesville? Send a culture question for me to put in the Weekly.

Is grammar getting you down? Send a grammar question to me and see the answer in the Weekly!

Send stories and questions to Maya ([mshastri@ufl.edu](mailto:mshastri@ufl.edu)).



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