

The ELI Weekly

Scholarship Nominees



It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. The nominees all worked very hard this semester and achieved the following criteria:

- Full-time C semester student
- Academic Excellence
- Outstanding Progress
- Excellent Attendance and Participation
- Practices English
- Successful Academic Work Strategies
- Intercultural Understanding/ Relationships
- See more about the scholarship here:

<https://eli.ufl.edu/application-information/scholarship/>

Please join us in congratulating these nominees for the ELI scholarship to study in the Spring 2024 semester!

Jaime Baeza Hernandez

Diana Barragan Caicedo

Yuritzi Camargo Gonzalez

Yureidy Chinchilla Romero

Morgana De Souza Miranda

Gabriel Maza Gutierrez

Yamilia Morffe Tillan

Danney Pamplona Cardenas

Jiyeon "Journie" Park

CIP Weekday Activities

Monday, October 30th – 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, October 31st – Boo at the Zoo – 5:00-7:00pm



Celebrate Halloween at this annual festival at the Santa Fe Teaching Zoo! Walk through the zoo, completely transformed for Halloween, and trick or treat with the staff while looking at some animals! Make sure to wear a costume and bring one canned food item as an entry fee for their food drive! After trick or treating, stay in the area for performances, food trucks, and more! Take bus 43 to Santa Fe.

Meet the ELI at 5:00 right next to the big Santa Fe Teaching Zoo sign. Come on time so we can all enter together! Call Grace or Tate if you need help finding us.

Address: 3000 NW 83rd St. Gainesville, FL 32606

Wednesday, November 1st – 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, November 2nd – Volleyball – 6:30-9:00pm



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

Address: 3700 SW 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32608

Friday, November 3rd – Gator Nights – 6:30-9:30pm



Check out the fun activities the Reitz has planned for the Gator Nights theme this week: Flashback Friday! Meet at the Reitz Union Game Room then go with LAs to register and do all the fun activities! Make sure to have your GatorIID.

Address: 655 Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611

Weekend Activity

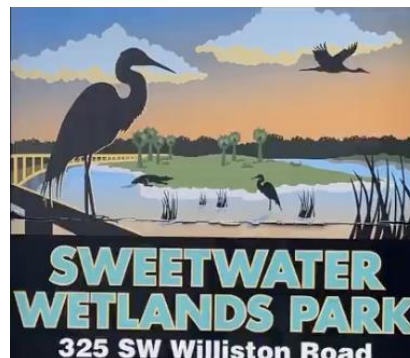
Saturday November 4th - Sweetwater Wetlands Nature Trail - 10:30am - 12:45pm

Come see this beautiful nature preserve with picturesque Florida nature. You might even see some alligators! Enjoy the outdoors with your ELI friends and take lots of pictures! Meet at **Norman Parking Garage** at 10:30am.

Ride slots are limited, but those with cars are welcome to drive themselves and help drive other students if you'd like to!

Sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-45605313-sweetwater>



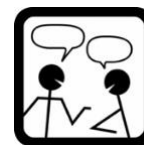
Other CIP Reminders

CIP Passports: 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!

Passport Winners in the Weekly: We would like to recognize the passport winners in the Weekly. Please let Tate know when you win if you do not want to have your name in the Weekly.

Conversation Partners (CPs): Sign up for a CP

here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScroo-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 if you have any questions or problems or stop by the CIP office to see Will during his office hours.

Notes from the Office

Backpacks: Please do not leave backpacks or any of your belongings in the hallway or in classrooms. When you leave your things alone, they might get taken.

People Out: Christine is out of the office Monday, October 30, and Daryl is out of the office on Friday, November 3. Please plan around these days if you need to talk to Christine or Daryl.

Student Voices: We love to see our students writing! Every semester, we take your writing and publish it in Student Voices. Past submissions have included paragraphs, essays, creative stories, recipes, letters, obituaries, poetry, creative stories, class projects, and other interesting works on a variety of topics. I encourage you to submit anything 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 (omood@ufl.edu) or to your teacher. Please include your name and class on your submission. The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 3.

Time Change: On Sunday, November 5 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!



Veterans Day: Friday, November 10 is a holiday. There are no ELI classes, and the ELI office is closed on Veterans Day.

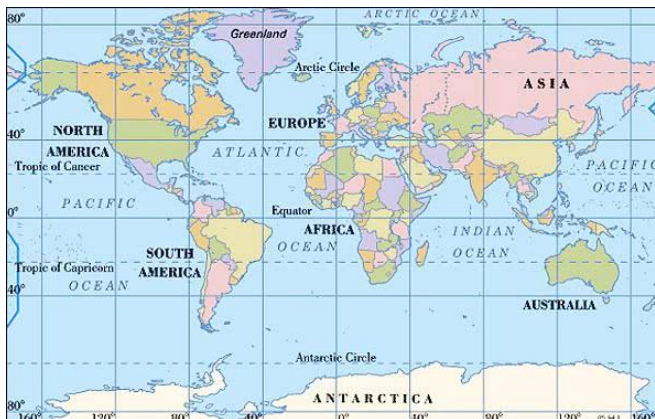
Check your I20s: If your I-20 is expiring soon, make an appointment with Daryl in MAT 223 to renew your I-20 before it expires.

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 25 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 Iman Walford Vann at jvann@eli.ufl.edu.

Where in the World?

We have 39 B-term students this semester from the following 11 countries. Welcome to the ELI!

- Brazil
- China
- Ecuador
- Honduras
- Korea (south)
- Kuwait
- Mexico
- Saudi Arabia
- Taiwan
- United States of America
- Venezuela



Special Event this Week

Trick-or-Treat at the ELI: October 31st is Halloween! The ELI is going to celebrate by having a Trick or Treat event, one day only! Any student can visit the offices listed below for a piece of candy *before* or *after* class. If you wear a costume, you'll get a bonus! So dress up and experience an American Halloween by trick or treating!!

Offices to visit:

- Main Office (MAT 223)
- CIP Office (MAT 211)
- Christine's Office (MAT 225F)
- Resource Room (MAT 220)
- Daryl's Office
- Megan's Office
- Patti's Office



Special Events in November

International Education Week



International Education Week is November 13 – 17, 2023. 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 13, between 11am-2pm. Signup is here: <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/world-flags-display-global-programs-tabling> 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 spirit! Each day for a week, we will ask you to show your international spirit in a different way. Here is the schedule for Spirit Week:

- 11/13 Monday, Country Colors
- 11/14 Tuesday, Fandom Day
- 11/15 Wednesday, Career Day
- 11/16 Thursday: Languages Day
- 11/17 Friday: Sports Day

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 10th. Send your international stories to Maya (mshastri@ufl.edu).

On **November 9th** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, the ELI will be partnering with the Language Studio for an **International Mixer**! You will get to meet many UF students who are excited to learn about your languages and cultures! ELI students are encouraged to wear traditional clothing and share a traditional snack from their country! Please also feel free bring any culture items for show and tell! Socialize with many new people, learn about other countries, do fun small activities, and visit the Language Studio. More details to come in the next ELI Weekly. Start thinking about what you want to show and share!

ELI Milestones

Here at the ELI, we have some very dedicated faculty and staff!

Do you know how long staff, teachers, and LAs have been at the ELI? Can you guess? You might be surprised!

Over the next few weeks, we are going to celebrate ELI faculty and staff who have reached a *milestone* in their time at the ELI this year. This week, we'd like to give a shout out to everyone who has been at the ELI for **at least one year, but fewer than two years:**

- Natalie Claytor
- Will Fletcher
- Grace Johnson
- Mia Johnson
- Leah Mazur

Be sure to thank them for their dedication!

Photo of the Week



Soccer!

Birthdays!

Students:

- Mawaddah Hamza, 10/30

Staff:

- Christine Voigt, 10/30



Manners & Culture

Q: My teacher said, "Come to my office hour." What is an office hour?

A: An office hour is time that your teacher has reserved for students. During this time, students can come to the teacher's office and ask the teacher questions about assignments or class, such as grammar, vocabulary, slang, culture, or anything else students want to know more about. Sometimes, students will just come by the office to say hi and chat during office hours, and that is ok too!

Grammar

Q: Why is "almost students" wrong in the following sentence?

- *Almost UF students wear flip flops to class.*

A: The phrase "almost students" is missing a quantity word. The sentences below have a quantity word and now the sentence makes sense:

- Almost **all** UF students wear flip flops to class.
 - Almost **30% of** UF students wear flip flops to class.
 - Almost **200** UF students wear flip flops to class.
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Notes from the Editor



Come by my office (221 MAT) and help me write the *Out and About* section! There are so many topics to write about—a fun activity, an interesting place on campus, a club or hobby that you enjoy, or even tell us about a place to visit in your country. Bring a photo of your experience and put it in the Weekly.

Send stories and grammar, manners, or culture questions to Maya Shastri (mshastri@ufl.edu).



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