

The ELI Weekly

Weekend Events

We have two weekend events this week! You are welcome to attend both but if you do, you will need to leave the first event early to make it to the second event on time. Both activities are on the same sign up. Please only sign up if you are sure you will attend. You must sign up to attend these events: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-47826602-arts>

Saturday February 17th – Black History Month Celebration at Depot Park – 11:30am to 2:30pm – Meet at Rosa Parks Bus Station

Celebrate Black History Month with the City of Gainesville at Depot Park where student organizations from multiple Florida Universities will be performing in a step show/stroll competition! The day will include a marching band performance, dance and step shows, a dance party, local vendors, and food trucks! Bring some spending money if you'd like to buy food. The ELI will meet at Rosa Parks Transfer Station and walk over to the Depot Park site together. Many buses go directly to Rosa Parks. If you want to find the ELI easily, please meet us on time at the bus station.

Address: 700 SE 3rd St, Gainesville, FL 32601



Saturday February 17th – Reitz Union Arts & Crafts – 2:00 – 4:30pm – Meet at the Reitz Arts & Crafts Center on the Lower Level



Get your imagination flowing for the Reitz Union Arts and Crafts Center this Saturday for an afternoon of painting pottery. Choose from the selections of cups, bowls and cute ceramic animals for your very own DIY piece! Bring 10 to 20 dollars for your potter and paint purchase (or more if you want to do more pieces). The center is located on the lower level and the elevator button to push is LL.

Address: 686 Museum Rd, Lower Level Gainesville, Florida 32611

CIP Weekday Activities

Monday, February 12th – 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, February 13th – 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

Wednesday, February 14th – 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, February 15th – Paris Banh Mi – 6:00-8:00pm



Come out to this local Vietnamese restaurant and enjoy some boba tea, sandwiches, pastries, and more! Have a great night of dinner and conversation with your ELI friends! It is just a couple minutes walking from the ELI!

Address: 50 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32603

Friday, February 16th – Game Night– 6:30-9:00pm



Come and hang out in the **Reitz Game Room** with ELI friends! Go bowling, play pool, board games and more for a small fee for UF students! Bring your Gator1 ID for cheaper rates and to rent boardgames for free.

Address: 655 Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611

Other CIP Reminders

Conversation Partners



Want to meet with a fluent English speaker and make a new friend? Sign up for a CP! If you choose to sign up, you must meet with your partner for one hour a week. It can take up to two weeks to get a partner from when you sign up. Please sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/Vs8dgX3R8qGvT1Ed7>

Please email Will at conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu for any issues, questions or concerns or visit him in the CIP Office during office hours.

CIP Passports

Don't forget to get your CIP Passport hole punched from the activity leaders AT the event (not after). **We don't hole punch passports after the event.** Redeem your completed passport for a small gift a photo for the ELI Instagram, and your name published in the ELI weekly!

Need a new CIP Passport? Stop by the CIP Office!

Remember the CIP Pineapple is hidden in a new place every Monday in the CIP office. Stop by and find it for hole punches!

Notes from the Office

People out: Christine and Tate will both be out February 15-17. Please plan around these dates if you need to talk to them.

No classes: Monday, February 19 is an instructor workday. There are no classes, but the main office will be open.

No Smoking on Campus: UF does not permit smoking on campus. This includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco (chew or dip). The ban on smoking means students cannot smoke in buildings, outdoor sitting areas, parking lots, garages, and on roadways.

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, March 29.

Photo of the Week



Volunteer Day!

Birthdays!

Students:

- Huyen Truong, 2/14
- Talal Alshammari, 2/17
- Luciana Modica, 2/17

Staff:

- No birthdays!



Manners & Culture

Q: A friend gave me a Valentine's card and candy. We are just friends. Isn't Valentine's Day for romantic partners?

A: Valentine's Day is a great chance to celebrate friendship as well as love. If you read the greeting cards in the store, you will find many options celebrating friendship. Valentine's Day also celebrates other types of love, not just romantic love, like the love between parent and child or siblings' love. With this in mind, here are some ways you might see Americans celebrating friendship on Valentine's Day:

- having a game night with friends
- getting together to cook or bake
- having a movie marathon
- going for a walk together
- going out to dinner together
- organizing a craft night for friends
- giving candy to friends and classmates

Life is
BETTER
with
FRIENDS

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY!
TO ONE OF THE BEST!

Grammar

Q: When speaking English, do we usually say on Feb 2, 2022, or in Feb 2, 2022? Is it right to say in February or on February?

A: The rule for prepositions of time for dates is the following:

Use **in** + month, year, century, or season.

- I was born **in** March, **in** the twentieth century, **in** spring

Use **on** + date, weekday, weekday morning, afternoon, evening.

- I was born **on** October 30.
- I was born **on** Wednesday morning.

Use **at** + noon, night, clock time, present.

- I was born **at** 10 p.m.
 - I was not born **at** night.
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Joke of the Week

Q: What has more letters than the alphabet?

A: The post office!

Notes from the Editor



Hello? Hello? Is anyone out there? I need your help with the ELI Weekly. Send me a paragraph about fun activities you have tried in Florida or send me a story about an interesting place in your country. Send me grammar questions, culture questions, or even jokes. Send them to mshastri@ufl.edu. Use the subject heading ELI Weekly.