



## The ELI Weekly

### Commencement Ceremony

**Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, Rion East Ballroom in the Reitz Union, 10:00am-noon**



Congratulations on making it to the end of the semester! We hope you learned more English, made some wonderful friends and had some fun, as well. You should all be very proud of yourselves, and we'd like to celebrate your accomplishments at our Commencement Ceremony on Friday. At the ceremony, we will recognize our scholarship and award winners and reflect on this semester at the ELI.

Please invite your family and friends to join us for Commencement and help celebrate. All of your teachers and language assistants and ELI administration will be there too!

### Completed CIP Passports

Congrats to students who completed their CIP Passports! Thank you for being so involved with the CIP!

- Youngjin Jeon
- Haneul Kim
- Bader Alyami
- Gaeun Hong
- Taeyi Kang
- Taeun Kim
- Hyojeong Lee
- Seyoung Ha



## Last Day of Classes

Thursday, April 25, is the final day of ELI classes this Spring. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, April 24. If you are absent on Thursday, your absence will not be counted for immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. All absences on April 22, 23, and 24 still count!!! You should not miss class these days!

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, April 25. Your teachers and LAs have fun and interesting lessons and activities planned. However, we know many ELI students are making preparations to leave Gainesville, so are very busy this last week. If you will not be attending class on Thursday, April 25, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, April 23. Your teachers and LAs need to know how many students to plan for.

All of your teachers and LAs will be at the ELI Commencement Ceremony on Friday, April 26. We hope you will be there, too!

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## Certificates and Grades

Semester certificates will be available immediately after the Commencement Ceremony at the Rion Auditorium, and grade reports will be available in my.ELI by Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Certificates can also be picked up in the ELI Main Office after Commencement when the office re-opens at 2:30pm. If you would like a friend or family member to pick up your certificate for you, please stop by the ELI office by Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you.

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## Leaving the ELI

If you are leaving the ELI, we hope you will share your experiences with your friends and family. Also, please keep your email updated with us. When the ELI travels internationally for conferences and events, we invite alumni to join us.



If you are interested in acting as an ELI Ambassador to assist future Gators in your country apply to the ELI, please let Lia Brenneman know ([lia@ufl.edu](mailto:lia@ufl.edu), MAT 220A). If you are interested in becoming an Educational Consultant for the ELI, ask Lia for details. You are the best source of information about the ELI and Gainesville for new students. We appreciate our alumni! Also, the ELI's 70th anniversary will be in Summer 2024. We hope you will join us for a special homecoming celebration.

If you want to stay active with English study in your country, please contact our friends at EducationUSA (<https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center>). They have centers all over the world where they advise students about studying in the USA. It is a great place for you to network, practice English, and help other students learn about your experience studying in Florida.

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## Notes from the Office

**Main Office Hours for Friday, April 26:** The ELI main office will be closed in the morning for Commencement. After Commencement, the office will open at 2:30pm.

**People out:** Note the dates that Patricia, Daryl, and Natalie will be out of the office in the next few weeks:

- Patricia Moon is out May 1-13.
- Daryl Bish is out May 2-3.
- Natalie Claytor is out May 8- 10.

**Summer C 2024 Returning Student Check-In:** All returning students must check in online using [my.ELI](#) (opens in new tab) between May 6 – 10, 2024. Check-in guarantees you a place in the class. By not checking in on time, you might not have a place in class, and you will have to pay late fee. If your plans have changed for the summer, you should email Daryl at [studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu).

**Gatorlink:** If you are not returning to the ELI in the Summer semester, you will not be able to access your ufl.edu email address, one.uf.edu, Canvas, or other Gatorlink service after May 25<sup>th</sup>. You will need to download any emails, assignments, or information that you want to keep.

**Apartment Leases:** As the semester draws to a close, keep in mind that your lease might be ending soon. It is important to know the exact date that your apartment lease ends so you can make plans. If you're not sure when it ends, ask your apartment office.

If you need help finding a hotel to stay in short-term (you should ask your friends first!), someone to take over your lease, or a new apartment, talk to Christine in Matherly 223.

**Charges Due:** Every ELI student should log in to [ONE.uf.edu](#) (opens in new tab) (opens in new tab) and look at the “Campus Finances (Bursar)” tile to see if you owe any fees to the university. For example, you may need to pay for services you received at the Student Health Care Center or printing in a library. If you have a scholarship, it will not pay these charges.

**Check your I-20s:** If you are traveling during the break (for example, leaving the US and coming back), make sure your I-20 is signed. Also check the expiration date. You can make an appointment with Daryl to sign your I-20 or to renew your I-20 before it expires.

**Financial Guarantees for Summer:** Dear scholarship students, we hope to see you again in the Summer! Therefore, we have sent you an early reminder to request your new financial guarantee letter for the Summer semester, if you plan to return. If you need an enrollment letter or if you have any questions, please email Natalie Claytor at [fiscal@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:fiscal@eli.ufl.edu).

## Birthdays!

Here are the birthdays for the week and the through the break:

### Students:

- Eonji Lee, 4/22
- Juan Rodriguez Finol, 4/26
- Mohammad Alharbi, 4/27
- Mobarak Alshemeri, 4/30
- Perla Morales Chavez, 5/1
- Abdullah Bashmail, 5/4
- Reina Tatewaki, 5/4
- Mori Kraselnick Shitrit, 5/6
- Yousef Alshammari, 5/8
- Seonae Song, 5/9
- Sanghyeop Lee, 5/10
- Danney Pamplona Cardenas, 5/10
- Jiyeon Park, 5/10
- Mariana Landivar Castedo, 5/11
- Minseo Go, 5/14
- Solange Pierre Paul, 5/14
- Geraldine Avila Sanchez, 5/18

### Staff:

- Patrick Klager, 4/23
- Daryl Bish, 4/25
- Jen Ramos, 5/3
- Mia Johnson, 5/4



## Notes from the Editor



Thanks to all the people who have sent stories, photos, and questions to the ELI Weekly this semester. We have all enjoyed your participation!