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The ELI Weekly

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World Equestrian Center

See a horse competition!

Saturday, July 13th – Ocala Horse Competition at the World Equestrian Center – 9:30am to 2:00pm

Explore Ocala's World Equestrian Center and see some horse competitions like the Western Ranch horse show and the Hunter/Jumper competitions. Ocala is famously known as the Horse Capital of the World, you won't want to miss this cultural event! There are shops and restaurants to explore at the center. Entrance to the shows is free but bring some money for shopping and lunch! You can bring your own lunch as well. Meet at Norman Parking Garage. Space is limited!

You must sign up to attend this event: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-50225518-ocala

CIP Activities

Monday, July 8th – Coffee Talk – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

Address: 3443 SW Archer Rd Suite 1A, Gainesville, FL 32608

Tuesday, July 9th - Volleyball - 6:30 - 9:00pm

Play volleyball and hang out at

Lexington Crossing Apartments

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Phase 2 Volleyball Courts with us! No experience necessary! Take bus 35. *Address: 3700 SW 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32608*

Wednesday, July 10th – Thrifting and Dinner Germain's – 5:00 – 8:00pm
Thrift for fun used clothes and other vintage items at Flashback's for the first hour of this activity (Flashback's closes at 6pm)! Then go right next door to get Germain's famously delicious chicken sandwiches! Explore other fun spots in this charming area like the record store, the arcade, or the Asian market. Bring some money for shopping and food. Take bus 15.

Address: 220 NW 8th Ave #20, Gainesville, FL 32601

Thursday, July 11th – Soccer – 6:30 - 9:00pm

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

Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

<u>Friday, July 12th – Reitz Game Room – 6:30 – 9:00pm</u>

Hang out with friends in the **Reitz Game Room**! You can go bowling, play pool, and play board games! Bring your Gator1 ID for cheaper rates. *Address: 655 Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611*

<u>Tickets for the Daytona Beach trip</u> happening on 7/20 are now for sale!

See one of Florida's famous beaches! Bring 25 dollars exact cash to the CIP office between 9am and 12:30pm M-TH to purchase transportation tickets for the beach trip from Tate! Space is limited, get them before they are sold out!

Completed CIP Passports

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

- Sam Barjas
- Anahi (Annie) Andagana

Other CIP Reminders

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!

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

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

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/nSD5at6r7nowjvq89 Please email Rachel at conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu for any issues, questions or concerns or visit him in the CIP Office during office hours.

<u>CIP Photo of the week</u>: Some of our new B-Term students!



Student Voices Reminder

At the ELI, we love to read your writing! Do you want to share your writing with the ELI? The ELI Student Voices is a great opportunity!

Every semester, the ELI publishes a collection of student writing. You can send a piece of your writing to be published for everyone to read. You can send paragraphs, essays, stories, recipes, poetry, and even photos. Also, the best two pieces of writing will be recognized at the ELI Commencement ceremony at the end of the semester. For inspiration, you can find previous

editions of The ELI Student Voices on the ELI website.

To submit your writing, please email Thomas Dolce at tomdolce@ufl.edu. Please include your name and class. The last day to submit a piece of writing is July 19th. We can't wait to read your writing!

Safety on University Avenue

University Avenue is also Florida State Road 26. This means it is a busy highway that runs east-to-west across the state. Even though it is tempting to treat it like a campus road, it is not! Please be very careful. You should only cross at crosswalks and with the walk signal. You also should not be dropped off or picked up on University Ave by rideshares or your friends. Instead, you can use the parking lot behind Library West or the traffic circle in front of Gerson Hall to be picked up or dropped off. Even if you see other people jaywalking (crossing in the middle of the road) or stopping their cars on the road, you should not!

Notes from the Office

I-20s Expiring: Please be sure to contact Daryl as soon as possible if your I-20 expiration date is coming up before the Fall semester. Also, if you are in the US now and plan to travel outside of the US during the break between semesters, please be sure to contact Daryl to get your I-20 signed.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays from July 8-14:

Students:

July 12: Mariana Mosca Noguera July 14: Maria Tobar Santander

Staff:

July 14: Eva Combs

Happy birthday!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do the American people wear flip-flops a lot?

A: This one's a classic "Gainesville" question. People all over the US wear a wide variety of shoes. Because we are in Florida and it's very hot, people here tend to wear the most comfortable shoes for the temperature and that happens to be flip-flops and sandals.

Student Corner

This week's country is Cuba:





Capital: La Habana (*Havana* in English) Population: ≤ 11,200,000

Fun Fact: Prior to imposing a trade embargo on Cuba on February 7, 1962, US President John F. Kennedy instructed his head of press to purchase 1,000 cigars from Cuba, which were considered as the best in the world.

Three things to know:

- 1. Cuba has the greatest literacy rate in the Americas, with approximately 97.6% of the population being literate.
- 2. Cuba has the world's highest doctor-to-population ratio—8 doctors for every 1,000 people.

 The world's smallest bird, the Bee Hummingbird, is exclusively located in Cuba.

Grammar

Q: What's a phrasal verb?

A: A phrasal verb is a verb that adds another word (or words), usually a preposition, that changes the meaning of the action completely. For example, "I dropped him" is different from, "I dropped him off." In the first example, the meaning is very specific...it means that I was carrying him, physically, and I couldn't or wouldn't hold on to him, and I dropped him. It can also mean that we were in a romantic relationship, and I ended it. In the second case, it means that I was transporting him, most likely in my car, and I drove him to his house and let him out of the car there.

The prepositions don't always make sense if you try to isolate them. Each time you change the preposition, you change the meaning entirely—basically, creating a new dictionary word. The only way to master phrasal verbs is to take notice of how they are used and practice, practice, practice, just like you would with any other new vocabulary.

Here are some useful phrasal verbs:

- I need to make up the exam that I missed last week.
- Can I hand in my essay late?
- Put away your cell phones, please!
- I had to *do* my homework *over* because I had too many mistakes.

Quote of the Week

I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday. And lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson



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