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The ELI Weekly

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Daytona Beach

Join us for some beach fun!

Saturday, July 20th – Daytona Beach Trip – Meet at Norman Garage at 9:00am

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! You must buy a ticket to attend, there is not a regular signup for this activity. Your ticket purchase is considered your signup. Make sure to bring your bathing suit, snacks and packed food, towel, sunscreen, and a change of clothes. Bring extra money if you want to shop or eat at the beachfront stores and restaurants nearby!

Please follow the schedule:

This schedule may change slightly, all times are estimated.

9:15 a.m.- Students arrive at Norman Garage and check in with Tate

9:30 a.m.- Leave Norman Garage, **we will not wait for students past this time**

11:30 p.m.- Arrive at Daytona Beach (Breakers Oceanfront Park, 13 S Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118)

Eat lunch and/or dinner during this time

6:30 p.m.- Head back to the bus meeting location

6:45p.m.- Leave Daytona, **you must be return before this time**

8:45 p.m.- Arrive at Norman Garage, plan to be picked up or ride the bus around this time

CIP Activities

WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday, July 15th – 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 16th – Volleyball – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Play volleyball and hang out at **Lexington Crossing Apartments Phase 2** Volleyball Courts with us! No experience necessary! Take bus 35.
Address: 3700 SW 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32608

Wednesday, July 17th – Live Music at Satchel's Pizza – 6:00 – 9:00pm

Get pizza at Gainesville's most iconic and fun pizza place! This quirky place has a lot of fun art, a cool gift shop, and live

music in addition to their famous pizza. Check out their backyard where you can sit in an old airplane and explore their funky garden! Take bus 26 or 15.
Address: 1800 NE 23rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32609

Thursday, July 18th – Soccer – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

Friday, July 19th – Reitz Game Room – 6:30 – 9:00pm

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

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.

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!

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!

Our CIP photo of the week is from our Sweetwater activity.



Student Voices Reminder

Last call, everyone! 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. 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!

Scholarship Nominees

Please join us in congratulating the nominees for the ELI Scholarships to study in the Fall 2024 semester.

- **Cynthia Cabrejo Sanchez**
- **Bruno Cardoso Gonçalves**
- **Ian Russo**
- **Maria Elena Tobar Santander**

There are many steps to becoming an ELI Scholarship Nominee. The minimum requirements are:

1. The student studies full-time at the ELI.
2. Academic Excellence: The student has a GPA of 4.0 at midterm.
3. Outstanding Progress: The student displays outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by coursework.
4. Excellent Attendance and Participation: The student regularly participates in and attends ELI classes.
5. Practices English: The student makes every effort to practice English while at the ELI, in class, and at ELI-sponsored activities.

Scholarship winners will also demonstrate the following:

Successful Academic Work Strategies

- Scholarship nominees should demonstrate a strong motivation and passion for learning both inside and outside of the classroom. This may be demonstrated by their personal study habits, leading study groups, or seeking out learning opportunities beyond what is required.
- Scholarship nominees should be classroom leaders who show compassion toward and cooperation with classmates,

language assistants, teachers, and ELI staff.

Intercultural

Understanding/Relationships

- Scholarship nominees should participate in and facilitate cultural exchange. Examples of cultural exchange can include participation in CIP activities, teaching others about one's culture, being an active learner about other cultures, and promoting intercultural friendship and engagement
- Scholarship nominees should engage in active, intentional, collaborative, ongoing learning outside of the ELI. This may be demonstrated through student employment, volunteering, joining campus or community organizations, serving as a Conversation Partner, or other experiential extracurricular activities.

Congrats nominees! Good luck to all of you!

Notes from the Office

Christine out: Next week, Christine will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday, July 25-26.

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.

Apartment Leases: In the Summer, many student leases end on July 31st. The ELI semester ends on August 9th, so you may need to find another place to stay for a little while! 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 place to stay in the short term (like a hotel or AirBNB),

someone to take over your lease, or a new apartment, talk to Christine in Matherly 223. If you will leave the ELI after this semester and need another person to take over your lease, Christine can help with that also.

Collecting Food and Apartment

Supply Donations: Are you leaving Gainesville or moving out of your apartment soon? If you have any items that you will not keep, don't throw them in the trash! Bring it to the ELI main office in MAT 223 so we can donate it!

We will accept non-perishable food, hygiene products, kitchenware, and other apartment supplies. You can bring in anything unopened, unexpired, and undamaged (come to the ELI Office to see a list).

We will donate the food to the UF Field and Fork Pantry. Kitchen and apartment supplies will be available for new ELI students in the Fall semester or donated to a local Gainesville charity. If you have any questions, talk to Tatum or Christine.

Commencement

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, August 9th, in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. Commencement is our time to gather together one last time in the semester to celebrate our accomplishments. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, we look forward to seeing you on this special occasion!

When: Friday, August 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12noon.

ELI Class Photo

On Thursday, July 18th, the ELI will take a class photo between the 2 LS hours at 1:45. We will try to take a picture of everyone at the ELI to share with all of our students, faculty, and staff. We will

gather at the southwest entrance of Matherly Hall to take the picture.

Birthdays

Here are ELI Birthdays from July 15-21

Students:

July 17: Areej Asiri

Happy Birthday!

Student Corner

This week's country is Ecuador.



Fun Fact: Daniel Noboa, the current president of Ecuador and the youngest in the country's history, is the son of Alvaro Noboa, a man “**who has lost five presidential elections**” in Ecuador.

Three things to know:

1. Ecuador is the world's largest banana exporter.
2. The concept of "*La hora ecuatoriana*" (“Ecuadorian time” in English), is a cultural practice in which Ecuadorians tend to arrive late to meetings. In 2003, the government initiated a campaign to actively encourage punctuality.
3. In 2008, Ecuador became the first country in the world to

recognize the legal rights of “nature” in its constitution. According to Article 71 of the constitution, nature “has the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles...”

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans make such a big deal about their 21st birthday?

A: Turning 21, for most young adults, is a big deal because they feel like they are really starting to begin their adult life. Also, they are now allowed to legally drink.

Q: Why don't young people in the U.S. care about their families?

A: Not all young people are the same, but most young adults see this period in their lives as a time when they can grow up and become independent. Most young people do care about their families, they just have different ways of showing it.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between less and fewer?

A: Use *fewer* if you're referring to people or things in the plural (e.g. houses, newspapers, dogs, students, children).

- People these days are buying **fewer newspapers**.

Use *less* when you're referring to something that can't be counted or doesn't have a plural (e.g. money, air, time, music, rain).

- It's a better job but they pay you **less money**.

Less is also used with numbers when they are on their own and with expressions of measurement or time.

- Their marriage lasted **less** than two years.

Quote of the Week

Nothing is so embarrassing as watching someone do something that you said couldn't be done. --**Sam Ewing**



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