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# The ELI Weekly

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## Finals!

*Time to push to the finish*

There will be no weekend activity this week, as we want to give you time to be finishing up your studying and getting ready for your ELI Final Exams.

### CIP Activities

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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 23<sup>rd</sup> – 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 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, July 25<sup>th</sup> – ELI Birthday Dinner Potluck – 6:15 - 8:45pm

Celebrate the ELI's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary by sharing a potluck dinner with ELI friends! Meet at the picnic tables at **Albert Massey (Westside) Park**! Bring a dinner main or side dish that you cooked or purchased to share and try everyone else's dishes too!

*Address: 1001 NW 34th St, Gainesville, FL 32605*

Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto: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 the Horse Competition Activity.



### Pictures for the Slideshow

Do you have good pictures of the activities, classes, or fun things you have done around Florida with your ELI friends? Send them to Tate by email or

Whatsapp so she can feature some of them in the slideshow at commencement! (tquinones@eli.ufl.edu)

## Reminders from the Office

**Charges Due:** Every ELI student should log in to [ONE.ufl.edu](https://ONE.ufl.edu) (opens in new tab) and look at the “Campus Finances (Bursar)” tile to see if they 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.

**Expiring I-20s:** If your I-20 is expiring and you plan on returning to the ELI in the fall, you must talk to Daryl **before** the expiration date. It is in section 5 of the I-20.

**Apartment Leases:** As the semester draws to a close, keep in mind that your lease might be ending soon. In the Summer, many student leases end on July 31st. 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 short-term (like a hotel or AirBNB), someone to take over your lease, or a new apartment, talk to Christine in Matherly 223.

**Returning Student Survey:** The ELI needs to know your plans for the Fall 2024 term. Will you study at the ELI? Will you go to another school? Will you return home? We want to know your plans so we can prepare for next semester. Also, for students on the F-1 visa, Daryl needs to know your plans so he can take correct action with your I-20.

**Please complete the Returning Student Survey in myELI by Friday, July 26.** All students must complete the survey. Daryl emailed instructions for completing the survey online. He will visit the Reading/Writing classes on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, to answer your

questions about your enrollment, travel plans, and maintaining student status.

**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.

**People out:** Christine will be out of the office July 25 and 26.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 21 to 28:

July 24: Nicole Abreu  
July 26: Muath Alghamdi

Staff:  
None this week.

Happy Birthday!

## Student Corner

This week's country is Indonesia:



Capital: Jakarta  
Population: ≤ 279,500,000

**Fun Fact:** The Torajan people, a tribe in Indonesia, mummify the bodies of the deceased and care for these preserved bodies as if they were still alive. Death is not considered dead but sick, so the dead are still served food and drink very often.

Three things to know:

1. Indonesia has the island with the most people in the world. Java is home to more than 150 million people.
2. Indonesia is the 2<sup>nd</sup> world's most multilingual country with more than 700 languages spoken. Only Papua New Guinea has more languages spoken (around 840).
3. Indonesia is home to Rafflesia, the world's largest flower. This flower has no stalks, roots, or leaves.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why don't people at UF wear a lot of clothes during the winter?*

*A:* This is something unique to Florida. Florida's winters are mild, and the periods of really cold weather only last a few days. One reason people may not wear a lot of clothes during Floridian winters is simply because they don't HAVE any other clothes. They may figure that the cold days will be over soon, so why spend so much money on coats and boots? Still, some people enjoy wearing boots and shorts as a fashion statement.

## Grammar

*Q: When do you use “neither” and “either” with a negative verb?*

A: *Either* is used when you give the negative verb in your answer. *Neither* is used when you don't say a verb in your answer and you are agreeing with a negative verb.

Rafael: I don't like hot weather.

Sasha: I don't either.  
Elizabeth: Me neither.

*Q: When do I use “so do I” and “so am I?”*

A: They both mean that you agree with the person talking but which one you use depends on the verb in the original sentence. Use “so am I” for the *be* verb. Use “so do I” for all other verbs. Look at the conversations that follow:

Joan: I am tired.

Selena: So am I.

Joan: I want to go to the movies.  
Selena: So do I.

## Quote of the Week

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

**Benjamin Franklin**

## ELI Pop-up Classes

Will you be in Gainesville during the break between summer and fall? Do you want to continue learning English in a stress-free setting? Register for a pop-up class!

What is an ELI pop-up class? It is a class with no levels, no homework, and no grades! It is a class designed to keep building English skills during break weeks. This August we will be offering:

Class	Instructor	Time	Week 1	Week 2	Location
Speaking	Christine Voigt	9:00am – 10:50am	August 13, 14, 15	August 20, 21, 22	MAT 208
Grammar for Writing	Melina Jimenez	11:00am – 12:50pm	August 13, 14, 15	August 20, 21, 22	MAT 214

You can register for one class, or both. You can register for one week, or two. The cost for one week of one class (6 class hours) is \$150 and you can register here: <https://xms.dce.ufl.edu/reg/groups/eli/registration.aspx>

The deadline to register is Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to drop is after the first day of class.

For more information talk to Christine in the main office.



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