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The ELI Weekly

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Commencement

It's around the corner!

Congratulations and thanks, everyone! This will be the last issue of the Weekly for the Summer Term, 2024.

Congratulations on making it to the end of this 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 this accomplishment at our Commencement Ceremony on Friday.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, August 9th, in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion.

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

Certificates and Grades

Semester certificates will be available immediately after the Commencement Ceremony at the Reitz Union, and grade reports will be available in my.ELI by Monday, August 12th. Certificates can also be picked up in the ELI Main Office when it re-opens at 2pm. If you would like a friend or family member to pick up your certificate for you or you would like us to mail your certificate to a US mailing

address, you should email Min at minsang921@ufl.edu.

Reminders from the Office

ELI Main Office Hours: Friday, August 9th (Commencement Day), the ELI Main Office will be closed until 2pm.

Returning for Fall C: Please remember that all returning students must check in online using my.ELI between August 19-23. If you do not check in, you are not guaranteed a space in the class and you will have to pay a \$100 Late Check in Fee. Remember, if your plans have changed for the summer, you should email Daryl at studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu to let him know.

Fines and fees: Please remember if you have any outstanding fees (library or infirmary, for example), you must clear them by the end of the semester, or we will not be able to release your grades and certificates to you. Remember, you **MUST** pay \$15 for your GatorOne (UF ID) card if you did not pay when you received it.

Your I-20: Make sure your I-20 does not expire on August 15th if you will study at the ELI after this summer semester. Contact Daryl if you need to extend your

I-20. If you are travelling outside of the US but will return to the ELI in the fall, remember you must bring your active I-20 with you, signed by Daryl.

Gatorlink: Remember, if you are not returning to the ELI in the fall, you will not be able to access your ufl.edu email address, one.ufl.edu, Canvas, or other Gatorlink services after September 1st.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period August 5-31:

Students:

August 5: David Ariza Peña

August 7: Aseel Almalki

August 24: Ali Alsayegh

August 25: Jesus Bucarito Vargas

August 29: Luca Poggi Vera

August 31: Maria Teresa Alvarado Parra

Staff:

August 13: Megan Forbes

The Last Day of ELI Classes

Thursday, August 8th, is the final day of ELI classes this summer. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, August 7th. 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 August 5th, 6th, and 7th still count!!! You should not miss class these days!**

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, August 8th. Your teachers and LAs have fun and interesting lessons and activities planned. However, we know many ELI students are preparing to leave Gainesville, so are very busy this last week. **If you will not be attending**

class on Thursday, August 8th, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, August 6th. 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, August 9th. We hope you will be there, too!

Quote of the Week

Life is a circle. The end of one journey is the beginning of the next.

Joseph M. Marshall III

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](#).

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

For more information visit <https://eli.ufl.edu/programs/english-language-institute-pop-up-classes/>.



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