

# The ELI Weekly

## Florida Gator Gymnastics



See one of the top-ranked Florida Gator teams compete against their rival, the Georgia Bulldogs! Watch them compete on balance beam, floor exercise, uneven bars, and vault!

**When:** Meet at the O'Connell Center Main Entrance (north side) at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, February 10th.

**Cost:** This event is FREE if you bring your Gator 1 ID card.

Make sure to wear your **orange** and **blue**! Sign up on the Activities Board next to Matherly 211 if you will attend.

### The Next Activity

Next weekend, on Saturday, February 18th, we will be traveling to Busch Gardens in Tampa!

Please reserve your spot on the bus by signing up and paying \$20 in cash, exact change, to Nate in the CIP Office (Matherly 211). You can buy the pass starting on Monday, February 6th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bus passes are first come, first serve, and they do NOT include the price of Busch Gardens tickets. The Busch Gardens Fun Card is \$102.99 and is good for all of 2017. Please come early; these bus passes will sell out very quickly!

### UF Email Addresses

Students, if you have a UF email address, you should check it everyday for important message from the university!

To check your email, go to [outlook.com/ufl.edu](http://outlook.com/ufl.edu) and login using your Gatorlink user ID and password. Your email address will be your Gatorlink ID "@ufl.edu" If you have questions or need help, come to the ELI Main Office, Matherly 223.

### IRS Tax Forms

All international students who studied in the US in 2016 are required to file a tax form in the United States. You are required to file this form even if you have no taxable income. The deadline to file if you have no income is June 15. The deadline to file if you have income from any source other than bank interest (like an on-campus job), is April 15. You can find the form you need to complete and the directions on how to complete it at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

You can also find many answers to your questions on the UF International Center tax page:

<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss/Taxes.html?menuId=1&smId=5>

The links above are also on the ELI Facebook page.

In 9 and 10, you need to include the name, address, and telephone number of the academic institution that you attended in 2016. You'll find that information on the back of this *Weekly* at the bottom of the page. The name of the director of the ELI is Megan Forbes.

You can also always make an appointment to speak with Victoria or Daryl if you have questions.

## Student Advice

This week, our ELI student guest writer is Santiago Espinosa, and he has some excellent advice about a useful resource available to you here at UF:

Library East is the nearest library to Matherly Hall. This isn't only a library to study or to borrow books, on the third floor of this library is located the Latin American and Caribbean Collection where you can find all the books that you can imagine about all the countries located in South America and the Caribbean. As we know, a lot of students from the ELI come from countries that are located in South America or the Caribbean, so if you want to learn more about their culture, manners and about their history, this collection is an excellent place to go.

That's not the only thing that makes this library special. On the second floor of this library, you can find an amazing section that is called 'Mysteries of an Autograph', where you can see some of the most remarkable and recognized books of the most famous writers in the history of South America and the Caribbean with the respective autograph from the author. These autographs are dedicated to some UF teachers who met these remarkable authors and now are part of this collection that represent the prestige that UF has in the international scenario.

I think that as UF students we should take advantage of the different resources that this university provides to us, and some of the most important resources are, in fact, the libraries. The libraries are some of the pillars that this university has, so my advice is that if you have any free time go to a library!!!

## Birthdays!

Students:

February 6: Abdullah Alotaibi  
 February 8: Maria Castedo Coscio  
 February 8: Antonella Sossi Camacho  
 February 8: Angela Ladino Fonseca  
 February 8: Jaber Bishi  
 February 9: Feng Pan  
 February 10: Louay Awad  
 February 12: Ali Alqahtani

Staff:

None this week

## Notes from the Office

**Immunization:** If you got a note from the office to get your immunizations done, please get them done. You won't be allowed in class until you do. Every day that you wait is another day of absences.

**Tuition:** If you were given an extension to pay your tuition or owe a late fee, be sure to pay by the deadline! If you have questions, talk to Christine K. in the Main office.

**Legal Advice:** If you are concerned about a legal issue or get in trouble, you should contact Victoria or Daryl immediately!

## Grammar

*Q: What are the correct uses for semicolon?*

*A:* Semicolons are used to connect two related independent clauses in the same place where a period could go. You should not use it to separate an independent and dependent clause. Here are some examples.

- I usually wear a coat in the winter; I've only worn a coat once this year.
- I thought it would be very cold in January; however, it wasn't cold.
- Incorrect: If the weather gets cold; I will have to wear a coat.

## Manners & Culture

*Q: What do Americans do for Valentine's Day?*

*A:* Many people, especially couples, go out to eat for Valentine's Day. However, the restaurants will be very busy and many have special menus that are much more expensive. Some people go to the movies or have a special dinner at home. Groups of friends might get together to go out so everyone feels included. Small children exchange little cards and candy at school.

*Q: Where can I go if I have a dental emergency?*

*A:* There are a few emergency dental clinics in Gainesville, but before you go anywhere, you should call to make sure they will accept your insurance. Otherwise, you could get a BIG bill! If you just need help making a dentist appointment, talk to Victoria in Matherly 223.



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