

Highlights

- **ELI Talent Show**
- **Scholarship Nominees**
- **Reminders from the Office**
- **Final Exams**
- **Graduate Admissions Workshop**
- **Manners, Cultures, & Grammar**

The ELI Weekly

*The Weekly Newsletter of
the English Language Institute
Volume 123, Issue 13
April 7, 2014*



ELI Talent Show

It's going to be a blast!

Come one, come all! The 2nd Annual ELI Talent Show will be on Tuesday, April 15th, in the University Auditorium. There will be dancing, singing, and acting so prepared to be entertained! Bring your conversation partners, your friends, and your families

When: Tuesday, April 15th, 7:00-9:30pm, doors open at 6:30pm

Where: University Auditorium

Cost: Free!

The Next Trip

We will not have a weekend activity on Saturday, April 12th, so you can study for final exams. The last weekend of the semester, Saturday, April 19th, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs**. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Final Exams

All ELI classes will be administering final exams. In addition, you will be taking the CELT, in most Grammar, Listening Speaking, and Business English classes. Both sets of exams are very important for promotion purposes. Please be on time to

your classes as all exams must start as scheduled. There are no early CELT tests, no CELT makeups, and late arrivals to the CELT cannot take the exam.

Scholarship Nominees

Please join me in congratulating the nominees of the ELI Scholarships to study in the Summer 2014 semester.

- Carla Garcia La Rosa
- Irati LaFragua
- Edgardo Moreno Leon
- Nivea Oliveira Martins

It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and achieved the following criteria.

- Full-time C semester student at the ELI.
- Academic Excellence: The student should have a 4.0 GPA and demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas.
- Outstanding Progress: The student should display outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by improvements in coursework.
- Excellent Attendance: The student should miss no more than ten hours of class in the semester.
- Speak English: The student should make every effort to speak English at all times

while at the ELI and at ELI-sponsored activities.

- Successful Work Strategies: The student should demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom, making an effort to get involved in the ambient culture through outside activities such as regular participation in Cultural Immersion activities.

Students, if you want to win the scholarship next semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to the nominees to learn how else to become an excellent student.

Graduate Admissions Workshop

We will be having the Graduate Admissions Workshop on Wednesday, April 9th. A representative from the UF Graduate School will present and be available for questions, but the overall purpose of the workshop is to provide general information and advice about the admissions process to US schools. Sign up on the blue board in Norman Hall.

When: 5:30pm to 6:45pm
Where: Norman 288

Reminders from the Office

Talent Show: The second rehearsal will be Tuesday, April 8, at 5:30 Carleton Auditorium. You **MUST** attend if you want to

participate in the Talent Show. Any acts that do not attend this rehearsal will lose their spot in their Talent Show.

IRS Forms: If this is your first semester in the US, you don't have to worry about the IRS forms. If you have been here awhile, and have questions about how to fill out the form, you can see Emily or Daryl and they will answer your questions. They are due April 15.

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

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

Fines and Fees: If you owe any library or infirmary fees or fines, we will not be able to give you the exit package that has your grades, certificate, and the class photo. If you're not sure how to do this, Emily has a handout on her door (Norman 316) with instructions.

Final Day of Classes: Our last day of classes is April 24. Remember all absences count in the final week!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do some students arrive late for class all the time? Is this polite in their own country?

A: Well, I don't know for sure; you'd have to ask them that. However, I can certainly

tell you that it's considered extremely rude here! Students, if you are late for class, don't knock on the door, don't say hello to anyone; just sneak in.

Q: Some of my classmates don't use deodorant and the classroom smells strong sometimes. Is it okay if I tell them?

A: No, but it's okay if I do here. Some students come from cultures where everyone uses deodorant and some students come from cultures where almost no one uses deodorant. Neither system is better than the other. However, if you come from a culture that doesn't use deodorant, than you probably smell very strongly to your deodorant-using classmates and some teachers. You don't have to do anything to change this if you're comfortable with it, but this might be a reason why some classmates sit far away from you. They might also be talking about this. If you want to tell your very, very close, deodorant-less friend about this talk, do so, but somewhere *very private!*

Likewise, if you use a lot of perfume or cologne, please be aware that some people might be allergic and might choose not to sit near you for this reason.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between for instance and for example?

A: There's very little difference in meaning. *For instance* is perhaps a bit more conversational, but both are used in speaking and writing.

Q: How can I use shall in a sentence?

A: In American English, you can't anymore. As recently as 40 years ago, it was considered the proper future tense modal for the first person (*I shall, we shall*) instead of *will*, but it isn't anymore. We really only use it for polite offers or requests.

40 years ago: I shall get an A in grammar.

Today: I will get an A in grammar.

Polite offer: Shall I get you more coffee?

Polite requests: Shall we go?

Quote of the Week

Sometimes I lie awake at night and I ask, "Is life a multiple choice test or is it a true or false test?" ...Then a voice comes to me out of the dark and says, "We hate to tell you this but life is a thousand word essay."

Charles M. Schulz



English Language Institute
PO Box 117051
315 Norman Hall
Gainesville, FL 32611-7051, USA
Phone: (352) 392-2070
Fax: (352) 392-3744
StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu
www.eli.ufl.edu
www.facebook.com/UFLELI