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# The ELI Weekly

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## Commencement

*It's around the corner!*

Finally! You made it through the mercurial weather and all the quizzes and homework. Now it's time to celebrate and say goodbye. Come see all your classmates and teachers for the last time.

**When:** Friday, April 24, 2014, from 10:00am to 12:00pm

**Where:** University Auditorium

**Who:** Everybody is invited: ELI students, teachers, Language Assistants, and staff as well as friends and family.

## Reminders

If you can't pick up your certificate at Commencement, please stop by the office before April 24<sup>th</sup> to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you.

If you have any fees to pay, do it before the semester ends. If you don't know how to do it or you have questions, see Emily.

If you're planning to go home and then come back to the ELI, please be sure that your I-20 is signed by Daryl.

If you're transferring to another school, next semester make sure you transfer your I-20.

Check-in for summer semester starts on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Late check-in will have a \$100 penalty fee.

The ELI Main Office will be open from 2:30 to 4:30pm on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period April 20 to April 30:

Students:

April 20: Ki Hoon Jung  
April 20: Sami Musalli  
April 24: Nouf Alsuhaymi  
April 24: Maram Mosleh  
April 24: Asim Najmi  
April 24: Haengun Yoon  
April 24: Abeer Alsulami  
April 25: Marianna Caputo  
April 28: Abdullah Abdu A Alsalhi  
April 28: Davy Ange Zango  
April 29: Abdullah Alfailakawi  
April 29: Pablo Humberto Costas Aguilera  
April 30: Soraya El Jamaï  
April 30: Khalid Huntush

Staff:

April 23: Patrick Klager  
April 25: Daryl Bish  
April 25: Kelsie Ozanne

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do Americans use the phrase "African American" instead of "Black" to name dark-skinned people?*

A: It is considered by some to be more polite than Black. However, some scholars argue that it's better to use the term Black since there are many groups of Blacks in the US: some whose ancestors came on slave ships centuries ago who no longer have a strong connection to Africa, those who themselves came from Africa and still have a connection to the continent, and those who come from South American or Caribbean countries. Ask all your friends how they identify.

## Words of the Semester

How many of these words did you use?

area	focus	policy
invasive	adequate	emphasize
file	prevent	emergency
taboo	distinction	rehearsal
practical	unhygienic	allergic

## Quote of the Week

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

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