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The ELI Weekly

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Commencement

Can you believe it's already here?

Congratulations, everyone. It's been a long and tough semester, and you should all be proud of the excellent work you have done in all of your classes. This coming week is very busy with testing and end-of-semester activities, so please read this issue of the ELI Weekly carefully to make sure you know about all of the things you need to do to wrap up the term. This will be the last issue of the *Weekly* for the Summer Term, 2012.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Reitz Union Auditorium on Friday, August 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, August 9th, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test. All ELI students are required to attend and take the test in order to receive a certificate from the ELI. Please be on time to your classes as all exams must start as scheduled.

All Summer B students must go to their Grammar classes. If you are not taking grammar, go to the main office *before August 9th* to get an appointment.

Business English, Advanced Vocabulary and Pronunciation, and Grammar for Writing will also have class on August 9th.

All students, Summer C and Summer B will have Listening Speaking class. If you are not taking Listening Speaking, please go to the main office to get an appointment.

All Reading Writing classes, Summer C Grammar classes, and the other electives will have their final day of class on Wednesday, August 8th.

The Weekend Trip

This Saturday, August 4th, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs!** This is the last weekend activity so please come out and share in the fun, sun, and free food with us! Don't forget to sign up on the Activities Board before 5pm on Thursday, August 2nd.

Student Life Coordinator

Emily's last day of work before her baby is born will be this Thursday, August 2. After August 2, Lillian Vargas will become the Interim Student Life Coordinator. This means that you should see Lillian about housing, immunizations, insurance, and any other student life issues. Lillian's office is the same as Emily's: Norman 316.

Lillian will also be the emergency contact person for the ELI after August 2. If you have an emergency at night or on the weekend, you should call Lillian. Her cell phone number is the door of NRN 316. Please write it down! Remember that this

number is for medical and legal emergencies ONLY. Please do NOT call Emily after August 2, since she will be at home taking care of her baby!

Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships to study in the Fall 2012 semester.

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship: Ahmed Gatea

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship: Suhaib Harraka

Congratulations as well to all of the nominees:
Ahmed Gatea
Suhaib Harraka
Jaehoi Koo
Nahla Alkhunain

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 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 and winners to learn how else to become an excellent student.

Reminders

Immunizations: If you still haven't gotten your immunizations done, we will not be able to give you the exit package that has your grades, certificate, and the class photo.

Afternoon Activities: This is the last week of afternoon activities, so come out one last time and hang out with your friends, LAs, and maybe even your teachers.

Check-in for Fall C: Check in online between August 31 and September 4. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person. Please only check in once!

I-20s: Have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) if you plan on leaving the country! Don't forget that Daryl must see you BEFORE August 16th if your I-20 expires on August 16, 2012.

Talk to Daryl: If you're taking a vacation semester, transferring to another school, or returning for Fall B, please see Daryl.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period July 30 to August 31:

Students:
 July 30: Enriqueta Martinez-Rojas
 July 31: Bo Kyung Cha
 August 2: Sultan Alsalamah
 August 4: Nawaf Alshaibani
 August 5: Can Yaldiz
 August 6: Chi Hong Wang
 August 6: Jieun Lee
 August 11: Kristian Legcevic Vilchez
 August 13: Mohammad Alsaffar
 August 13: Seongmi Ahn
 August 13: Marina Martins Klostermann
 August 16: Wei-Chen Yang
 August 17: Aali Alqarni
 August 17: Yu-Po Huang
 August 20: Mohammed Alqahtani
 August 21: Nouf Alanzi
 August 24: Carmen Castro De Salazar
 August 25: Ramadan Belhaj
 August 25: Meehyun Ju
 August 26: Ghassen Feki
 August 28: Shang-Ju Wu
 August 31: Eduardo Mendoza Giamundo

Staff:
 July 30: Kirsten Wetherbee
 July 31: Patricia Moon
 August 11: Trenor Wilkins
 August 13: Steve Flocks
 August 13: Megan Forbes
 August 18: Gianvito Grieco
 August 26: Catelyn Cantrell
 August 28: Victoria Shelly

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans speak so fast?

A: We don't. Relatively speaking, English isn't nearly as fast as some other languages. However, when you are learning the language, it seems a lot faster. And, of course, your teachers often must use "teacher talk", that is, slower language, to make sure that you understand.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between the present perfect and the present perfect progressive?

A: Use the present perfect progressive for active verbs that started in the past and are still happening now. Use the present perfect for non-active verbs that started in the past and are still happening now. Also use the present perfect for actions that finished in the past but have a connection to the present.

- *I have been reading the book. (I'm still reading.)*
- *I have loved this book for 10 years. (I still love it.)*
- *I have read the book a dozen times! (I finished reading but I'll probably read it again.)*

Quote of the Week

Every day brings a chance to live free of regret and with as much joy, fun, and laughter as you can stand.

Oprah Winfrey



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