

# The ELI Weekly

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## End of Term BBQ

Join us on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for the end of semester barbeque at Blue Springs, a park in High Springs, FL! It's a chance to celebrate the end of the semester and say goodbye to friends. Swim in the beautiful Spring and play volleyball, Frisbee, and soccer! Free Barbeque food for everyone!

**When:** Saturday, August 1st. Meet at Norman Garage at 11 AM. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return.

**Cost:** \$8.00 cash per person if you say you are with the ELI. \*Groups of two or more can pay with credit card.

**Transportation:** This is a carpool trip. Blue Springs is about a 40-minute drive from Norman Hall. Sign up on the Activities Board in Matherly 211 by 4 PM on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**What to Bring:** Swimsuit, sandals, sunscreen, and a towel!

## Fall C 2015 Reminders

**Want to move to the next level in your classes?** Take the CELT, take and pass the final exams in your classes, do the classwork, speak English, and of course, go to class.

**Returning for Fall C?** Check in online between August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. No students will be accepted after Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Going home and want to return to the US?** You must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Matherly 223) in order to be allowed back into the country!

**Taking a vacation semester?** Talk to Daryl. If you are a sponsored student, you must have a written approval from your sponsor.

**Transferring to another school?** Talk to Daryl.

**Expiring I20?** Talk to Daryl before it expires.

**Fall schedules:** Schedules will be available for pick up on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Only **you** may pick up your schedule, not friends and family. Classes will also start on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## This Week's Activities

Join us for afternoon activities this week since it's the last week. On Friday, we're going to have lunch on the Plaza of the Americas, 12:30 to 1:30. Bring your lunch or \$5 for Krishna lunch.

## Commencement at University Auditorium

You made it through the semester! Now it's time to celebrate and say goodbye. Come see all your classmates, LAs, and teachers for the last time. There will be scholarship speeches and the CIP slideshow with photos from all of the activities this semester! Please dress semi-casual: dresses, nice pants, and button-up shirts since many people will be taking photos. Feel free to get lunch with your LAs and teachers afterwards!

**When:** Friday, August 7th 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.

### Notes from the Office

**CELT for Part-time Students:** If you're not currently taking Listening Speaking your CELT will be Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:50 to 1:30pm in Rogers 129.

If you are not currently taking Grammar, your CELT will be Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 to 2:30pm in Rogers 129.

**Infirmery or Library Fees:** Please pay them or we won't be able to give you the commencement packet.

**Final Day of Classes:** Our last day of classes is August 6<sup>th</sup>. Remember all absences count in the final week!

**Certificates:** If you can't pick up your certificate at the Commencement, please stop by Matherly 223 *before* August 7<sup>th</sup> to fill out a form so someone else can pick it up for you. We can't give you the packet early. If you want to have it mailed or Fed-Exed, please see the office for the cost.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why don't American students take off their shoes in their houses?*

A: They do sometimes. College students tend to keep their shoes on in other people's houses because they don't know how clean that other person is (or really, how clean the roommates are). It also depends on their culture and also the type of floor they grew up with in their house. People who had nice carpet or wood floors are more likely to take their shoes off, whereas people who grew up with tile keep them on. If you're not sure, just ask. If you see a lot of shoes by the door, you should take yours off as well.

## Research Corner

Are you a Spanish speaker in levels 40 and 50? Participate in some brain research and get paid \$10/hour! You will be reading letters, words or sentences while your brain waves (EEG) are recorded over two days. The first day is one hour and the second day is about three hours.

Contact Patricia at [paziz@ufl.edu](mailto:paziz@ufl.edu)

## Fall Electives

We will be offering our usual replacement electives this Fall. Check out this fun photo from AIE.



*Slang: Bromance*

### To substitute Reading/Writing

- Advanced Informal English (AIE)

### To substitute Grammar (BE)

- Business English

### To substitute Listening/Speaking

- Grammar and Writing (GW)

**We might have more when you check in for Fall C!**

## ELI Birthdays

These are the ELI Birthdays for the week of July 27 to August 7:

Students:

July 27: Yusuke Hidaka

July 29: Ameen Albuhamad

July 29: Khalid Alharbi

July 30: Tassia Taiana Abreu Tavares De Melo

July 31: Muhanna Altammar

August 1: Jamal Khudaish

August 2: Hiraku Maruyama

August 4: Shaikha Aldousari

August 4: Murat Atan

August 5: Parinya Jaipan

August 6: Rakan Albejad

August 6: Bayan Aldeibany

August 6: Riyan Babidhan

August 7: Musaed Alshammari

August 7: Abdurrahman Yagmur Toprakli

Staff:

July 29: Todd Allen

July 31: Patricia Moon

August 7: Yuliya Antonenko

## Quote of the Week

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

## #HumansoftheELI



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ufilei Naif is this week's #HumansoftheELI. 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

When I asked him "what are you most proud of?" He said "when I was young, I was overweight. Everyone always talked about my weight and I couldn't stop thinking about what they said. So I just decided to not go outside. I sat at home and didn't have many friends. When I was 18, I decided to change. I went on a diet and went to the gym everyday. I lost 110lbs. Now whenever I want to do something I remember back to that experience and know that I did what everyone said I couldn't do. People now ask me for help to loose weight. This achievement motivated me to do things like come here and study in America. It's always been my dream, and now I'm here."

## Grammar

**Q: When do you use an apostrophe and when do you use "of the" for possessive?**

A: The apostrophe is generally used for animate possessors (the cat's paw) while "of" is used for inanimate possessors (the leg of the chair). Don't confuse these with noun adjuncts, which are when a noun modifies another noun (flower garden vs. rock garden).

- **Apostrophe:** Rachel's car is getting fixed.
- **Wrong:** The car of Rachel is getting fixed.
- **"Of":** There is a big scratch on the side of the car.
- **Wrong:** There is a big scratch on the car's side.
- **Noun adjunct:** The car stereo is broken.
- **Wrong:** The car's stereo is broken.
- **Wrong:** The stereo of the car is broken.



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