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Next Friday's trip to the beach

One of the most popular places for Tallahassee residents to go on the weekend is St. George Island. This island is a **narrow** strip of land on the Gulf of Mexico about 90 miles from Tallahassee. We have a tradition of visiting St. George Island several times a year at CIES. We always have an awesome time, and all of you should sign up!

We will meet at **7:45 am on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at CIES**. (Remember, there are no CIES classes that day.) There will be a bus that will take us to the beach. You should bring anything you might need for spending time out on the beach. We recommend that you bring sunscreen, bottled water, sunglasses, snacks, and money for a meal at a nice seafood restaurant. (If you don't like seafood, don't worry; the restaurant serves other types of food as well.) The bus should return to CIES around 6 or 7 p.m.

You will find out more about the trip next Monday in class. There will be a signup sheet available on the bulletin board in the lobby. This is a very popular trip, so sign up early!

## Quote of the Week

*Some of the best lessons we ever learn, we learn from our mistakes and failures. The error of the past is the success and wisdom of the future.*

- Tyron Edwards

## Getting to Know: Jasmine Carnell

Many of you have had Jasmine as a teacher before, and you know that she is an energetic teacher who has an eye for fashion and is always changing her hair. Many of you may not know about the wide range of experiences that Jasmine has had. Jasmine grew up in Arlington, Virginia which is just a few miles outside of Washington, DC. She lived in other places growing up, but always in the Washington **metropolitan** area (home to over 10 million people). Jasmine grew up in such a



huge city where she was always surrounded by many diverse people and cultures; however, it was her relationship at home with her grandmother, mother, and younger brother that meant the most to Jasmine. Jasmine went to bilingual schools growing up, so she started speaking Spanish at a young age. After graduating from an **International Baccalaureate** high school, Jasmine moved to Florida and attended Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach. She was extremely involved in campus activities and even earned the title of Miss Bethune-Cookman University. This was a title that Jasmine won (after a difficult contest and campaign), and after winning the contest, Jasmine became the official face of her university. She attended events and important

ceremonies; she was even featured in Ebony magazine, which is read all over the United States. Before coming to Tallahassee, she spent a year teaching English in Madrid, Spain. After this experience, Jasmine realized the importance of language learning and exposure to different languages. Jasmine says that "the more languages you learn, the easier it is to make sense of new words." She started at CIES in 2013, and really loves working with her students. One interesting factoid is that Jasmine is a pescatarian, which is a vegetarian who also eats fish. (This is a new word that even the Nole News editor didn't know. ☺)

## Notes from the Office

\* For those of you who have financial guarantees for next session, please make sure we have your letters as soon as possible. If we do not have them by the second week of October, you will not be allowed to attend classes for Fall II session.

\*\* In order to avoid long lines, make sure to pay your tuition as early as possible. For those students who make tuition payments and change their mind about attending CIES, remember that there are no **refunds**.

\*\*\* **DO NOT PARK AT STARBUCKS!** Parking spots at nearby businesses are reserved for **patrons** of those businesses. These businesses can (and will) tow cars that are parked there.



## Happy Birthday

**Khawlah Alansari** (September 25)  
**Pinar Akcay** (September 28)  
**Abdulaziz Alkanderi** (September 29)  
**Pavani Mothalla** (September 29)  
**Kaipeng Xue** (September 29)

## Culture Question

*Question: Many of my classmates are celebrating Eid this week. What is Eid?*

Back in a July issue of Nole News, we explained Eid ul-Fitr. On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, Muslims will be celebrating Eid ul-Adha. Adha means sacrifice in Arabic, and this is a day to remember the **sacrifice** that Ibrahim (Abraham) made to Allah (God). Many of you know the story of Abraham, and

how God asked him to sacrifice his firstborn. Instead of killing his child, an animal was sacrificed instead. Many celebrate this holiday by feasting and sharing the food with friends, family, and the needy. In addition to the sacrifice, Eid ul-Adha marks the end of the annual Haaj **pilgrimage** that many Muslims make to Mecca. Eid is particularly important for those who make the pilgrimage and want to celebrate on their return.

## Language Questions

*Question: When do I use the word 'ago' and when do I use the word 'before'?*

This is an important question for many of you. We use 'ago' to refer to a past event that we can count backwards to. For example, you can say: "I *bought a new car two months ago*" You are counting

backwards two months from the present. Before is used when one event or action occurs at an earlier time than another. Another easy way to remember is that 'ago' often occurs at the end of a phrase or sentence, whereas before is usually found closer to the beginning and has another word (or words) after it. Select the correct word in the sentences below:

- (1) I first moved to Tallahassee two years ago / before.
- (2) I went to the park yesterday ago / before I gave my friend a ride to the mall.
- (3) One month ago / before I graduated from high school, my parents bought me a car.
- (4) About two months ago / before , I twisted my ankle trying to do a cartwheel.

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This week's vocabulary:

**narrow (adjective)** – having a small width; not wide; skinny

**metropolitan (noun)** – relating to a city, especially the large region outside of a city

**International Baccalaureate (I.B.) (noun)** – high school courses (curriculum) known for being very challenging and difficult

**refund (noun / verb)** – money returned to a person after having already paid

**patron (noun)** – a person that gives money to a business or organization; a customer

**sacrifice (noun / verb)** – to kill an animal as part of a religious ceremony or for religious reasons

**pilgrimage (noun)** – a long trip or journey made because of a religious belief or for a religious reason