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# CIES Nole News

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## Videos with Jack

*CIES Movie Series*

Ahmad AL-Mazeedi (better known as Jack) is well-

known by almost everyone at CIES. He's been here since last fall, and, if you haven't met Jack yet, you probably will soon.

Jack has a lot of experience producing videos, and he's bringing that experience here to CIES. There will be a series of videos that are going to be made with topics such as using only English at CIES as well as things that a student should never do in class. There are already a couple of videos which have been produced – a video on phone use and a video on proper behavior. (Check them out at: <http://www.jackalmazeedi.com/cies/>) If you would like to be in the next CIES video, SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK SOON! You can become a CIES **celebrity** and share the video with friends and family back home.

### Important Announcements

#### No Food or Drink in the Lab!

Starting this session, there will be no food or drinks allowed in the computer lab. Water bottles (with lids) may be placed on the floor, but snacks, coffee, tea, and other **beverages** should not be brought into the lab. It is important that we keep our wonderful computer lab in great condition.

### ORGANIZATION WORKSHOP

Learn the important organization skills that are essential to academic success at CIES, FSU, or any US university. Join Candace and Jasmine in the conference room on **WEDNESDAY (March 4) at 3pm**. This will be a very useful session!!

### Weekly Events!



**Two-dollar Tuesdays:** Spring semester is baseball season at FSU. If you attend any home baseball games on Tuesday, admission is only \$2! Additionally, many **concessions** and snacks are only \$2.

**Free Cuban dancing:** Learn some cool dance moves every Tuesday night from 7 until 10 at the Oglesby Union. For more info: <https://azucarfsu.wordpress.com/>

### *Wednesday Friend's Day !!*

Get to know your CIES friends and family downstairs every Wednesday for lunch. Bring a lunch and be prepared to meet someone new.

## Thursday

If you're hungry on a Thursday evening, visit the food trucks on Lake Ella. Only a couple of miles north of campus, there are a variety of food trucks parked from 6pm to 9pm. Visit this beautiful park and try some new types of cuisine!

## Friday



If you want to meet more people from every corner of the world, visit the international coffee hour at the Center for Global Engagement every

Friday from 5pm to 6:30pm.

### Getting to Know: Michelle Claycomb

Whenever you first arrived at CIES, chances are that Michelle Claycomb was the first person that you met. She has worked here at CIES since May 2014 and really loves meeting people from all



over the world. In addition to her job at CIES, Michelle keeps a very busy schedule. She has a five year-old daughter named Penelope who is very entertaining and lively. Michelle is a very dedicated athlete. She runs, bikes, and swims regularly. She also plays kickball every Thursday. She is such a good athlete that she even challenges other coworkers to exercise with her. She has even been known to challenge Dr. Kennell and, rumor has it, she always runs better than Dr. Kennell. Michelle has an awesome personality, and she appreciates everybody's energy and friendliness.

## FSU Campus Events

### Looking for something to do?

#### Sporting Events:

Wednesday 3/4: Baseball @ 4pm  
 Friday 3/6: Baseball @ 6pm  
 Saturday 3/7: Men's Basketball @ Noon  
 Saturday 3/7: Baseball @ 6pm  
 Sunday 3/8: Baseball @ 1pm  
 Tuesday 3/10: Baseball @ 6pm  
 Wednesday 3/11: Baseball @ 4pm

Baseball games are at Dick Howser stadium – located near the football and soccer fields on campus.

## Quote of the Week

If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

-Desmond Tutu

## Happy Birthday



Hector S. Puma (March 6)  
 Alix Kabre (March 8)  
 Manal Saad Alamri (March 9)  
 Khaled SMS Aldousari (March 10)  
 Meeaad Alrougi (March 11)  
 Yujeong Jeon (March 11)

## Culture Question

*Q: If I'm invited to a party that begins at 7:00pm, what time should I plan to arrive?*

A: Generally speaking, Americans are more **punctual** than some other cultures. In the professional working world (including CIES), punctuality is absolutely essential. If you are tardy to work functions, you could easily lose your job! At evening parties, it is a little less strict. If you arrive at 7pm, chances are that your host may not even be completely ready. Arriving within the first 15 minutes is generally socially acceptable. Americans have even adopted the term "fashionably late" which means being tardy in a socially acceptable way. It also depends on the size of the party. If it is a large party, people may not notice when you're late. If it is a smaller event with fewer people, you should definitely try to arrive as close to 7 as possible.

## Language Questions

*Question: In the United States, how are dates and birthdates written?*

A: It is important to remember that in the United States, dates are written MONTH, DATE, and then YEAR. In formal writing, you will see March 5, 2015. In shorthand you will see 03/05/2015. Here at CIES we are flexible – we know that many of you are used to writing dates a different way. However, when you write dates on important documents such as an apartment lease or at the bank, it is necessary to write the date in the usual American format.

*Question: What's the difference between "affect" and "effect"?*

A: Both words have similar meanings and are pronounced exactly the same by most English speakers. However, please be careful because "affect" is a verb whereas "effect" is a noun. Furthermore, the common adjective (effective) and adverb (effectively) are spelled like the noun. Don't feel bad if you confuse these words – many native English speakers are confused by this. If you use these words in your writing just be sure to go back and ask yourself if the word is functioning as a noun or verb – taking that little extra time will guarantee effective (☺) writing.

- Cloudy weather **affects** my mood – if it is dark and gray outside, I usually feel very sad. [Affects is a verb.]
- Violence has many negative **effects** on society. [Effects is a plural noun.]



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This week's vocabulary:

**celebrity (noun)** – a famous or well-known person

**beverage (noun)** – any type of liquid that can be drunk; usually used in describing servings (such as cans or glasses)

**concessions (noun)** – a refreshment stand or the refreshments sold at an event

**punctual (adj)** – to be on time; not late (noun = punctuality)