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Time to say goodbye

The International Dinner marks the end of the session

The International Dinner will be Friday April 17 from 6pm until 10pm. This is a tradition that we have done for many years here at CIES. It is important that all students try to attend this exciting celebration. **Everyone should bring a food dish representing their culture.** It is an excellent opportunity to sample various foods from all over the world. We will have a grill cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, and we'll have food from every part of the world. It is also a wonderful event because we get to **recognize** students who will be leaving CIES. Also, this is a great time to say bye to some of your CIES friends and teachers. We are very sad that Joshua Valentine will be leaving CIES for a while, and Sana and Debbie will be away from CIES for the summer sessions. For some of you, it will be important to say some final goodbyes. Starting at 8 o'clock the dinner becomes a dance party! There are lots of fun songs that will allow everyone to dance, and we also sample music from different parts of the world. Everyone always has a wonderful time.

Transferring to Another School

Many of you are planning to transfer to another school after this session. It is **very important** that Lacey get an acceptance letter and a transfer form in order to transfer your I-20 to a new school. The last day for students to transfer will be June 16; however, **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT** until the last minute to submit transfer documents. Only a few students have completed this process, and it is

essential that you get this done as soon as possible!

Start-up for Summer I

For those students returning to CIES in the summer, we have a much-needed break next week! Orientation for new students will be Thursday April 23. Classes will start for ALL students on Monday April 27. Attendance starts on April 27! Remember that you are expected to attend class every day, including the first days of the session. Absences are for emergencies, and too many can affect your immigration status.

We will have breakfast beginning at 8:30 that morning. Classes will start at 9:30am. The opening day breakfast is a great time to meet your teachers. One of the best things that you as a student can do is to introduce yourself to your teacher before class starts. That way your teacher can know your name before class starts, and it is a good way to build **rapport** with your teacher. The breakfast is also a good time to meet the new students here at CIES.

If you have any financial or registration problems, it is important that you talk to the staff at the front office as soon as possible. The first few days of the session are very busy, and it is vital that you get your money and finances organized at the very beginning of the session. **Please note that the CIES will be closed on Monday April 20** – do not come to visit the office that day!

Getting to Know: Sana Mcharek

There are some people in the world that are very easy to talk to. Sana Mcharek is one of those people. She is someone who not only listens to students and helps them with their problems, but she gives other teachers advice as well. Although Sana has lived in Tallahassee for over a decade, she is originally from Tunisia in northern Africa. Before coming to the US, she worked as an English teacher in Tunisia. She



met her husband, Tarek, before coming to the United States, and her husband is now a civil

engineering professor at FSU. After moving to the USA, Sana received her Master's degree. Sana is completely bilingual in English and Arabic – she speaks both these languages at home. Sana also speaks French because that is the language of school instruction in Tunisia. Sana has a 10-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son. Her children are excellent students, and her son spends a lot of his time participating in **boy scouts**. Sana stays very busy during the academic year, and during her summers she often returns to her home country. Several years ago she witnessed a democratic revolution in Tunisia in 2011. She mentions that "it was very exciting to see such a historical event" happen in her country. Having lived here in the US and Tunisia, Sana is very proud to be part of both worlds. Although she loves all of her students, she says that grammar is her favorite class to teach.

Happy Birthday

For those having a birthday this week and during the break

Soud Alessa (April 22)
Sheymaa Dewaishi (April 22)
Dae Hwan Kim (April 23)
Abdullah Alotaibi (April 26)

Culture Question

Q: What do FSU students do in their free time in Tallahassee?

A: Many FSU students would answer this question with “What free time?”. Most students stay very busy with academic classes during the week, so there isn’t that much free time during the week. A lot of students might have a part-time job where they work some nights of the week. Jobs in restaurants or at retail stores are particularly common for college students. During the week, students might also spend their free time with organizations on campus such as fraternities, sororities, professional organizations, or religious groups. Most of a student’s free time is on the weekend. Since most students have a car, they might leave Tallahassee whenever they have a few days of free time. Freshmen are more likely to go home regularly since they aren’t **used to** college life. For those students who stay in Tallahassee, there is a variety of outdoor activities in and around Tallahassee to keep you busy. Visiting the Florida Caverns in Marianna, the FSU Rez here in Tallahassee, or going to the beach at St. George Island or Panama City are all good options. Conversation partners are good resources. You can ask them what they do in

their free time, and maybe you can plan something together. You should also check out this website for many tips of awesome things to do right here in T-town:
www.visittallahassee.com

Language Question

Question: What’s the difference between ‘say’ and ‘tell’?

Answer: ‘Say’ and ‘Tell’ both mean to talk or communicate verbally with another person. These words confuse some people, but there are some easy ways to remember them. The easiest way is that ‘say’ usually refers to something, whereas ‘tell’ refers to both something and someone.

SAY:

My roommate said that our apartment was too messy. In this sentence the verb is the past-tense of ‘say’ and the something is ‘our apartment is too messy.’ We can mention a person, but we would have to use the word ‘to’ before a person’s name. **My roommate said to me that our apartment was too messy.**

TELL:

If we use the verb ‘tell,’ we have to add a person as extra information. Look at this sentence: **My roommate told me that our apartment was too messy.** In this sentence the person is ‘me’ and we do not need the word ‘to.’ The verb ‘tell’ is very often followed by a person’s name or pronouns such as *me, you, he, she, us, or them*. You can never use these words after the verb say! Also, remember that there are a few (but not many) expressions where you can use ‘tell’ without mentioning a person’s name.

Abdullah told a story last night. John often tells lies. He will tell the truth in court tomorrow. These are some of the expressions that use ‘tell’ without mentioning a person.

Based on this information, see if you can guess the correct verb in the sentences below:

Marta told / said the truth when her mom asked her a question.

Dr. Kennell told / said to the student that he was proud of her.

I told / said her the truth.

He always tells / says the right thing.

Language Puzzle

It is important to learn the many irregular verbs in English to help you with your writing skills. Below are six irregular verbs. Rearrange the letter below to find the correct irregular verb. The answers are on the bottom of front page. (Courtesy of Mignon Fogarty – The Grammar Devotional)

nese _____ eerw _____
ameecb _____ ozerf _____
stouhg _____ muws _____

Quote of the Week

May your choices reflect your hopes,
not your fears.

–Nelson Mandela



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This week’s vocabulary:

recognize (verb) – (in this context) to show appreciation of; to acknowledge

rapport (noun) – positive relationship; relation; connection

boy / girl scouts (noun) – an organization for children and youth that perform service and develop character skills

used to (idiom) – (in this context) something that is normal; accustomed to; in the habit of