Staff Spotlight: Nancy Garcia

Hello everyone! My name is Nancy Garcia and I am the officer manager at the ELI. You may not know who I am because most of my job is done behind the scenes. However, I know each and everyone of you. My job consists of making sure everyone is happy from the students to the faculty and staff. Furthermore, I make sure that the facility is kept up to par.

I was born and raised in Miami. I’m a true Miamian! FIU is my alma mater. I majored in Psychology/Social Work. I’ve been working at the ELI since I started my undergraduate studies. I absolutely love it here and have made the ELI my second home.

I am happily married and have two lovely children, Gabriella and Jonathan. We enjoy the outdoors. We try to go boating as often as the weather permits us. The ocean is our favorite playground.

As a true Miamian, football and basketball are our favorite pastimes. We enjoy watching the Miami Heat and the Dolphins play a good (or not so good) game. It is always a look-forward-to activity in our home.

Interesting Facts on Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a day when many Americans gather together with family for an afternoon/evening of great food and football, but how did it all get started?

The most familiar story of the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts, in 1621. More than 200 years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

What are some of the most traditional dishes eaten on Thanksgiving? Turkey is one of them, of course! In a survey conducted by the National Turkey Federation, nearly 88% of Americans said they eat turkey at Thanksgiving. Some other favorites on this holiday are cranberry sauce, sweet potato, green beans, and pumpkin pie for dessert. Yum!
Student Testimonial: Bibiana Insignares

For me, the ELI is not a synonym of English. The ELI was the trigger that gave me the possibility to believe in a better future and built new goals in my life. Learning English is a dream that is becoming true. Studying at the ELI has widened my horizons. I have learned about the experiences of my classmates, teachers and even myself. Today, I am not only a woman who came from Colombia to study English, I am also a woman with new dreams and a tremendous future ahead thanks to the English Language Institute.

Student Testimonial: Cesar Albahaca

Hello! My name is Cesar Albahaca. I am from Venezuela. I was obviously wrong. This is my first time studying at the ELI, and I can honestly say that I am very impressed by the quality of the courses at the ELI, not only for the ELI’s high standards, but also because the teachers are dedicated and concerned about their students. I would recommend this course to anyone who has a true desire to learn English in a positive and friendly atmosphere.

Student Testimonial: Emine Ozcan

Hello! My name is Emine Karabiyik. I was born in Turkey. When a friend of mine called me to ask about the English courses at the ELI, I thought: “Come on. Everyone speaks Spanish in Miami. No one can really learn English there”. I was obviously wrong. This is my first time studying at the ELI, and I can honestly say that I am very impressed by the quality of the courses at the ELI, not only for the ELI’s high standards, but also because the teachers are dedicated and concerned about their students. I would recommend this course to anyone who has a true desire to learn English in a positive and friendly atmosphere.

Hello! My name is Emine Ozcan. I want to study English. I am also a woman with new dreams and a tremendous future ahead thanks to the English Language Institute.
Interesting Apps for Smartphones

Do you remember what you wore yesterday? How about last week? Last month? Yes, I know—no one’s memory is that good.

If you’re looking for something to enhance or improve your memory’s capabilities, I’ve got just the app for you! Lumosity is the latest app that will improve your memory. Actually, it will improve your memory, attention span, and overall brain performance.

Can an app actually do that?! Why, yes it can. Lumosity is used by 40 million people worldwide. What’s more is that it creates a personalized training program that will help you achieve your goals. There are a series of games where your scores and performance is recorded. You can keep track of your performance so that you can see whether you are getting better or backsliding. Also, you can choose what skills you want to improve. It’s also worth mentioning that this app is free.

The ELI Poll

The Communication 4 students were asked the following question: “Is change good or bad?” Many of them had a lot to say on the subject, so the question was asked to all of the students and staff at the ELI. What’s more is that students went and asked several of FIU students. 86% said that change is good and necessary. It makes for an interesting and exciting life. 11% said change was bad and 3% can it be good or bad. It all depends on what kind of change and whether it is beneficial or not.

Is Change Good or Bad?

Clockwise: Bingxin Yi, Adriana Cullen, Rita Otayek, Desiree Mantovani, Hasan Alhamdan, Carlos Spicci, Yue Wu, Emine Ozcan, Stephanie Castro, Jose Acosta, Giuliana Ferrari, Maki Hoshida, and Laura Lamour
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We are also on Instagram: fueli

Riddle Match

1. Why was the box of writing paper in the desk moving?
2. How do you keep a rhinoceros from charging?
3. What has four wheels and flies?
4. What is the difference between a radio and a clothesline?
5. What has teeth but cannot chew?
6. What has ears but cannot hear?
7. What runs but has no legs or feet?
8. How far can you walk into a forest?
9. What is black and white and ‘read’ all over?
10. What is a definition of “illegal”??