This term the ELI has hosted two groups of Brazilian students: The UNINOVE students and the Brazilian Teacher Training Program known as PDPI. Both groups have brought us the warmth and joy of Brazil! We have studied, laughed, and danced with them. However, our best memory will always be their kindness and friendship. We will miss you. Please remember that we will never forget you. Here is what some of the Brazilian teachers had to say: “Our experience in Miami has been wonderful. We have had the opportunity to interact with people from all over the world. We have also had the chance to visit Miami and its eclectic culture. We have visited beautiful places such as the Everglades, Seaquarium, Bayside, as well as Miami Beach, downtown Miami and Wynwood Art Gallery located in Midtown.”
Students from Uninove

Student Spotlight: Valentina Velez

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I knew that it wouldn’t be easy, so I am giving it my all day by day and doing the best that I can to be successful. I try to learn something new everyday. To continue, I am learning how to open myself to new cultures. I have met many people from various cultures here at the ELI, and they have made me change my points of view. Also, they have shared with me their experiences and their way of life in their countries. I think this is amazing because it allows me to have a better and bigger view of the world. I think it’s really interesting that here at the ELI you are not only learning English but also about life and things that are really important to you.

On the weekends, I like to have fun and hang out with my friends. So, every Saturday we go to the beach. The weekend is a fun time to share and enjoy moments with my friends without forgetting the fact that we have to study for the upcoming week.

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Upcoming Events at the ELI

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- Welcome Breakfast at the ELI
- Welcome Dinner at Cadillac Ranch
- Ice Skating at Kendall Skating Ring
- Bowling at Strike
- Valentine’s Day Dance in GC
- Metro Zoo
- Karaoke at Village Tavern
- Skyzone
- End-of-Term Celebration

Interesting Facts

Here are some fun facts about the English language. Some of these may come as a surprise. Enjoy!

- A preposition is always followed by a noun (i.e.: noun a proper noun, pronoun, noun group, gerund.)
- The shortest complete sentence in English is the following. "I am."
- The only word in English that ends with the letters "-mt" is "dreamt" (which is a variant spelling of "dreamed").
- Only two English words in current use end in ".-gry". They are "angry" and "hungry".

ELI Academics – Reading Plus

Reading Plus has been a real hit! The instructors are happy with it, and the students absolutely love it! We are happy to announce the following students as having made tremendous progress throughout the last 4 weeks of the semester:

Elisangela Avellar
Marhec Lira
Jialing Shen
Kifah Mekled Maklad
Nora Dos Santos Ozuna
Katherine Alvarez Da costa
Haydenic Brito
Giuliana Ferrari
Bibiana Ferrari
Claudia Donoso
Cesar Reyes Monzon
Carlos Francisco Ruiz
Desiree Mantovani
Cesar Albahaca
Jose De Andrade
Yelitza Manrique
Stephanie Castro
Tami Shimura
Natalia Valverde
Barbara Bonjour
Cristina Borges

THERE are people who never paid attention to THEIR teacher in school. THEY’RE probably wondering what this means.
The Meaning of Valentine’s Day

What does Valentine’s Day mean to you? I asked this question to Reading 4 class and here is what they had to say about it:

- “Love and friendship are endless. Enjoy them both on Valentine’s Day.”
- “Valentine’s Day is the day to love one another.”
- To me, Valentine’s Day is an opportunity to share good feelings that we all have in our hearts.”
- “On this day you show how much you care about all the people in your life.”
- “The world becomes more colorful and filled with hope and love on this special day.”
- “Valentine’s Day is a good day to remember someone that you love.”
- “This day is the most beautiful day for lovers, but a disaster for those who are single like me.”
- “This is the most romantic day of the year.”
- “It is a wonderful day where people can show their love for one another and do interesting things on that day.”
- “Valentine’s Day is the day to say ‘I love you’ to everyone that you really love.”