



ELI NEWS

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ELI Activity:

ELI Trip to Niagara Falls Deadline Today!



Join the ELI on **Sat., July 28**, for a trip to Niagara Falls, New York! Niagara Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the largest waterfall in the United States.

We will depart the University on **Saturday, July 28 at 7:45 am** and return the same day **around 11:45 pm**. We need at least 30 students for this trip. The cost of this trip is **\$120** and includes:

- Roundtrip bus transportation
- Boat ride at the bottom of the Falls on the Maid of the Mist

It takes approximately 5 hours to reach Niagara Falls from Pittsburgh. We will stop on the way to Niagara Falls for lunch and we will stop on the way back for dinner. These meals are **not** included in the cost of the trip. You are welcome to invite a friend, but no children please. We will be walking A LOT.

The deadline for payment is **4:30 pm on Thursday, July 5**. Payment is by cash only and there are no refunds. Email Ece at ecu4@pitt.edu if you have any questions.

ELI Activity:

ELI NIGHT Calling all performers!

Get ready for one of the most highly anticipated activities in the ELI! ELI Night will be held on **Saturday, July 21** from 5-8 pm in the basement hall of the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh at 159 North Bellefield Ave.



ELI Night is a potluck dinner for ELI students and teachers, Talk Time leaders, conversation partners, and their families and friends. At a potluck dinner, everyone brings a dish to share. The dish should be enough to feed you and your guests and approximately 6-8 others. There is always a diverse selection of delicious food to select from. You will not leave hungry!

To compensate guests for their hard work preparing food, after dinner, ELI students and teachers sometimes perform. If you'd like to sing, dance, or play an instrument for us at ELI Night, please let Ece know **by Thursday, July 12**, so that she can plan accordingly. If you are too timid to perform alone, get your classmates together and perform something as a group! Email Ece at ecu4@pitt.edu if you are interested in performing. She will respond to confirm your performance.

You should plan to arrive at the church at 5 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. If you arrive after this time, you will miss out on a great deal of delicious food! If you have any questions, please contact Ece at ecu4@pitt.edu.

ELI Activity:

Let's Go Bowling!



Join us **Fri., July 6**, as we bowl some strikes (and maybe throw a few gutter balls) at Arsenal Lanes in

Lawrenceville. If you don't know what a strike or a gutter ball is, don't worry. We'll play on parallel lanes and learn how to bowl and have fun together!

Arsenal Lanes is located in Lawrenceville, approximately 30 minutes from the University by bus. You usually have to pay \$4 per game, but on Fridays, there is a special that includes unlimited bowling from 6-8 pm for just \$9.95. This price also includes shoe rental, a slice of pizza, and soda. It's a great deal! You do not need to sign up in advance. You can pay when we arrive at the bowling alley on Friday. **Cash only!**

We'll meet in the ELI lobby at **4:45 pm on Friday**. Arsenal Lanes is located at 212 44th Street at the corner of Butler Street in Lawrenceville. The 93 bus will drop us off at that corner. We will return to campus around 9 pm. Before you arrive, you should know what size shoe you wear in American sizes. You can check a conversion chart online at www.shoesizeconversion.net. It is required to wear their special bowling shoes. You should bring a pair of socks with you if you aren't already wearing them.

Coffee Talk on Fridays!

4:00 – 6:00 pm at Panera
(3800 Forbes Ave.)



ELI Activity:



Make a New Memory.

If you bought a ticket for Pitt Day at Kennywood, **please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Vault.** If you bought additional tickets for guests, write the number of guests and indicate if you will be taking the bus with us. If you haven't bought a ticket yet, tickets might still be available! This event sells out every year, so purchase your tickets soon at www.kennywood.com/pitt/. You can buy up to 10 tickets, so invite your family and friends! There are no refunds.

Pitt Day at Kennywood is a special day for Pitt employees, their families, and their friends. The teachers and staff of the ELI would love for our students to join us. Regular admission to the park is \$45.99, but the University of Pittsburgh has a limited number of tickets available for only **\$25!** (Children under 3 are free; seniors 55 and over are \$20.) The special Pitt Day tickets get you admission to the park for Pitt Day on July 15 and a catered picnic lunch. In addition to the special price and lunch, there will also be prizes, games, and activities for kids!

The 61C bus will drop us off at Kennywood, so it's even easy to get there! We will meet in the lobby of the ELI **at 10 am on Sunday, July 15**, and take the 61C bus to Kennywood together. The bus will pick us up at 10:20 am, so don't be late. Gates open at 10:30 am and the park closes at 10 pm. You are free to meet us at the park, but let Ece know. Ece will stay at the park until 6 pm, but you can leave the park anytime you wish.

For more details about Pitt Day, visit <http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/news/new-games-menu-planned>. For information about Kennywood, visit www.kennywood.com/.

Pitt Program Council Trip to Cedar Point Tickets go on sale July 2!

Join the Pitt Program Council for a Pitt trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, on **Saturday, July 21**. Cedar Point is a 364-acre amusement park that features 16 roller coasters and 74 thrill rides... That's a world record! With roller coasters that travel at speeds of 120 mph and have 80-degree drops, it's no wonder that Cedar Point is called the Roller Coaster Capital of the World. It's also the second oldest amusement park in the US and has been named "Best Amusement Park in the World" from Amusement Today for the past fourteen years!

Tickets are \$40 can be purchased **in M-30 William Pitt Union beginning July 2**. Credit/debit card is not accepted – cash only. Please remember to bring your Pitt student ID! Your \$40 ticket includes your entrance pass, transportation to and from the park as well as a drink band good for unlimited water and soda for the entire day! (Regular admission to Cedar Point is \$49 plus tax and handling when purchased online). This trip always sells out quickly, so be sure to get your tickets as early as possible on July 2. The William Pitt Union ticket office is open from 8:30 am – 5 pm, Mon.-Fri.

More information regarding departure times and other important details will be available from the Pitt Program Council very soon (www.facebook.com/pitt.programcouncil or <https://ppc.pitt.edu/>).

Please note that this event is ticketed as a TRIP ONLY. In order to receive passes to the park, students must use the transportation provided. After you purchase your ticket from the Pitt Program Council, if you'd like to purchase a "Fast Lane Pass" to allow you to go the front of the lines at the park, that is an additional cost. "Fast Lane" passes can only be purchased online in advance or at the park. For more info, visit <https://www.cedarpoint.com/things-to-do/fast-lane>. Please note that the Fast

Lane Pass is in addition to the admission charge to the park. Fast Lane passes cannot be purchased at the William Pitt Union.

Please be aware that this activity is organized by the Pitt Program Council and **not** the ELI. Teachers cannot go on this trip and guests are not allowed.

For more information about Cedar Point, visit their web site at www.cedarpoint.com. For a complete list of their roller coasters and their "thrill" ratings, visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cedar_Point.

First Day of Fall 2018 Term



Please remember that if you are planning to study at the ELI next term, the first day of official attendance is Friday, September 7, 2018. If you arrive at the ELI after the first day of official attendance, you will be counted absent for each day that you miss. If you cannot arrive by Monday, September 17, you will need to wait until the next semester to attend the ELI. Please see Stacy if you have any questions.

English in the Classroom

This is just a reminder that it is huge benefit for your language learning if you speak English as much as possible. Some of you are still tempted to speak your native languages to your friends. This is understandable because it is much easier and more comfortable. Please remember, though, that when you are in an ELI classroom, your teachers and your classmates only want to hear your English, even if it isn't quite accurate yet. Your teachers cannot be flexible with this requirement; they have to insist that you utilize your English.

FI Students and End-of-Term Grace Period

The Department of Homeland Security requires students to complete all levels of the ELI program in order to receive the 60-day grace period following the completion of study. This means that if you complete level 6 at the ELI, you will have 60 days after your last day of study to remain in the U.S.

If you complete study at the ELI before taking level 6, you will have a two-week grace period after your final day of class. This means that you will need to leave the U.S. within 2 weeks of your last day of study if you do not complete level 6.

Please note that the grace period is different for students who transfer to a new program. If you transfer to a new program at any time, you must begin study at the first available term for the new program. You are permitted to be out of school for up to 5 months before beginning the first available term of your new program, however. Please see Stacy if you have questions about these policies.

Pre-registration for Next Term

If you are planning to continue in the ELI and you have not seen Stacy, you must visit her during her office hours by July 31 to sign up for classes.

Remember, the ELI enrollment is very full in the fall term. If you want to participate in classes, you must pre-register. If you want to take a vacation term, you must pre-register for that, too. If you want to return to the ELI next semester and you have not talked to Stacy yet, you must see her soon.



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Scam Phone Calls

Several international students in the Pittsburgh area have received phone calls from people who say they are FBI agents, government officials, police officers, or other people of authority. The callers ask the international students for large amounts of money. Government officials, bank employees, and police officers will never ask you for money. **The people making these calls are NOT authorized to ask you for information.** They often have some personal information about you that seems to be accurate, and so they can sound very convincing. They are also very threatening and usually demand that a large amount of cash be withdrawn from the student’s bank account and sent via PayPal.

If you receive one of these phone calls, please take the following steps:

1. End the call, no matter how threatening the caller may seem. **Do not withdraw money from your bank account or give the caller any information about yourself, your address, or your finances.**
2. See Stacy right away, and she will help you report the call to the police.

Pitt Police suggest that you write down the incoming number, if possible. Pitt Police also warns students not to release any personal information concerning your identity.

If you have questions or concerns, you may contact Stacy.

ELI Calendar Online

When and where is the next ELI activity? When is the Closing Ceremony? When are final exams? If you have questions about the ELI schedule this term or future terms, remember to check the ELI calendar online!

www.eli.pitt.edu/academic-calendar

Mark your calendars! Upcoming ELI Activities



Friday, July 6: Bowling
 Tuesday, July 10: Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game
 Sunday, July 15: Pitt Day at Kennywood
 Saturday, July 21: ELI Night
 Saturday, July 28: ELI Trip to Niagara Falls

English Language Institute Final Exam Schedule Summer 2018



The ELI gives final exams at the end of the term. These exams are worth 30% of the final grade for each class. There are no excused absences for finals. The ELI does not give early final exams or make up exams. Role Play finals in Speaking are graded with another Speaking teacher. Writing finals are graded by a teacher from another class with input from your teacher.

Please note the following schedule and plan to be present for the finals.

Friday, July 27	Monday, July 30	Tuesday, July 31
Writing final 10:00am-12:00pm	Grammar final 10:00am-12:00pm	Reading final 10:00am-12:00pm
Speaking final 1:00pm-3:00pm	Listening final 2:00pm-4:00pm	

Learn about the Pittsburgh Riverhounds Soccer Club

Have you been keeping up with the World Cup? Are you a soccer (or football) fanatic? Did you know that there is an American professional soccer team located here in Pittsburgh? That's right! Although Pittsburgh is most known for their success in professional football, hockey, and sometimes baseball, our city also houses a professional soccer team named the Pittsburgh Riverhounds Soccer Club. The team was founded in 1998 and plays in the Eastern Conference of the United Soccer League. This is considered the second tier of the American soccer pyramid, but the team announced intentions to join the Major League Soccer by 2023. Games take place in Highmark Stadium in Station Square, the team's official home field. If you are interested in learning more about the team, or attending a game, visit www.riverhounds.com. Individual tickets start at \$13.00.

Get a Library Card!

A library card at the Carnegie Public Library gets you access to a whole range of materials you can borrow for FREE. Not only can you borrow books, you can also borrow DVDs, CDs, download audiobooks, and take free informal classes. The quickest way to get your FREE library card is to visit the main branch in Oakland, across Fifth Avenue from the Cathedral of Learning. The building is across the street from Schenley Plaza behind the building with the big dinosaur in front of it. When you enter the building, make a right to visit the Customer Service desk. Show them a valid photo ID (US driver's license, state ID, passport, or Pitt ID) and proof of residence (a recent electrical bill, cable bill, phone bill, credit card bill, etc. that was mailed to you and has your name and address on it). To get a library card online: visit: <https://www.carnegielibrary.org/services/get-a-library-card/>

Free Fun at the Carnegie Library

Pittsburgh is the home of a world-class public library system, the Carnegie Library. The library's main branch is in Oakland, across from the Cathedral of Learning. The library offers a variety of free classes, activities, and events throughout the week. The library hosts events in the following categories: games & crafts, film screenings, language classes, workshops, presentations & lectures, health & fitness, family fun, as well as others. Below is a list of some of the events taking place at the Carnegie Library in Oakland during the next week.

Yoga with Rich
Thursday, July 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Excel Basics
Saturday, July 7th at 10:30 a.m.

Let's Play: Intermediate Chess
Saturday, July 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Word Basics
Sunday, July 8th at 12:30 p.m.

Historical Tours of Main Library
Sunday, July 8th at 1 or 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Music Series Presents Neil Gerjuoy
Sunday, July 8th at 2:00 p.m.

For a more detailed list, please visit <https://www.carnegielibrary.org/events/>.

Your Name on Your ELI Certificate

Each term, we award certificates for students who attend their classes. The way we print your name on your certificate is the same it was printed on the midterm grade report you recently received. If you would like to make any changes, please email the ELI Main Office at elipitt@pitt.edu. Common changes including: adding a hyphen (ji-young instead of Jiyoung), adding a capital letter (Ji-Young instead of Ji-young), or adding a middle name.

Learn About the Forbes Digital Plaza

Have you ever noticed the outdoor big screen television down the road from the ELI on the corner of Forbes Avenue and South Bouquet Street? This brand of entertainment and gathering spot for lunch goers or coffee drinkers actually serves a great purpose! Forbes Digital Plaza is a vital and innovative part of the Oakland community. The concept was created by the Oakland Business Improvement District as a project to take a new approach to public space place-making and community branding. The plaza's digital screens feature local, national, and international artists and also serves as a tool to advertise events and activities in the area throughout the year. To learn about the featured artists and their work, visit forbesplaza.org.

Summer Fridays at the Frick

Summer Fridays at the Frick is a highly popular 12-week series featuring a diverse variety of free outdoor performances, family-friendly activities, and varied dining options. The Frick is located at 7227 Reynolds St., Pittsburgh, PA 15208. Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. on the North Lawn. Below are the remaining performances for the summer.

Friday, July 6th: Phat Man Dee with members of the Cultural District

July 13th: Flashpoint Run and Staff Summer Pop-Up Shop

July 20th: Charm & Chain

July 27th: A (Mid)Summer Night Frick Swing

August 3rd: Daddy Longleg's Homegrown Revival

August 10th: Kyle Lacy and the Harlem River Noise

August 17th: In Bed by Ten Dance Party

August 24th: Michael Christopher

August 31st: The Buckle Downs