ELI Activity: PAEP/IEP

ELI Virtual Summer Celebration

Friday, June 25 at 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for an online Summer Celebration to welcome summer, celebrate the halfway mark in the ELI semester, and have fun chatting with your classmates, teachers, and other ELI students. Not only will you get to meet other people, you'll also learn some new vocabulary and expressions relating to summer!

We’ll be using a gaming-like platform called Gatherround in which participants will be put into breakout rooms to play a conversation card game for 8 minutes to answer questions and get to know each other. After 8 minutes, a timer will go off and participants will be assigned to another breakout room to talk with someone else. At the end of the event, you can choose to share your email address with people you’ve chatted with.

This is a fun way to meet new people, practice your English, and have fun while achieving your goals of improving your English. Please register in advance for this activity by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25, so that we can plan for the games.

IEP:

ELI Writing Contest

The ELI is holding a competition for students in all Writing classes. There will be one winner in each level (4,5,6), and the winners will be announced at the ELI Closing Ceremony.

If you have written a good composition in your writing class this semester, you should tell your writing teacher that you would like to enter it in the writing contest. Your teacher will then submit your paper for you. Your entry will be read anonymously by judges (your name will be removed from the paper, so they won’t know who you are). The judges will choose the best composition from each level.

The deadline for entries is Thursday, 29 July at 12:00 p.m.

If you are in level 4, 5, or 6, your entry must be an essay that you wrote in class this semester. Each student can enter only one composition.

Good luck!

PAEP/IEP:

Write for the ELI News

The ELI loves to publish articles by its students. Would you like to share your thoughts or an essay you wrote? Would you like to write about your American experience? Would you like to teach us something about your culture? If so, please email your submissions to us at ELIpitt@pitt.edu. This is a good chance to improve your English and have your writing published. All levels are welcome! Please note that submissions to the ELI News cannot be submissions to the ELI Writing Contest.

PAEP:

I-94 Numbers, Health Insurance, and Change of Address Forms Required

Each student must give the ELI Main Office his or her I-94 admission number and proof of health insurance by 4:00 p.m. EST on Friday, June 25, 2021. To find your DHS I-94 admission number:

1. Go to: https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home
2. Click “Get Most Recent I-94”
3. Click on “Consent and Continue”
4. Enter information exactly as it appears on your visa.

Submit both your I-94 Number and proof of health insurance by 4:00 p.m. EST on Friday, June 25 using this secure link: https://dsaspitt.wufoo.com/forms/p1lqhuiz0f17f7f2d/

Email the ELI Main Office at elipitt@pitt.edu if you have any questions. Do not email I-94 forms.

Visit the ELI NEWS online: www.eli.pitt.edu/eli-news
or proof of health insurance. Use the link provided to submit them.

Each student must also submit a Change of Address Form when they arrive in the United States. This is required by both the ELI and the University of Pittsburgh. Please use this survey link to submit your US address by 4:00 p.m. EST on Friday, June 25, 2021: https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2n500jXUrQCKKgI

ELI Email Directory

If you need to email your teacher but forgot their email address, you can always find it on the ELI web site. Simply go to https://www.eli.pitt.edu/people. When you email your teachers, you must use your Pitt email account. Email providers such as Naver, Hotmail, Yahoo and other free email services, often encounter problems with the Pitt email system. If you do not use your Pitt email address, your email be blocked or marked as spam.

PAEP/IEP: 
Pitt Emergency Alert System
By Stacy Ranson

It is very important that ELI students know when there is an emergency regarding the University of Pittsburgh. For this reason, all ELI students must sign up for the Emergency Notification System that is provided by the University of Pittsburgh. This system will contact you by phone, email, or text, to tell you when there is an emergency regarding the University. When there is an emergency, you should follow the directions from the system notification.

To subscribe to the Pitt Emergency Notification System:

• Log in to my.pitt.edu
• Click on “My Resources” at the top of the page

• Click on “Emergency Notification”
• Enter your phone number and check whether you would like a voice message or text
• Click “Submit”

It is very easy to sign up and only takes a minute. Please sign up today!

PAEP/IEP: 
ELI Students and Pitt Email

ELI students MUST use Pitt email. Your teachers and the university will use ONLY Pitt email to contact you. If you don’t check your Pitt email every day, you may miss important messages about your classes, registration, or tuition payments. To check your email, visit my.pitt.edu and click on “My Pitt Email.” If you do not know your Pitt username or password, or you cannot access your account, please read the yellow paper in your orientation folder (or get a new one from the PAEP/IEP: Orientation Office). This will give you instructions on how to activate your email address this week.

www.facebook.com/PittELI

PAEP/IEP: 
Happening at Pitt

We hope that you’re browsing the Pitt Events Calendar in your free time, but here are some highlights for the next several days:

Thursday, June 24

Summer Bingo Bash: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Hosted by the Pitt Program Council. Play five rounds of Bingo! for great prizes (one per round) including a backpack, hammock, camera and more. You must log into your Pitt account using the SSO log-in option on Zoom to join the games. Categories for this game: Interest Exploration, Late Nights, and Virtual Programs.

Introduction Adobe Photoshop: 2:30-4:00 p.m. This introductory course for the beginner builds the skills and knowledge to touch up photos for your best pictures yet. Registration is required.

Monday, June 28

In Our Own Write (LGBTQ+ Community Open Mic): 7:30-9:00 p.m. A virtual open mic that showcases LGBTQ+ diversity through allyship and experience on the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, which was the origin of Pride in America. Registration is required for attendance and participation.

Tuesday, June 29

Painting Summer Flowers: 2:00-3:30 p.m. Join Jasmine Green from the Center for Creativity for this beginner-friendly painting session featuring the flowers blooming on campus. All materials and equipment provided, so registration is required for there to be enough on hand for everyone to use.

Wednesday, June 30

Virtual Diversity Book Club: starts at 6:00 p.m. The Department of Medicine Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion presents author Dr. Samantha Allen. Dr. Allen has written Real Queer America: LGBT Stories from Red States, which is written in the form of a travelogue (a type of memoir that is written about the places and experiences of the traveler). The term “red states” refers to states that generally vote Republican or conservative. Registration is required.

Game Night Wednesday: 8:00-10:00 p.m. Make new friends and have a great time playing virtual games. Registration is required. More
dates through August 4 (click the Pitt Events Calendar link for more details).

PAEP/IEP:  

Happening in Pittsburgh

Here is a selection of events happening in the Pittsburgh area. Please double check event information before leaving your home and take all Covid precautions, including proper mask wearing.

Thursday, June 24

America 101 Initiative: The Heinz History Museum is proud to participate in the America 101 Initiative. This initiative tells the American story and explores what it means to be American, empowering people with knowledge and inspiration. Part of the initiative is the goal of ensuring people have the knowledge of American history and civics to pass the U.S. Citizenship test by 2026. Shockingly, various studies have indicated that most Americans wouldn’t pass the exam. But you don’t have to be an American citizen to appreciate the information and activities the American 101 Initiative has to offer. Click the link to explore the apps and Heinz History Museum exhibits that are part of this effort.

American Democracy (A Great Leap of Faith): open daily museum hours. The Heinz History Museum has partnered with the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution of Traveling Exhibition Service to present a deep dive into the history of democracy in America and how Pittsburgh and Western PA helped shape how Americans engage with it. This exhibit is 7,000 square feet of rare artifacts and information you won’t see anywhere else. This exhibit is also part of the America 101 Initiative, explained above. Purchase a timed ticket and be sure to wear a mask. Social distancing is still required inside the museum.

Kayak Pittsburgh: Hours vary by location. Located in both North Park and in Downtown, Kayak Pittsburgh allows you to rent kayaks (other options available at North Park) and explore Pittsburgh from the water. See the famous Pittsburgh landmarks and skyline in a unique way that will stand out in your memory. Grab a few friends for a relaxing day on the water, and consider writing a short essay about it for the ELI News or the ELI Writing Contest. Use the code pittedu for a discount on a single trip, or consider becoming a member of Venture Outdoors and receive a discount at every Venture Outdoors activity, including hikes.

Warhol and Basquiat in Focus Exhibit: open daily museum hours. Available until September 20, this exhibit presents a large-scale reinstallation of the Andy Warhol Museum’s fourth-floor gallery featuring nearly the entire collection of Warhol and Basquiat photographs and works of art in a variety of genres. This powerful and emotional exhibit is a must-see, as many of these works of art have never been on display before.

Saturday, June 26

Summerfest 2021 hosted by ABC Transit: 1:00-5:00 p.m. This family-friendly, kid-focused day features tons of fun activities including a bounce house and slide, craft stations, face painting and more. Food trucks and vendors will also be on site. There will also be a big surprise for the kids at 4:00 p.m. Located at Heinz Field Gold Lot 1A.

Tuesday, July 6

JazzLive Series Kick-off: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust to kick off their free JazzLive series with Roger Humphries + RH Factor on Fort Duquesne Blvd. between 7th and Stanwix St. Enjoy the unique sounds of jazz with some of the best performers around for absolutely free. There are more jazz musicians lined up to play in the upcoming weeks, so check out the list and mark your calendars (and sign up for the free Pittsburgh Cultural Trust newsletter to stay updated on all the best local music and arts news).

How to Contact the ELI’s Main Office for Assistance

The Parkvale Building that houses the ELI offices and classrooms remains closed, but the Main Office is happy to assist you virtually and over the phone.

For virtual assistance, you can email ELIpitt@pitt.edu at any time. Someone will reply within 24 hours or as soon as possible. Emails sent over the weekend will be answered the following business day or as soon as possible.

You can also request a Zoom meeting. All emails will be answered and Zoom calls scheduled during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. EST Monday-Friday).

For assistance over the phone, call 412-624-5901 during normal business hours. If you cannot get through, or if you need to call outside of normal business hours, leave a voicemail and someone will return your call within 24 hours. Weekend calls will be answered as soon as possible during the week.

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ELI Joke of the Week

This week’s family-friendly jokes are courtesy of Parade and feature a type of humor called the “knock-knock” joke. Knock-knock jokes
always start with the phrase “knock-knock,” as if to say you are knocking on a closed door. The humor often centers around puns and word play in the response.

Joke #1:
Knock-knock.
Who’s there?
Tank.
Tank who?
You’re welcome.

Joke #1:
Knock-knock
Who’s there?
Figs.
Figs who?
“Figs” the doorbell, it’s not working!

Joke #3:
Knock-knock.
Who’s there?
Dozen.
Dozen who?
“Dozen” anybody want to let me in?

**Quote Corner**

“I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.” --Maya Angelou, author of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Source: [BrainyQuote](https://www.brainyquote.com)

SOUND OFF: This quote uses the metaphor of baseball to describe how to live your life. How is baseball like life? What does Angelou mean by “throw something back?”