



WINTER QUARTER, ISSUE 3

IELP ESSENTIAL NEWS

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CAMPUS IEP PHOTO CONTEST

This quarter, we are once again holding a photo contest for the Campus IEP. The winning photo will be published on the front cover of our Campus IEP Weekly Planner, and Student Handbook in Spring Quarter! It will also be featured at the Winter End of Quarter Ceremony.

We are looking for a photo representing the UW campus that does NOT contain close-up pictures of people’s faces. The photo should also represent the Spring season. Besides these guidelines, you are free to use your creativity



and imagination! Each student may submit a maximum of five photos. Please e-mail your submission(s) to eslactiv@pce.uw.edu. We need to receive all submissions by Monday, February 20th at 5:00 PM.

If your photo gets chosen by the ELP Student Council, you will receive recognition at our IEP End of Quarter Ceremony. We look forward to seeing all your photos!

UW TOWER OPERATING HOURS

The IELP office is open on the 13th floor of the UW Tower from 8am -5pm, Monday-Friday. Please do not come to the tower after 5pm.

MID-QUARTER PARTY TONIGHT!



Please join us tonight from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the UW Tower Cafeteria for our IELP Mid Quarter Party! We’ll have fun activities for you take part in and lots of pizza to eat! Your friends and family are welcome to come to the party with you. There will

be music, a photo booth, Valentine’s Day card making, a raffle (where you can win prizes!) and a live hip hop vocal performance. The Mid-Quarter Party is a great way to relax with your friends, family, and some of the IELP staff. We hope to see you there!

CHECK YOUR I-20!

This is a reminder to check the program end date on your I-20 (in section #5). If your I-20 is expiring at the end of Winter Quarter and you are planning to continue studying in our ELP in

Spring Quarter, you need to request an I-20 extension and bring an updated bank statement or financial guarantee to Marissa or Sean. You must request an extension at least two weeks

BEFORE the program end date. Call 206-543-6242 to make an appointment with Marissa or Sean. Remember: it is YOUR responsibility to keep your I-20 up-to-date!

Thank you to **Zijing Chen** for sending in these great snow photos featured in this issue!

CALLING ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS!

Is this your last quarter in the IEP? Would you like to practice making a speech? Do you need something special to add to your college application or your resume? Why not volunteer to give a short 2-5 minute graduation speech to your fellow students and teachers at

the IEP End of Quarter Ceremony on Friday, March 9th? It's a great opportunity to reflect on your experiences as a student at UW and your life in Seattle. If you are interested, please send an email to Marissa at aid@pce.uw.edu as soon as possible.

PERFORMER(S) NEEDED FOR IEP END OF QUARTER CEREMONY

Do you have a special talent such as dancing, singing, or playing an instrument? Would you like to perform in front of your friends and teachers

at our IEP End of Quarter Ceremony on March 9th? If so, please send a message to Marissa at aid@pce.uw.edu as soon

A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES & IMMIGRATION ADVISORS

We are here to help you. If you have any questions about your F-1 visa, I-20, school transfers, or life in Seattle, please send an email to us at

aid@pce.uw.edu or make an appointment with Marissa or Sean at the UW Tower on the 13th floor by calling 206-543-6242.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Please see the list of upcoming information sessions. If you have questions about these topics or about applying to college, writing a statement of purpose or any academic topic, please contact, Elisabeth

Mitchell, IEP Academic Advisor, at emitchell@pce.uw.edu or 206.616.0882.

Here are upcoming information sessions in February – they are for YOU!

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please attend class every day. Immigration requires us to report if a student is not making progress. One important part of making progress is by attending class every day.

Attendance is required in the IEP and there are no excused absences.

However, we understand that sometimes you need to be absent due to illness so ten absences in a single class are allowed.

Keep track of how often you are late to class and how often you are absent. If you are not sure, please ask your teacher.

UW BOTHELL ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Have questions about UW Bothell? Need help with your application to UW Bothell? Would you like to learn more about UW Bothell degrees? An advisor will be available at the UW Bothell campus—

just 1 easy bus ride away! You may come have a tour, sit in a class, and then meet with an advisor. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Mariah Ortiz via email at MOrtiz@uwb.edu.

IEP END OF QUARTER CEREMONEY

Mark your calendars now! We will be celebrating the end of the Winter Quarter on Friday, March 9th, at 2:00pm in the UW Tower Auditorium. Please come and join your friends and teachers to congratulate

the graduates and the outstanding students. There will be a reception with food following the ceremony. Seating is limited, so please be there on time to get a seat.

UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**

February 8, 10:30 – 11:20AM

Condon Hall, Room 105

What is graduate school like in the U.S.? What do you need to know to succeed? Come hear from IEP instructor, Dr. Michele Poff, and current UW graduate students to learn from their experiences.

APPLYING FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP

February 15, 10:30-11:20AM

Condon Hall, Room 105

What is the process for applying to college or university in the U.S.? What is the time schedule? What do I need to have ready? Come to this workshop if you are thinking about applying to college in the U.S. Even if you are not ready to apply, it is NEVER too early to learn about this!

TIPS & STRATEGIES FOR TAKING THE GRE

February 22, 10:30 -11:20AM

Condon Hall, Room 105

Join IEP Instructor and MATESOL student Elinor Westfold as she shares her experience with the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). If you are planning to go to Graduate School in the U.S., you will want to learn more about this important test.

I-TEFL INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS!

Do you want to improve your teaching methods? Are you studying English right now to become a better English instructor? Please check out our International Teaching English as a Foreign Language (I-TEFL) program for international English teachers at www.elp.washington.edu/elp/programs/2320.

Questions about I-TEFL should be directed to Cheryl Wheeler at cwheeler@pce.uw.edu or 206-685-6414.

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UPCOMING ELP ACTIVITIES

Seattle Asian Art Museum & Volunteer Park

Saturday, February 18th

The Seattle Asian Art Museum is a one of a kind museum showcasing local and international art inspired by Asian cultures. The SAAM is located in the beautiful Volunteer Park, which is also home to the Conservatory, a greenhouse that grows plants all year round! Not only that, but Volunteer Park is considered one of the best places to take photos of Seattle.

Look for more announcements and updates about our ELP activities in your email inbox! Please email Noelle at eslactiv@pce.uw.edu if you have questions about ELP activities.

Call for Photos!

Have you been on an ELP activity this quarter? Have you taken any photos? If you would like to share them with your classmates, please send them to Noelle at eslactiv@pce.uw.edu! They will be posted on our online album and you will be credited with your work!

UPCOMING FIUTS ACTIVITIES

CulturalFest

Friday, February 10th

Travel the world in a day! CulturalFest is the largest celebration of international cultures on campus! Between 11am-3pm there will be an International Culture Exhibition, which is free. Starting at 8pm, there will be a Cultural Music and Dance Performance at Meany Hall (\$10 in advance for students/\$15 at the door). Please see <http://fiuts.org> for more information.

Square Dancing

Monday, February 13th

Spend the evening dancing at The Tractor in Ballard! Beginners and experienced dancers (ages 21 and up) are welcome! There's a \$6 cover charge collected at the door; dancing starts at 8pm. No need to sign-up in advance; meet facilitators on front of the Burke Museum Cafe at 7:30pm and travel by bus to Ballard. Bring your U-PASS, passport/gov't issued photo ID, dancing shoes, and cash for entry (\$6), and extra money for snack and beverages.

FIND MORE THINGS TO DO IN SEATTLE

A lot of events are happening around the city all the time! There are concerts, plays, sporting events, art exhibitions, and much more to see every weekend. Just make sure you have enough time to do your homework too. Here are some websites that can help you find fun things to do in Seattle:

<http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/entertainment/>

<http://www.seattleweekly.com/events/search/dateRange:%5b2012-02-03,2012-02-18%5d/>

<http://www.seattlecenter.com/events/>



Thanks for reading! Keep an eye out for the next issue which will be out February 17th!