



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Intensive English Institute Newsletter



Farewell Messages!

IEI STUDENTS:

I was so impressed with how well you all became comfortable on campus, made new friends, and were excited about trying new things all the time. Take the same spirit of enthusiasm wherever you go, and I know that all of you will see success in whatever you do in the future. =>
Sarah Cho, IEI intern



Best of luck to Lewis and Lisa.

I had a great time being ConvoPartners with you guys!
Eva Shiu,
Convopartner

Dear 3W:

I was really happy to meet you guys. I'll remember my classmates forever. And thanks to my teachers, especially my first grammar teacher, Ann, who retired last Spring semester. I'll never forget you! Thank you Megan, Silva, Gretchen and Anna.
Su Yeon Chung, 3W

Dear 4T,

I'm glad to meet my classmates. I enjoyed staying here. I have to go back to Japan, but if you come to Japan, please contact me. I'll never forget you and I'll miss you! I'm looking forward to meeting you again someday! See you,
Katsumi Chosa

Dear IEI Teachers,

Thanks to your help, my goal has been reached. I cannot possibly put my thanks into words.
Michio Murakami, 2E

Dear Composition 4 Bears and Penguins:

Your writing is getting better every day. Remember, you can always practice your writing by sending me an email to let me know how you're doing next semester.
I'll miss you all!
Tracy Marvin, IEI instructor

Huang gui and Ying,

Thanks for being such wonderful partners and friends!! I won't forget our ice-skating, coffee-shop, dinner parties and our times of sharing together! Huang gui- Please take care when you go back to China and remember Ying and me!
Love, Deborah Ho, Convopartner



Dear 3H,

I'm happy to meet you guys.
Thanks, 3H, now and forever.
Martina

Dear Anita and Pam and my teachers last semester, too,

Thanks for being my teachers and giving me an interest in English and getting rid of my fear of newspapers or news on TV. I'd like to recommend the IEI program to my friends thanks to you all. I'll miss your classes. Thank you!
JooHee, 1E

Dear 3S,

Our class was so fun this semester that it is hard for me to let it go. Thanks very much especially to my teachers Anissa, Isabelle, Kara and Kate and to all the IEI teachers whose task is to help new students here in the United States. I will never forget all you did for me. Thank you very much one more time. May God bless you.
Gilles

Dear LOC 3Q Students:

You are all Quality students!
Thanks for your PARTICIPATION in and out of class this semester! Curtis Orchard, Halloween, Potluck...Lots of memories. Keep in touch!
Anna Kasten, IEI instructor

Hi Guys,

During our classes, I was so happy. I'll miss you so much! I really want to keep in touch with you guys for a long, long time.
Jay, 3H

Upcoming IEI Events

- Saturday, December 1st, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon
INSTITUTIONAL TOEFL TEST.
Remember that rooms on campus are sometimes too hot or too cold. Dress appropriately!
- Thursday, December 6th, 7:00 PM
IEI Final Reception at the Illini Union Ballroom
Use the northeast stairs or the northwest elevator to access the Ballroom on the 2nd floor.

Hi everyone,

I hope your time with IEI has been fun! I am sure you learned a lot this semester. I had a great time meeting and getting to know you guys. I really hope that you took many pictures to remember your time here. From the welcome picnic to fun game nights to the volunteer projects, this has definitely been a rewarding time for me. I hope you take back home with you all the wonderful memories of this place as you continue your travel and education. Thank you for the great memories,
Ami Patel, IEI Intern

Dear 3W Teachers:

I always felt comfortable in your classes. My English is getting better, and I had a great time in class and at the party at Susan's house in October. Thanks all of you, for my English and for everything.
Phuong Dang, 3W

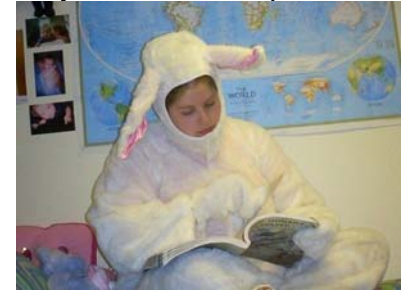
To 3H,

Hey! Guys! You guys are the best classmates that I've ever met. I had a lot of fun when we stayed together. I really don't wanna say goodbye to some of you guys, but after this semester, some of you will leave here. I will remember you guys forever. I promise.
Wayne

Have a safe trip home, Eun Young!

I'm sure you've been homesick the last few months, but how many giant bunny rabbits are at college campuses in Korea?

Mary Doornbus, Convopartner



A few notes about the End of Semester Reception:

The IEI is so proud of you and wants you to enjoy this final event in your honor. Each class will be called to the stage, and each student will be called to the podium to receive a certificate and photo CD. This takes some time to complete, so please be aware of the following simple guidelines:

- Be on time, and sit with your section. Please be seated no later than 7:30 PM.
- IEI staff will take pictures during the ceremony. You may NOT take pictures during the ceremony. There will be plenty of time to take group and individual pictures after certificates have been received by all classes.

COME AND CELEBRATE!

Dear Annie and Joe,

I am so glad that we had the opportunity to meet one another. Both of you are such amazing people and I know that you will be successful here at the University of Illinois. Annie, thank you for introducing me to Korean food (Spicy!!) and for teaching me so many things about your life and culture. Joe, I never stop laughing when I'm with you! You're so funny and outgoing! Good luck to both of you with your academics and have a wonderful time here in the United States!! Please don't forget me and don't forget to keep in touch!

Samantha Duckett,
Convopartner



Dear Gretchen,

Thanks a lot for giving us always the best from you in your classes. I think you are the kind of professor the students always remember. I really feel that you love and enjoy teaching English and because of that you make it easy to understand and to learn. Sincerely,
Javier Galvan, 3T

Dear 3H,

At the end of this semester, I know that I met great classmates who have always made me laugh and tried to help me anytime. Even though one person, I don't wanna say that this person is Luiz, always was such a bad influence. ☺ Anyway, I hope everything goes well.
Byeeeeee...guys.
Hee jun Chung

Dear Odo:

I think we had a good time. I was lucky that you became my convopartner. You are so kind. I hope our relationship keeps going next semester.
Donnie Yun, 3W

To the students of Reading 3Q:

I enjoyed our class so much! Remember in the beginning in that HOT room? Hard to imagine now. Thank you for all that you have shared, the work we have done together, and the many laughs we have had! Please try to stay in touch and I wish you good reading.
Lisa Chason, IEI instructor

Dear IEI Teachers,

Thanks to your help, my goal has been reached. I cannot possibly put my thanks into words.
Michio Murakami, 2E

Dear 3T,

I'm so lucky to meet you guys this semester. I had good time thanks to you guys. I know some of you have to leave and others will stay here. I'm going to take classes at the IEI next semester. Although we might not see each other any more or can't be classmates any more, let's keep in touch! Thank you for everything, my friends and teachers. ;)

Jin Lee

Dear 3Q,

I think our class was very good. Every class was very fun and interesting for me. Especially all of our presentations were very excellent. These times will be good memories for me. I will remember all of our class' students. Good luck 3Q.

Jangung "James" Seo

To ALL of my wonderful students,

Thanks so much for such a wonderful semester! I will miss each and every one of you! Good luck in all of your future plans! Don't forget about us here at the IEI—come and visit again soon!

Kate Curry, IEI Instructor

Joo Hyun and Tina,

I will really miss you two next semester! Thank you so much for being such great convopartners. Good luck in Latin America, Korea and anywhere else you end up! I know you will do great.

Keep speaking English!

Caitlin Gullotto, Convopartner

Dear 3S

I've had a wonderful time with you in our reading class this semester. Don't forget the wonderful lessons we've learned about Brian, crazy cars and solar houses. Stay in touch, and keep reading!

Kara Wheeler, IEI instructor



Hello Everyone!

I had so much fun meeting everybody at the IEI this semester. It was great getting to know you at different events and especially when volunteering together. I am so happy that I was able to have this experience. I hope that you guys also had a great semester here. I'm going to study abroad next semester in Korea so I'll be the international student soon! I wish you all the best of luck in the future.

Take care and God bless.

Susan Sohn, IEI Intern



To our "Special Class":

It was nice getting to know you in a small group this semester! We'll miss our meetings in La Casa. . .

Mohammed, best wishes to you as you move on to the mountains of Utah! Take care,

Anna & Megan

Dear 3Q,

I totally think our class was good. I am supposed to go back to my country next semester, so I'm so sad. I could get self confidence at the IEI to meet Americans. Thank you IEI and thank you 3Q and a great thank you to Anna.

John Lee

Helen Ng and Yang Cuiping,

I enjoyed our weekly meetings and our conversations! Our dinner at the Chinese restaurant was fun and now I know what to order next time I go! Good luck with future endeavors!

Katherine Hlousek, Convopartner



Dear Anita and Pam and my teachers last semester, too,

Thanks for being my teachers and giving me an interest in English and getting rid of my fear of newspapers or news on TV. I'd like to recommend the IEI program to my friends thanks to you all. I'll miss your classes. Thank you again.

JooHee, 1E

Dear Angela and Hyojun,

I have truly enjoyed getting together and talking about different things with both of you. Your openness to learning about many people from various cultures is wonderful to watch. Keep up the good work of learning English and building friendships!!

Eriko Ishitsuka, Convopartner

Thanks, everyone, for your farewell messages!

Coming Back to the IEI in Spring? Save Money on Your Spring Tuition by Registering Early!

If you are planning to return to the IEI for the Spring semester term, **you can save \$250** on your spring tuition. All you have to do is complete the early registration form and pay a \$200 tuition deposit before you leave at the end of the Fall term.

The deadline for doing this is **December 14th**. You can pick up an early registration form in the IEI office.

End-of-semester IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

from Pam Fernandez, International Student Advisor

As you know, if you entered the U.S. on a **student-visa (F1)**, you are required to be a full-time student. The fall term will end on 12/06/07 and you need to have a clear plan of what you are going to do *after* December 6th. You also need to inform us of your decision - which you should have already done on the *future plans form* that you filled out in class. If you have *not* filled out a form, OR if you have changed your plans, please see me. I'm in **office #101** in the IEI building. My e-mail is: pafernan@uiuc.edu

Again, to remind you of your obligations as an **F1** student, you have **3 choices** with regard to your future after the fall term: 1) continue studying at the IEI, 2) transfer to *another* school and continue studying, or 3) return home. So what do **you** plan to do?

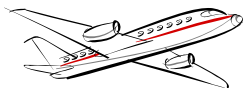
1. **Continue studying at the IEI:** simply register in the office.
2. **Transfer to another school** (university, community college, etc.): If you have been a full-time student *in good standing* this semester, you have a grace period of **60 days** to transfer to another F-authorized school. The 60 days begins on December 6th, the last day of the term. *You must be very clear on where you are going to be transferred.* Once your SEVIS record is released from our school, we have **NO ACCESS** to your file anymore. So if you are 100% sure of the school you will be transferring to, send me an e-mail and inform me of that. I won't transfer anyone until I get a message stating that you are 100% sure of your choice. My e-mail is: pafernan@uiuc.edu
3. **Return home:** If you have been a full-time student *in good standing* this semester and are planning on returning home, you have a grace period of **60 days** to prepare for your departure from the United States. The 60 days begins on December 6th, the last day of the term. Please be aware that you can travel *within* the U.S. during this time but you cannot travel *outside* the U.S. and reenter the country on your F1 visa. (see Traveling Information below)

If you have **not** maintained a full course of study (no attendance certificate), you are **not eligible** for the 60 day grace period. You must leave **IMMEDIATELY** at the end of the program.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY Remember, it is your responsibility to inform this office of your plans or change of plans. If you have any questions or you are not sure of what you are doing, please see me **BEFORE** the end of the term.

End-of-semester TRAVELING INFORMATION

from Pam Fernandez, International Student Advisor



If you are planning on traveling **OUTSIDE** the U.S. before the new semester begins, please read the following:

- travel outside U.S. and returning to IEI

If you are traveling outside the U.S. after the fall term and returning to the IEI for the spring term, you will need to get a letter from the front office stating your intentions. You will need to register before receiving the letter. See Rhonda about this.

- travel outside U.S. and transferring to another program

If you are traveling outside the U.S. after the fall term and returning to another program for the spring term, you will need to reenter the U.S. on the I-20 issued by the *new* school.

- travel outside and **NOT** returning to U.S. to study

Don't make plans to travel outside the United States after the fall term unless you are going directly home from your trip. You **CANNOT** reenter the U.S. on an F1 visa **UNLESS** you are going to continue studying. If you want to travel outside the U.S. and reenter for a short time, you will need to reenter on a **TOURIST VISA (B2)**.