



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Intensive English Institute Newsletter



Meet the IEI Interns:

Marli, Patricia and Emily are a central part of IEI activities. Read below to learn more about them!

Question: Tell us a little bit about yourselves. Where are you from? What are you studying here in Champaign-Urbana?

Marli: I'm from Freeport, Illinois. I'm majoring in Psychology and my minor is Spanish, and I'll graduate in May of 2009.

Patricia: My home town is Champaign. I'm studying Political Science and Spanish, and I will also graduate after the spring semester.

Emily: I'm from Plainfield, Illinois. I am majoring in Media Studies with a minor in International Studies, and this is my last semester at the University of Illinois.



Marli Bardell



Patricia Mathy



Emily Dehm

Q: Since you are IEI interns, you must really enjoy meeting people from other countries. Have you traveled a lot yourself?

Marli: Not yet, but I will be backpacking across Europe in the summer of 2009.

Patricia: I've studied abroad in Spain, Mexico, and Argentina. I've traveled around Europe and South America, and I've also been to China.

Emily: I've been to France, Germany, Spain, England, and Guatemala.

Q: Patricia, Emily, have you experienced any strange or amazing things while you were traveling?

Patricia: I met David Beckham in Madrid!

Emily: When I was in Guatemala, it was a normal, everyday thing to hitchhike to work. I would stand in the back of a pick-up truck to travel up the mountain.

Q: What makes you unique?

Marli: I grew up on a farm, and will always love the country because of that.

Patricia: My right eye is half blue, half brown.

Emily: My interests are all over the place. You name it; I'm probably interested in it or have tried it. I was the kid in high school that was running stage direction in my basketball uniform!

Q: What do you hate?

Marli: The sound of silverware on dishes

Patricia: Not getting enough sleep

Emily: Self-centered people

Q: What do you love?

Marli: Cooking, working out, going new places

Patricia: Chocolate

Emily: So many things. Adventure. Being around the water...coasts, ocean. Being around good people- honest, open minded.

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A person who performs a charitable or helpful work willingly, without pay.

Marli: I like to live in the moment and not think about the future too much. I will be working at a job that makes me happy and is a positive contribution to society... that's about all I can say.

Patricia: I'll probably be in law school.

Emily: I'll be out of Americorps and living in Chicago working for an entertainment company.

Q: Finally, tell us a little bit about the volunteer organizations that you will be involved in with the IEI students this semester.

Marli: I'm in charge of two volunteer activities. One is Wednesday Night BINGO at the nursing home. The other activity is going to Meadowbrook Park to help clean up trails, collect seeds, or whatever other projects they have for us.

Patricia: I'll be asking students to help with the Special Olympics. That will be the first volunteer project for the semester! I hope that everyone is ready to get involved!

Emily: I'll be organizing students to do several projects that will help the needy. Students can learn more about it at next week's volunteer orientation.

Thank you Marli, Patricia and Emily for sharing your time with us this semester!

Would you like to meet new people, make new friends, do interesting work, and help improve people's lives?

Then don't miss the **Volunteer Orientation** at **5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 16th.**

The IEI interns will tell you about some great opportunities to help others in Champaign-Urbana.



Upcoming IEI Events

Don't miss these great events coming up soon!
For more upcoming events, see <http://www.iei.uiuc.edu/calendar.htm>



- **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

Tuesday, September 16 – 5:00 PM, Asian American Cultural Center

Volunteering is a great way to feel like a part of this community. Also, it's a fun way to practice English! Come learn about the volunteer opportunities available this semester.

- **CONVOPARTNER COFFEE HOUR**

Wednesday, September 24 – 5:00-6:00 PM, Asian American Cultural Center

Join other IEI students and convopartners to relax, have fun, and practice English.



- **VOLUNTEER AT SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO**

Wednesday, September 24 – 6:20 PM, Meet at the Illini Union

Come and play Bingo at the local nursing home. This event will occur every Wednesday throughout the semester.

BINGO				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	FREE SPACE	49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

- **IEI COFFEE CRAWL 2008**

Thursday, September 25 – 6:00 PM, meet at the IEI

A "crawl" is a popular American event where a group of people walk from business to business having snacks or refreshments in each spot. Bring \$ for beverages and treats! Sign-up in the IEI by September 12, **TODAY**, if you want a t-shirt for this event (\$5).



Featured UIUC Event:

Trivia Night

Thursday, Sept 18th, 7:30 PM

Cosmopolitan Club



Join teams of other international students and compete for prizes by answering general knowledge questions. Enjoy some free pizza, too! Cosmo Club is located at 307. E. John Street in Champaign. Remember that a different country hosts Coffee Hour at Cosmo Club every Thursday evening. On Sept 25th you can enjoy treats from Romania. These events are free, and all are welcome!

- **VOLUNTEER AT MEADOWBROOK PARK**

Saturday, September 27 – 9:00-11:00AM

Join Marli to help keep Meadowbrook Park beautiful for our community! Attend the Volunteer Orientation for more information.

- **UTAH JAZZ AND BULLS GAME**

Friday, October 17 - 7:30 PM, Assembly Hall

You will see former Fighting Illini basketball player, Deron Williams, and the Chicago Bulls' number one draft pick, guard Derrick Rose. Sign up in the IEI lounge by September 12, **TODAY**, to join us for this game. Tickets will cost \$20-35.



Also this month:

Many people in our community are celebrating the holy month of **Ramadan** right now. During this month, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. **Fasting** means not eating or drinking. By fasting, Muslims focus on their spiritual needs, rather than on their physical needs. Ramadan is also a month when families break their fast



right after the sun goes down with a dinner called **Iftar**. At the end of the month of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate the **Eid-ul Fitr**. On October 1st you can wish your Muslim friends, "Happy Eid!"

Campus Highlight:

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

Visit Krannert any day of the week to have lunch at Café Intermezzo or browse through the gift shop. And look online at www.krannertcenter.com to see their 08-09 performance schedule. But you should definitely add these events to your calendar right now:

Krannert Center Opening Night, Thurs, Sept 18th, 7:00 PM

Music, dancing, DJ, mendhi art, facepainting, and a huge community mural. The highlighted performers, Grupo Fantasma, are described as an "unclassifiable orchestral fusion of global music with funk roots and infectious Latin rhythms that simply dares you to rush the dance floor." Cost: \$5.00

Afterglow Concert, Sat, Sept 20th, 10:00 PM, free

PWRFL Power will open with guitar riffs and poetic lyrics. High Places performs Hawaiian-infused indie electronica, and is described as 'transcendent'. Finally, Grampall Jookabox will floor the crowd with loops, deep drums and bass.

Krannert Uncorked, Thurs, Sept 25th, 5:00-7:00 PM, free

Unwind and relax with a free sampling of wine selections and complimentary cheese and crackers.

Do you have questions about your IEI classes or the U of I campus community? Remember to refer to your student handbook, which can also be found online at www.iei.uiuc.edu. You can also visit Pam Fernandez, International Student Advisor, or Anna Kasten, Student Services Coordinator, in IEI Rm 101.