



Pizza-Eating Pandemic!



<u>Pizzeria</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Papa John's	8%
Rosati's	15%
Antonio's	24%
One World	0%
Papa Del's	53%

Almost 50 IEI students, Convopartners and friends joined the Pizza Crawl on April 21st and the results are in: Papa Del's deep dish pizza is the Number One favorite! Crawl participants rated all pizza slices according to the quality of crust, sauce and toppings. Is there such a thing as a bad slice of pizza? Not that we could find! No one showed a preference for One World pizza, but it was not bad for such a cheap price, and the service was fast and friendly. Many people liked Antonio's for the variety and quality of pizza toppings, but Rosati's is a good slice, too, especially if you like a spicier sauce.

IEI Students Cry "Foul"

On Sunday, April 26th many came out to the ball fields to enjoy the sunny weather and the First-Ever IEI Students v. Teachers Softball Game. The teachers won, 20 to 15. Some students, as sore losers, were not happy with the outcome. One fan noted that not all players on the teacher team worked at the IEI. "My reading teacher brought her 8-year old daughter. She had a lot of energy. The students just couldn't keep up with her." Another student expressed concern about steroid use. She asked, "Did anyone conduct blood tests on the teachers?" Jim Sosnowski, IEI teacher, says, "We were

Above: Danielle Bus and Tony Chen
pretty well matched. At one point we were tied. But in the end, we owned them." (Editor's Note: The score may be an estimation, and only Jim actually said that quote!)



It's Time to Celebrate!

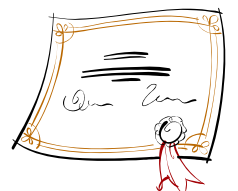


IEI End-of-Semester Reception
Thursday, May 7, 2009
7:00 pm
Illini Union Ballroom, 2nd floor

A few notes about the 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 a photo CD. This takes time to complete, so please be aware of the following simple guidelines:

- Be on time, and sit with your section. Arrival to the reception will begin at 7:00 PM.
- Please be seated no later than 7:30 PM.
- After certificates have been received by all classes, there will be plenty of time to take group and individual pictures.



Farewell Messages

Dear 100B students,

'B' is for "the Best!" Keep studying hard! It's been wonderful getting to know you this semester!

Anna Kasten, teacher

Feb,

It was so nice to meet and get to know you! I hope one day you can show me around the beaches of Thailand!

Good luck with everything!

Julie Gawenda, Convopartner



Feb Thongkukiattkul & Julie Gawenda

Dear IEI,

Good times fly so fast. I want to thank you for everything. I had a lot of fun, knowledge and friends here. Thanks to all the IEI teachers for giving me a great English experience. Taweechai (Feb), 300B

To my good teacher Elena,

Thanks for teaching me in Grammar class. You showed a lot of kindness and you are a very good teacher. I will remember you. Thank you very much. I wish you happiness always. EunJu Kang, 200B



Fay at the Valentine's Party

Dear Mary Jo,

I have had a great time in the USA. Thank you so much for your kindness. I really like your class.

Fay Srirattanapiboon, 200B

To My Wonderful ECS Class,

I will never forget our fun afternoons together. Thanks for the great conversations (and food). I wish you all the best.

Rachel Newell, teacher

Hi Minju!

I really enjoyed spending time with you and having our random, fun conversations this semester. Thanks for trying to teach me Korean, too! Your English is fantastic and I know you're going to be a great teacher someday! I wish you all the best in all your future endeavors and hope we stay in touch! Sincerely,

Bianca Serrato, Convopartner

Dear 200B,

I'll remember this class forever and ever. We all helped each other adapt to this wonderful environment and have fun together! I hope you'll always be happy. I'll miss you all.

Dennis Kim

Dear IEI Students,

On behalf of all of your teachers, let me thank you for spending this semester with us here at the IEI. I know that many of you have not only improved your English but have also taken the TOEFL, SAT, GMAT and GRE so many times that you have become experts on these tests. Congratulations to the students who will never have to take any of these tests again. Before you leave this semester, please give your best test-taking advice to the IEI students who have not yet finished taking these tests. To those of you who are leaving us, please come back to visit or send us e-mail messages to let us know how you are. To those of you coming back in June or August, enjoy your vacation! Best wishes, Susan Gonzo, Director



IEI,

Thanks to everyone in the IEI. It's a real family. Thanks to all of my teachers. I won't ever forget you. I love my brothers and sisters that are my classmates.

Abdalla Abusnina, 200B

Dear 600AC,

Thank you everyone for making my first semester in the IEI so interesting and unforgettable! I wish you all the very best and good luck in your future endeavors and life!

Aliya Burkit, 600AC

Dear Joy,

Thanks for your teaching. You let me know how learning English grammar is very important and interesting for me. See you.

Dear Peter - Do you remember me? I often think of your words, "Don't give up!"

Dear Gretchen - Thank you for teaching me how to train the international muscle in my mouth.

Xin (Mike) Wang, SPA

Dear 200A,

Thanks to all of my teachers. I will always remember all my teachers at the IEI. My teachers are very helpful and I learned many things from you. Thanks. Alaa Almohammed

Dear 200B,

I really love you guys. We had class together for 4 months. It was so much fun! I'll never forget you guys. ☺

Wan Chun (Vicky) Shen, 200B

Dear 200A,

Thanks for helping me start each morning well. You are all hard workers and I wish you the best and I'll never forget climbing the bell tower with you!

Rachel Newell, teacher

Dear 600AK,

I will miss all of my classmates. Ji-Eun, Isabelle, Asset, Sultan, Minae, Lilian, Benjamin: all of you made me happy during this semester. I hope you will achieve what you want in your life. I will never forget my adorable 600AK.

Hwa Young (Crystal) Lee



Justin Steffen and Grace at the Valentine's Day Party

Dear IEI Students,

I loved getting to know all of you this semester! It was a joy talking with you all and I hope you all had a wonderful semester at the IEI even though the teachers may work you all a little too hard. (J/k, it's good for you guys to work hard, it makes you all stronger.) I also enjoyed being able to learn about your countries and different cultures. I feel blessed that I was able to meet so many different people from all over the world in just one semester. I got cultured this semester. I hope we can remain in contact and someday meet again.

I love you all!

Justin Steffen, IEI Intern

Dear 200B,

It was really a good semester with my friendly classmates. Rayan! Thanks for organizing all the social activities so well. I'll miss you all. I wish you all best of luck in your future endeavors. Tuba Yildirim

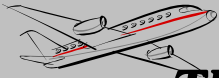


Pizza Crawl

YingZhang "Amanda",

I am so happy that I was able to be your conversation partner while you spent time here in Illinois! Good luck as you make your journey back to China. I hope to be able to visit you there in the future!

Colleen Lindsay, Convopartner



End-of-semester TRAVEL and IMMIGRATION REMINDERS



Refer to your last newsletter (*available online at www.iei.uiuc.edu/student_newsletter.html*) regarding **travel**. If you are leaving the U.S. and returning to the IEI, you will need a letter from the IEI to re-enter the country. To obtain this letter, see Rhonda in the IEI main office. You will need to register for summer or fall semester at the IEI in order to get the letter.

Also review your last newsletter regarding **immigration**. If you have any questions, please see Pam Fernandez, International Student Advisor, in office #101 in the IEI building. You may also contact Pam by e-mail at pafernan@uiuc.edu

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY: Remember, you already informed the IEI of your future plans, whether you plan to continue at the IEI, transfer to another school, or return home. It is **your responsibility** to inform this office if your plans change. If you have any questions or you are not sure of what you are doing, please see Pam BEFORE the end of the term.



*Yuji Rokkaku and Patricia Mathy
at the grocery store*

Bye students,

I'm so glad I got to know so many of you this semester! Good luck and be sure to keep in touch!! :)
Patricia Mathy, IEI intern

Dear 200B,

Thanks for my classmates and my tri-teacher. I won't forget this semester.
Kang-gon Kim

Dear Ahmed, Samuel, Jack, Sa, Amy, Fahad, Carrie, Jacky, Ghadeer and Hassan,

You are my best classmates and friends ever. I don't want to say goodbye forever, so we must meet somewhere again. I'm looking forward to seeing you guys in the future. See ya!
Mandy Chou, 400A

To 400ECS,

I'm thankful to have you guys in this class. I'll miss you and our class a lot, especially Aisha, you are a magic cook and your daughters are adorable, and Jimin, I hope you have a wonderful summer semester.
Mandy Chou, 400A



Yousef Almutiri on campus

Dear 200A,

I was happy with my classmates and teachers. Thanks for helping and teaching me. I wish all my classmates and teachers good luck for ever!
Hyunjoo Oh

Dear 500-600E Students,

Thank you for all your smiles and enthusiasm. I will always remember all of you. If you ever come to visit Japan, please look me up and come visit. I wish you all the best of luck in your futures.
Chris Hollis, teacher

Dear 200A

I had a good time during this semester because of my 200A classmates. I was lucky because I studied with you. P.S. Thanks for inviting me, Neama!!
Eunae Cha



Se Ho An in Chicago

Dear 200B,

I will always remember you guys. Our class is always funnier than any of the others! We should keep in touch in the future. I hope to see you guys soon in the future. Have a good future!
Chen Tse (Neil) Lee

Dear 100B and teachers,

I was glad to study with 100B classmates. Everybody, thanks for everything. Jovi, thanks for your help and humor. I had a good time every day. Teachers, thanks for your good teaching. I hope to see you again in the future.
Yuji Rokkaku



*Huan-Chang, Sukwon and Ahmed
on the Pizza Crawl*

To the spring 2009 IEI Classes,

Thank you for making my first semester as an intern so memorable. I hope you all look back with happy memories. Keep studying! Good luck and remember, "Don't be sad it's over, be happy it happened."

Erik Connelly, IEI intern



Em-J Staples and Najwa Mordhah

Ode to Najwa

Najwa is downright **great**
Meeting her was a twist of **fate**
We started talking over an
ice cream **cone**
Now we're like sisters
who talk on the **phone**
I'll miss her over the **summer**,
It'll be a true **bummer**,
But come next **fall**,
We'll meet up again and have a **ball**
Najwa, I LOVE YOU, you're a **doll!**

Peace Love Joy
Em-J Staples, Convopartner

Dear 300B,

Everyone enriches their own lives with more experiences, and these can still be shared. Make sure we keep in touch, so we won't be missing out.
Ting-Hsien (Kelly) Cheng

Dear 200B Students,

This is the first time I've spent so many hours with one group each week: 7! Wow, you must be really, really tired of me by now. Thanks for making every minute a pleasure! ☺
Binky Jandrich, teacher

Dear Rachel,

Thanks for your kindness and always helping our class. Your classes are very interesting and fun. Your pronunciation is also very good. ☺ I will never forget.
Hyunsun Kim, 200A

Save Money on Your Tuition by Registering Early!

Coming Back to the IEI in Summer?

You can save \$150 on your summer tuition! All you have to do is complete the early registration form and pay a \$100 tuition deposit by **Friday, May 8th**.

Coming Back to the IEI in Fall?

You can save \$250 on your fall tuition! All you have to do is complete the early registration form and pay a \$200 tuition deposit by **Friday, July 8th**.

Dear 200A Classmates and Teachers,

To Neama and Alla, Thanks for your party. I was very surprised. To Elena, Thank you for answering all of my questions after class. To Maggie, you are very active. To me, this is a long and wonderful experience. I'll remember you in my mind.

Pei-Yun Lin

Dear IEI Teachers,

Thank you for helping me improve my English language. I'm really proud of my teachers. They have a lot of knowledge and experiences, and thank you Maggie for teaching me many different things.

You are really a great teacher.

Neama Alsenan, 200A

500AC,

It was my pleasure meeting you guys, even the teachers! I had an awesome experience with you! Zayed Alfalasi

Dear 200A,

I'll never forget anything at the IEI. Alaa and Neama, thanks for inviting us to your house. You are my first foreign friends. I'd like to keep in touch with all of my classmates and teachers. I wish you all the best.

Minsun Jeon

Gosha,

Congratulations on your many acceptances to American universities. I'm sure this past semester is just the beginning of what will be a very successful academic career in the States!

Maja Seitz, Convopartner

Dear Eunhee,

It has been wonderful getting to know you this semester. I love Monday mornings because I get to talk to you! You have made me laugh a lot with the stories about your dog, live squid, and the man who loved Celine Dion. I will miss you this summer. Your friend,

Liz Stickel, Convopartner



Hassan volunteering at the food pantry



Convopartner Game Night

500AC,

I had a really good time being with you guys. I'll always remember you. Hopefully, we can meet each other again some day. Good luck! Gilsoo Lee

Dear Susan and 500AC,

It was my pleasure to be with you guys. We learned a lot and we also had fun. Susan, sorry if I got a "little" aggressive in the debate. I also want to say thank you to LuAnn, Anissa, and Pam. I wish you all the best of luck, and you will be good memories in my life. Saud Alkhalidi

Dear 200A,

Hey guys! During the spring semester I have been happy with you guys. I'll never forget the Chicago trip. I hope that you guys always keep your health and good luck! Seondong Kim

Dear 300B friends,

Hi Guys!! Did you get good results this semester? I did well, thanks to you guys. I won't forget our classes. I think we should meet again in time. Let's not forget each other!! Bye!!

Doohyun An

Dear Teachers,

I just want to thank you guys for all the work that you have done, trying to make us (200A) speak and understand English. I'll never forget you. I'll only miss you for a short while, though, because I'm going to come back in the fall!

Patrick Tchassam Noukimi, 200A

My dear teachers and 100B classmates,

"We have fought the good fight, we have finished the race, we have kept the faith."

We have nice memories. I am glad to know you. Yuji, you are my best friend. Thanks for making me happy every day. Thanks to my teachers and classmates. You are the best! Jovi Lin, 100B

Dear 200B

I'm very glad to know you guys. I hope we can keep in touch with each other. I'll never forget you. Lex



Rachel Smith and Sang Jin Byun

Dear Sang Jin,

Good luck with everything. It was so much fun to meet you and your wife! Thank you as well for being so kind, inviting me for dinner, and coming to my birthday. Give little Claire a hug for me! Rachel Smith, Convopartner

Dear Mae, Tuba and Huanchang,

Thanks for the good times that we spent together. I am so happy to know you all. And I will miss you so much. I hope we will see each other again one day. Mae and Huan, tell me if you get married so I can visit you, and Tuba, if you have kids, let me know!

Rayan Alsousi, 300A

Dear 200B,

I will never forget this time, although we had a short class. I was very happy to spend time with you guys. It was a great time for me. Also, thanks to the IEI teachers and staff, I could have a great experience at the IEI. Se Ho An

Esref,

Good luck with everything! I'm glad I got to know you and learn about your country. Let's keep in touch.

Julia Simon, Convopartner



Carolina and Esref in Chicago

Dear Natalie,

Thank you so much for everything, especially the ice skating. It was so much fun, and I will never forget that day. Thanks, also, for working so hard to improve our English with great activities.

I wish you a great life, Natalie.

Ahmed Jaad, 300A

Hey guys from 300A,

I really enjoyed my time with you. I'm gonna miss our amazing picnic next semester. I'll be waiting in Spain whenever you want to visit me!

Mae Rubio

Dear 500AC,

It's been a long time since I joined the IEI society. What I will miss the most is the parties and the events that the IEI has. I also want to say "Best wishes, Bro" to Justin, the intern.

Badr Saab

Dear 100B,

I will miss each one of you! All the best! Rachel Newell, teacher