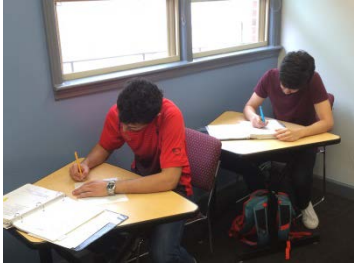


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CIES VOICES

Make your voices heard!

We all
learn
many

useful writing skills in our composition class. Whether it be sentences, paragraphs, or entire essays, every student at CIES has found ways to express themselves. We all come from different countries, cultures, religions, and language backgrounds. It is important that we share our different backgrounds with others. CIES Voices will give every CIES student a chance to not only share their experiences, but also WIN MONEY!

No matter what group or level you are in, all students should consider **submitting** some of their writing. Anything can be submitted, whether it be a poem, an essay, or even a journal writing. Here are the steps to submitting your writing.

- (1) Choose your best writing that you've completed at CIES (this session or before).
- (2) Talk to your Composition teacher about your writing and they can maybe give you suggestions to make it better.
- (3) Finalize your writing and make sure there are few errors in grammar or punctuation.
- (4) Submit your writing to either your composition teacher or Andrew Wilson (acwilson@fsu.edu) on or before **FRIDAY APRIL 3rd**

The top two compositions will be announced by Dr. Kennell and given giftcards to the FSU bookstore!

Reminder: Springtime Race

Don't forget that Springtime Tallahassee is coming up soon. We are hoping to get many CIES students signed up to run/walk the race. It's a great way to celebrate spring and spend time with friends and family. Visit: <http://www.springtime10k.com>

Health Tip



Pollen & Allergies

As you all know, Tallahassee is a city with thousands of trees and flowers. Although this helps make Tallahassee a wonderful city, it can also cause problems. Spring is when plants bloom, and these plants release **pollen** into the air. Although pollen is not dangerous, many people with allergies have problems. Sneezing and watery red eyes are a problem for many. Closing your windows, limiting your time outside, and cleaning your car regularly can help. You can also visit a pharmacy or grocery store and buy some medicine to help. Don't worry, though – you will probably only need medicine for a few weeks. By late April or May, the pollen usually washes away in a springtime rain shower.

Getting to Know: Lisa McClellan

Many of you may not see Lisa McClellan every day since her office is behind some of the other offices. However, she is one of the most important people at CIES. She's in charge of the **budget** and finances for CIES. More than that, she is a person that helps make sure all the teachers are happy with their employment. Lisa is also a very dedicated baseball fan – she attends every Florida State baseball game and she always sits in very good seats. More than anything, she is very passionate about her wonderful children and family. She has been married to Steve for 31 years – they have known



each other since they were in high school. Lisa and Steve have 3 children who are all very **accomplished**. Her oldest son, Evan, is a PhD student at the University of Illinois. Her middle son, Ross, is an architecture student at Yale, one of the best universities in the world. Her youngest son, Connor, is a very talented singer and performs in theatrical productions. Connor will attend the University of Florida starting in August 2015. The **apple of Lisa's eye**, however, is her granddaughter Fiona who is 1 year old. All of the teachers are incredibly thankful for all of the wonderful things that Lisa does for CIES.

FSU Campus Events

Never a dull moment!

Sporting Events:

Wednesday 3/18: Softball @ 6pm

Friday 3/20: Tennis @ 3pm

Sunday 3/22: Men & Women's Tennis @ 12p

Sunday 3/22: Women's Tennis @ 6pm

Music Events:

Friday 3/20 @ 8pm: Wind Orchestra at Ruby Diamond Auditorium

Saturday 3/21 @ 7:30: University Orchestra Concert at Cascades Park (Outdoors)

Quote of the Week

I have failed at many things, but I have never been afraid.

—Nadine Gordimer

Happy Birthday



Ben Rangel (March 22)
Lacey Moret (March 23)

Culture Questions

Q: What is St. Patrick's Day and why is it so popular?

A: Saint Patrick was a Christian man who lived more than 1500 years ago. He is famous because he helped bring Christianity to Ireland, and March 17th is the day that people in Ireland celebrate his life. He is considered a very famous person in Irish history. Starting in the 1800s, over 4 million people in Ireland moved to the United States. When they came to the US, they brought their traditions of St. Patrick's Day with them. In cities such as Boston and New York, where many Irish moved, there is a parade to celebrate him. Over the years, St. Patrick's Day became a celebration for many Americans who are not Irish. Green shamrocks can be found all over Ireland, so this has become a symbol for the holiday. Although people still have to go to school and work on St. Patrick's Day, it is an excuse for many people to have a party and celebrate.



Q: Why is the popular sport in America called 'football' and not 'handball'? You only use your feet sometimes.

A: Good question. There are many forms of football found throughout the world. In most non-English-speaking countries, football refers to the sport also called soccer.

However, in the 1800s the term 'football' was used in England to denote any sport where the ball is kicked. From there, the term spread to other English-speaking countries that all had developed games that were similar. Although most of the time players use their hands in American football, the ball is kicked often in a game, be it for a field goal, extra point, to start off the game, or to punt the ball to another team. There have been many famous American football players over the years that have been kickers and never use their hands during a game. One of the most popular FSU football players, Roberto Aguayo, will probably play professionally and will likely earn many millions of dollars.

Language Question

Question: When can I use 'few' and when can I use 'a few'?

A: Both 'few' and 'a few' are quantifiers used with count-nouns. 'A few' is very commonly used, and it refers to a small number of something – more than two but still a small number. (Examples: I had a few cookies for dessert. I have a few pairs of shoes.) Using 'few' without an article is not as common and has a different meaning. Saying 'few' means that there is not a **sufficient** amount of something. Using 'a few' is neither good nor bad. Using 'few' is generally a bad thing.

- I have a few friends. (I have a small number of friends.)
- I have few friends. (I have a small number of friends and it isn't enough.)



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This week's vocabulary:

submit (verb) – to turn something in for the approval or decision of others

pollen (noun) – fine (usually yellow) grains that are the fertilizing elements of trees and plants

budget (noun) – a plan of operations of income and expenses

accomplished (adjective) – highly skilled; expert

apple of someone's eye (idiom) – a favorite; a loved one; the object of someone's love and affection

sufficient (adjective) – adequate for the purpose; enough