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**KEEP CALM
AND
GET READY FOR
FINAL EXAM!**

Time for Final Exams

Getting ready for the last week of the session

Final Exams are fast approaching.

It is important that students take all of their exams in order to get a satisfactory performance grade and hopefully move up to another level. Here at CIES we are very careful to make sure that all of the exams are on different days. This way you don't have to study for too many exams on the same date. In order to prepare for the tests, make sure you get plenty of sleep and relax for these exams; **stress** can cause you to do poorly. Here are the dates for this session's CIES exams:

Thursday April 9: TOEFL Writing in Composition Class

Monday April 13: Speaking Final

Tuesday April 14: Listening Final

Wednesday April 15: Grammar Final

Thursday April 16: Reading Final

Reminder: Weekend Trips

Don't forget about the great opportunities available this weekend! There is no class on Friday and many of us will be going to St. George Island for fun at the beach. Check downstairs on the bulletin board to sign up. Also, remember that the Garnet & Gold game is on Saturday. American football is a sport that is very very popular in the United States. If you are not going to be here in the fall, you should definitely plan to attend. CIES will meet on Saturday at 1:45 at the Renegade statue.

Need a Haircut?

One of the hardest parts about moving to a new place is finding a place to get your hair cut. Here are some suggestions from Mr. Joshua Valentine:

Places for Men

Clippers Hair Salon -

- Barbers are considered artists
- Very serious urban barbershop
- Check out their Instagram
- Tell them not to cut your mustache too thin

Sports Clips -

- Chain barbershop with over 1,000 locations
- Keep your haircut **on record**
- Excellent at mohawks
- www.sportclips.com

Renegade Barber Shop -

- College barber shop, just **a walk away**
- Locally owned small business
- \$12 Haircut, \$18 Haircut and Beard, \$7 edge
- <http://www.renegadebarbershop.com>

Places For Women

Great Clips -

- Chain barbershop, over 3700 locations in the US and Canada
- Open until 9:00 pm on weekdays and 6:00 pm on weekends
- Haircut **on a budget**
- <http://www.greatclips.com/>

Getting to Know: Lacey Moret

The one person that nearly every student knows is Lacey Moret. She helps students with their visas and makes sure that they can enter and leave the U.S.A. without a problem. This is a stressful job, but Lacey always has a smile and she loves helping students from all over the world. Even though she's only been at the CIES



for two years, it is hard to imagine life here without her. She loves living in Florida, but she actually grew up in South Dakota – a state that's very far away from Florida. She loved growing up there, but she's happy now that she lives in warmer weather. She came to Tallahassee because Ross, her husband, is a doctoral (PhD) student who plans to become a college professor. Lacey has two very energetic and **adorable** children named Andrew and Cameron. They love going to Disney World and, more importantly, they love Legos! Lacey enjoys collecting items from all over the world, but she's actually been to many places herself. She's travelled to 21 countries. Also impressive, she's travelled to 42 out of 50 states! She says that "it's hard to have a hobby when you have small children," but she still manages to have time to visit new and exciting places. Next time you are in her office with questions about your student visa, you should ask her about her many travels.

CIES Voices – New Deadline

There have not been many submissions to the CIES Voices competition, so the new deadline for submitting a writing sample is this Friday April 10. Your writing **does not have to be perfect**. Write about something you're interested in and that shows your originality and creativity. You'll have a great chance of winning money and impressing others!

Tallahassee Music Week

The first week of April is a very special time in Tallahassee. This week is Tallahassee Music Week. During this week there are over a hundred musical performances all over town. Whatever kind of music you are interested in (rock, country, blues, jazz), you will find it in Tallahassee this week. Plan to attend some of these events with your friends and family. <http://tallahasseemusicweek.com/events>



There will even be two of our CIES faculty members performing. This is really a great way to get involved with the community!!

Happy Happy Birthday

Mario Felipe Fayad (April 9)
Xiaolei Guo (April 10)
Camilo Andres Nunez (April 14)

Culture Question

Q: Why do some people clink glasses together before they take a drink? (question courtesy of Dr. Kennell)

A: Before some important meals, people will often 'make **a toast**.' This is a chance to get everyone's attention and to point out something positive or to celebrate a particular person or occasion. If it is someone's anniversary or birthday, people may raise up a glass, make a toast, and then clink their glasses with others. However, the clinking the glass tradition goes back around 500 years. Some scholars believe that the sound of clinking glasses is supposed to drive away evil spirits. Others believe that the touching of glasses started when people would swap small amounts of liquid to guarantee that their glass did not contain poison. Whatever the reason for clinking glasses, toasting is something that is done in cultures throughout the world and the most common toast is 'to good health.' Here's a toast to all of the wonderful students at CIES!

Language Question

Question: What's the difference between 'ground' and 'floor'? Are the two words synonyms?

Answer: These words are similar, but they're not exactly synonyms. A simple way to remember these two words is that 'floor' is predominantly used indoors whereas 'ground' refers to outdoors. Ground literally means the solid surface of the earth. After a rainstorm, you might say that "the ground is wet." By contrast, floors are not supposed to be wet. A floor would only be wet if someone **spilled** something. Also, when you refer to taller buildings, you describe them as having multiple floors. What gets a bit confusing is that the level of the building that is closest to the earth is called the 'ground floor.' In some elevators you might see a button that says "G" – that is an abbreviation for the floor closest to the ground.

Quote of the Week

When a deep injury is done to us, we never recover until we forgive.

–Alan Paton



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This week's vocabulary:

stress (noun) – physical or emotional strain or problems caused by worry or anxiety
on record – information that is stored or saved so that it can be used again in the future

a walk away – describing something that is short distance (can be walked to)

to be on a budget – to not have much money; to manage your resources carefully

adorable (adjective) – cute, delightful, charming

toast (noun/verb) – (to give) a few words of congratulations, good wishes, appreciation, or remembrance

spill(ed) (verb) – to cause or allow something (usually liquid) to fall from a container