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# CIES Nole News

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## So long, farewell

*Auf wiedersehen, goodnight*

We are approaching the end of another session, and I'd like to thank you all for your

**diligence** and enthusiasm this session. We don't have as many students during the summer session, but all of you here have worked very hard and helped make this a truly **memorable** session. We've survived one of the hottest Julys in Florida history, and we've had several fun Friday trips together. Whether you are returning to CIES next session, continuing on at FSU, staying in the US, or returning to your home country, I hope you know that CIES will always be there for you. As we say in English, **'we've got your back.'**

Take plenty of pictures of all of your friends and teachers and share them on our Facebook website. Over the next few months, we are going to really start publicizing CIES on Facebook. Share the information about CIES with your friends and family! If you see an information post on Facebook, share it with others. We will start having some material available in different languages as well. The more people know about CIES, the more international we will become. This will make CIES better for all of the future students.

I have one of the best jobs in the world! Thank you all for making CIES one of the best programs in the United States – we are very lucky to have such terrific students. As the quote at the end of this newsletter

states, it isn't saying goodbye that's important, it is how we spent our time together.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Patrick Kennell

## International Dinner

Don't forget about our end-of-the-session international dinner this Friday evening. We will gather around 6pm and stay until approximately 10pm. Please bring any food that you



like – especially food from your country. **This is a GREAT opportunity to sample food from all over the world.** The theme will be a Hawaiian luau – try to dress in summer or Hawaii attire.

## Tuition Reminders

\* If you are not government sponsored, remember that tuition is due August 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have to plan your credit card payments, please do so now. Failure to pay your tuition means that you will not get your schedule, and you'll be marked absent once classes start on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* If you are a student who is sponsored (receives government financial support), check your financial support letter for the expiration date. Your letters have to be up-to-

date before the first day of class (August 24). If these letters are not up-to-date, your schedule will be blocked and you cannot attend classes. We strongly encourage that you get these letters updated soon, so you don't have to worry about it when you return from vacation. **Each day you miss counts towards your attendance!**

## Flags of All Sizes

CIES will be participating in this autumn's homecoming celebration. Although this won't be until October and November, we are getting ready for it! If you are going home for the break, **please bring flags from your home country back with you.**



We will use these flags to celebrate in the parade. Large flags might be great for the parade, and smaller ones might be good for you and your friends to wave.

## Happy Birthday

Katchene Berte (July 29)  
Yuliam Luna Cardozo (August 3)  
Saeed Aldahlawi (August 4)  
Abdullah Aldosari (August 13)  
Michelle Claycomb (August 16)  
KyuYeong Choi (August 17)  
Olivia James (August 19)  
Kyle Kaminski (August 24)

## Culture Question

*Question: Why are there so many different speed limits in the United States?*

Answer: About 40 years ago the US government **established** 55 miles per hour (mph) as the national speed limit. This is equal to about 90 kilometers per hour. However, as most of you know, the speed limit has increased. On large interstate highways, the speed limit in Florida is 70 mph. Generally speaking, you can usually go about 5 miles over the speed limit and not get a ticket. If you go much over that, you are likely to get a speeding ticket. Depending on what state you are in, this can be very expensive! Many of the more **urban** states kept the 55mph speed limit, but some **rural** states in the western United States have much higher speed limits. There's even a highway in Texas where the speed limit is 85 mph (about 140 kilometers per hour). If you plan on traveling to many parts of America, pay careful attention to the speed limit and do not speed. Also, pay attention to small towns. Some towns have cops that write many speeding tickets. The more speeding ticket the cop writes, the more money the town receives. Please remember that **it is unsafe to drive fast in neighborhoods, schools, or on campus where there are people walking or biking.**

## Language Question

*Question: What does it mean to pick someone up?*

Answer: This sentence has several meanings. 'To pick up' is a phrasal verb. Phrasal verbs are verbs in English that consist of a verb + a particle (usually a preposition). In this case, we can separate the phrasal verb and put the object in the middle (to pick **something or someone up**). The first meaning is to literally take something or someone and lift it/him/her off the ground.

Examples (definition #1):

- I picked up the chair in order to move it.
- I used to pick up my daughter all the time, but now she is too heavy for me to do that!

A second meaning of this phrasal verb means to give a car ride to someone.

Examples (definition #2):

- What time should I pick you up tomorrow morning?
- I picked up my mother on the way to the supermarket.

A third definition of the word involves dating. If you are in a situation where you meet someone that you might like to date or be in a relationship with, then we can use this phrasal verb. Also, we have expressions in English called 'pick up lines' which are usually silly

expressions designed to capture the attention of a person that you like.

Example 'pick up' lines:

- You are perfect like an angel. It must have hurt when you fell from heaven.
- Are you a camera? Because every time I look at you, I smile.

Although having three definitions may seem confusing, it is usually very clear from context which meaning is correct.

## Quote of the Week

Saying goodbye doesn't mean anything. It's the time we spent together that matters, not how we left it.

- Trey Parker

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This week's vocabulary:

**diligence (noun)** – hard work; perseverance; dedication

**memorable (adjective)** – something that is remembered for a long period of time

**to have someone's back (idiom / verb)** – to be prepared to support or help someone who may be in a difficult situation

**establish (verb)** – to create; to set up; to pass (as a law)

**urban (adjective)** – related to a city or area of high population

**rural (adjective)** – related to the countryside, small towns, or areas of low population