

ESL Program

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NEWSLETTER

New Beginnings

ESL officially kicked off its 11th year, July 5, 2005 and all students, faculty and staff are excited.



Teacher of Oral Advanced Reading and Writing students was, Brooke Cashman: "My first thought as I began to work with my Advanced Reading and Writing students was, "Oh, boy, this is going to be fun!" It is rare to find a group of students who are so interested and excited about being in class and participating. It makes teaching seem a lot less like work and a lot more like just having interesting conversations with friends. I'm happy that we'll get to spend the next few weeks together!"

Carol Haddaway, English for Medical Professional: "English for Medical Professionals got off on the right foot with enthusiastic students and the perfect class size. With lots of interaction, the social construct of the classroom took shape dissecting the English language, first on whether or not "Laughter Can Be the Best Medicine" followed by the hot topic of "The Obesity Epidemic." The doctors put their heads together to try to diagnose this serious health problem and its effects. We're looking forward to three more weeks of teaching, learning, and enjoying our time together!!"



Judith Yancey, Oral Intermediate: "I am delighted by the bright, enthusiastic, and interesting group of students in my class! They come from diverse backgrounds with diverse experiences, but all of them are fascinating and unique people, and I am genuinely happy to see each of them every morning. I look forward to a fun and rich summer together!"



Carol Poppleton: The first weeks in the program have been awesome (as usual). Both classes have an interesting mix of cultures and personalities. In the Oral Class we have several Chinese, Taiwanese, a Korean, a Ukrainian and a piano prodigy from Turkey. Everyone is lively, talkative and opinionated. Our first conversation topic was technology, specifically the Internet: Friend or Foe. We are now on to complex talks about Darwinism, Creationism and genetic engineering! With several scientists in the course, the debates are very informative! In the Writing Course, there is a blend of Chinese, Taiwanese, French and one newly arrived student from Hong Kong. We have been studying paragraph development and will begin our first full essay this week-end. Our current topic is whether birth order affects one's personality and development. We have been talking a lot about our own childhoods, siblings and parents...



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Pat Palmer: Last spring, when my ESL classes ended, I was so sad. I was certain that I would never have such vibrant, thoughtful people in my classes again. They made me laugh and kept me on my toes with their curiosity about American life and the complexities of the English language. Boy, was I wrong! My Advanced Oral Communication class this summer is filled with bright, energetic people who are curious, funny, and committed to improving their English skills. They make me want to get up in the morning!



Let's Get Social!



Do let Diane know if you want to get together for an Orioles game, a movie, conversation groups, or whatever you like. We can hold conversation groups if you like. E-mail Diane with our ideas.

Denise Farajali: TOEFL class got off to a great start with nine students representing 4 languages: Chinese, French, Italian, and Korean. We realized that it's our grammar that we really need to focus on this summer, so we're working hard to achieve our respective goals.

Certificate Ceremony

To recognize all of you who successfully complete the intensive summer courses, the ESL office holds a certificate ceremony and lunch on the last day of class, Friday, August 5, from 11 am to 1:00 pm. You will be hearing more about the program from your teachers. But do mark your calendars so that you can attend. All morning classes will meet that day for a shorter length of time so that they can be concluded for the 11:00 ceremony. More details will be coming in later newsletters.

Wow!

The ESL picnic was a great success, plenty of laughter, conversation, and eating. Hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings went very fast and everyone, 42 to be exact, had a nice time.



Picnic Fun

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chips	mustard
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