

ELP Info :

a newsletter for students in the English Language Program of Roosevelt University

Are You One of ELP's Outstanding Students?

There's big news in ELP. This year, for the first time, ELP will recognize outstanding students with two awards, the English Language Program Writing Award and the English Language Program Leadership Award. Each award winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to use in the Roosevelt University Book Center.

The Writing Award

To enter the writing contest, prepare a clean copy of your best work from writing class during the Spring 2009 term, fill out an entry form, and then submit both your writing sample and your entry form in the ELP Office (Room 686 AUD) no later than

April 15. There will be an award winner from each writing level. That means a \$100 gift certificate for a student in ELP 83, in ELP 93, and in ELP 110/111. Everyone has an opportunity to win.

The Leadership Award

Think about who the leaders are among your ELP friends and classmates. Is there a student who is effective, charismatic, organized, responsible, and fair? Is there a student who always helps others, participates in RU clubs and special events, and organizes activities in and outside the classroom?

If you know an ELP student who demonstrates the qualities of true leadership, nominate her or him for the \$100 gift certificate prize.

Just fill out an ELP Leadership Award nomination form and submit it in the ELP Office no later than April 20.

Entry forms for the English Language Program Writing Award and nomination forms for the English Language Program Leadership Award will be available in the ELP Office at the beginning of March. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges and will then be honored at the ETS College of Professional Studies Award Ceremony on April 30.

It's still early in the semester, but it's not too soon to start thinking about participating in the 2009 ELP awards competition. Good luck to all!

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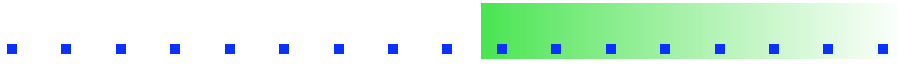
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Making the Most of Chicago—Even When It's Cold

Although the weather was cold, ELP students Yunhe (Crane) Wang, Ling (Lynn) Yang, Wen-Yu (Phoebe) Chiou, and Chengqi (Max) Jin celebrated the lunar Year of the Ox at the New Year Parade in Chinatown on January 25. There are other great activities going on in Chicago during the winter months. For information on just a few of them, take a look at page 5 of the newsletter. Then put on your warm coat, hat, and gloves, and get out and enjoy. One more thing—don't worry. Spring is coming soon.



RU-Wise

Places To Eat Near Campus

Students in ELP 90 have made a list of some of their favorite places near RU to get a snack, lunch, or just a cup of tea. They all recommend Panda Express at 77 E. Adams St. On a scale of 1–5 stars for great taste and good value, the class gives it 6 stars! Thai Spoon at 632 S. Wabash Ave. is another class favorite. It has a wider menu and better food than MyThai according to several students. Dunchao (Eric) Xing gives 4 stars to Potbelly Sandwiches just a block north of RU on Wabash. He says the sandwiches are made fresh and are all one price, \$4.50. Ji-Hyun (Stephanie) Hwang says that the chocolate mint tea at Argo Tea is definitely worth the short walk to the closest Argo at 16 W. Randolph St.

International Student Union

The International Student Union (ISU) is open to everyone at RU. ISU is busy planning activities for the rest of Spring 2009 such as an Indian event on March 26 in the Congress Lounge with food, music, dancing, and games. The group is also working on an ISU logo contest and the April 9 International Day celebration. Get in touch with ISU President Chantral Boutros and other members of the ISU team by email (isu-club@gmail.com) or Facebook (**ISU Roosevelt** on the Facebook web site) or attend a regular ISU meeting in the Fainman Lounge every other Thursday at 5:00 PM.



Student Appreciation Week

Roosevelt University's annual **Student Appreciation Week** is February 21–28. That means plenty of special activities and free gifts for students all week long. You'll find a list of university-wide events at www.roosevelt.edu/saw/default.htm.

Ask your ELP instructors about the "W.A.Y. Bucks" that you can receive during Student Appreciation Week and what you can buy with them at the ELP auction starting at 11:30 AM on Thursday, February 26.

Registration for Summer and Fall 2009 Classes

Registration for Summer 2009 is going on now. Registration for Fall begins on March 1. If you're planning to take summer classes, talk to Susanne right away. Summer classes in some majors fill up very quickly.

Follow three simple steps for registration. 1) See Susanne during her office hours, 1:30– 2:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for advising. 2) Meet with your academic advisor if you'll be taking courses outside of ELP to finish planning your schedule. 3) Register in Room 124 AUD or on the 9th floor if you are a CCPA student.

Essential Reading

Be sure to check **myMail** regularly. This is the only email that Roosevelt uses to send important information to students. It is also used as the email account in Blackboard. If you're unable to use your myMail account come to the ELP Office, in Room 686 AUD, right away.

Spring Break is the week of March 16–20. These are the only days during the Spring 2009 semester when there are no classes at Roosevelt. **Midterm exams** in ELP are scheduled to take place right before break, so don't make plans to leave early!

Talk to your course instructors to find out when **the midterm exam** will take place in each of your classes and what you'll be responsible for on the exam.

If you're planning a **trip outside the U.S.** during Spring Break, go to the Office of International Programs in Room 125 HCC immediately to find out about getting a signature on your travel documents and any other requirements.

Mark your calendar. **Final exams in ELP classes** are April 28–30. Remember that final exams for non-ELP courses are later. Those exams are scheduled for the week of May 8–14. Talk to your instructors to find out the specifics of the final exam in each of your courses.

All RU faculty are available to meet with you and help you outside of class. Be sure that you know when your instructors have **office hours** and how you can contact them by phone or email to make an appointment. Office hours for ELP faculty are posted on the bulletin board outside Room 686 AUD.



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8.

Move your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday March 7.

Student Spotlight

Lina Song is a piano major at Roosevelt University who comes from Shenyang, China. She's taking ELP 90, 91, 92, and 93 along with piano classes in Spring 2009. This photo of Lina was taken during her trip to Sanya, the southernmost city in China, during the last semester break.



Lina Song

Last fall, you made a video for the ELP International Voices contest. You said that you were a “cultural adventurer.” What did you mean?

I love traveling. For example, I've visited Croatia, the Philippines, and New York City, and there are lots of other places I'd like to go to. I want to go to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower, to Australia to see the opera house in Sydney, and to Egypt to see the pyramids. I also want to visit Italy and Japan.

What was your trip to Croatia like? Why did you decide to travel there?

I went to Zagreb for a music festival performance. This is one of the oldest cities in Croatia, and it's on the Mediterranean Sea. The water was really blue. It's very different from China. I had never seen such a blue sea before. I saw old buildings and roads made of stone there. The buildings in the downtown area were only five or six floors high, and we sat on the rooftops and looked at the people below. In Zagreb, I ate whole roast pig and Croatian-style pizza, which is almost equal to Italy's.

How did you feel when you first came to Chicago last August?

When I got here, it was very hot and very dry. I was afraid, and I felt nervous. I refused to speak English. My uncle who lives in Washington came to Chicago to meet my father and me. He encouraged me to practice more and make mistakes so that I could improve, but it was hard.

How did you feel when you went back to China for the semester break in December?

I was happy. I felt comfortable. It's my home! Then I had a strange feeling—I wanted to come back to Chicago. I'm used to being busy in Chicago. During the first week in Shenyang, I enjoyed it, but later I felt I had nothing to do there. However, I have a lot of friends, so I spent

time visiting them the last week before I came back here.

Did you feel good when you returned to Chicago?

Yes. I felt ready for the new semester so that I could finish English classes and take courses in my major next semester.

Speaking of your major, what are your future plans?

I plan to go back to China and be a teacher and a business woman. I want to have a music school and maybe do my father's business. He has a transportation company.

When you're not in class or practicing piano, what do you do?

Every week, I go to Chinatown with my friends to eat Chinese hot pot. I also go to Target to buy things that I need. This semester, I plan to go to Symphony Center to hear recitals.

What's the best thing that you've done in Chicago so far?

The outlet mall in Aurora. I bought a lot of things there like new luggage for my parents.

One thing that I'd really like to do is rent a bike and ride all around Chicago.

Finally, what's one thing that people here at RU might not know about you?

I like telling jokes to my friends, and I hope that the people around me can be happy like me. What you might not know is that after I tell a joke, I always laugh, but sometimes the listeners don't because they don't understand why it's funny. Anyway, I enjoy telling jokes.



Around Chicago and at RU . . .

Wintertime Fun

There are plenty of activities to take advantage of in Chicago during the winter months. A number of them are even free.

The ice skating rink located in Millennium Park will stay open until March 15. Get the daily schedule and other information at www.millenniumpark.org. In addition, there are fireworks that you can see from the Michigan Avenue Bridge over the Chicago River at 6:30 PM every Saturday during the month of February.

If you'd like a real outdoor experience, make the trip to Northerly Island, a nature preserve near the Museum Campus at 1400 S. Lynn White Dr., for the Polar Adventure Day. During this free event, you'll

The Lincoln Bicentennial

A nickname for the state of Illinois is "Land of Lincoln," so schools, libraries, cultural centers, and museums around the state are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on February 12, 1809.

There are a number of special Lincoln Bicentennial events scheduled in Chicago, including a Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert on February 21. Use the cal-

endar at www.cso.org for information on the CSO event.

However, the best place to learn about Lincoln is the Chicago History Museum. The museum has important Lincoln memorabilia in its permanent collection. Many of those items such as Lincoln's desk, his watch, and the bed that he died in will be part of the museum's "Lincoln Treasure Exhibit," February 12–August 16. Go to www.chicagohistory.org for details.

Check It Out!

Do you want to know when you can go to **Chicago museums for free**? Then click on the link, and take a look at this useful web page: www.explorechicago.org/city/en/supporting_narrative/events_special_events/special_events/tourism/winter_2009_museum.html.

If you're into saving money, don't forget about the "**Chicago Guide to Special Values**," at www.chicagoofficeoftourism.org/specialValues. This web site has discount coupons for Chicago museums, restaurants, shopping, and more.

The **Chicago Auto Show** started in 1901, and is the largest auto show in North America. If you love cars, this is the event for you. The 2009 show is at McCormick Place February 13–22. Look for more information on the Web at www.chicagoautoshow.com.

Visit the **Art Institute of Chicago** during the month of February. The museum is located at 111 S. Michigan Ave., just three blocks north of RU's Auditorium Building. General admission to the Art Institute is free through February 28. You'll find the museum hours and background information about the collections at www.artic.edu/aic.

Enjoy the talents of your ELP classmates at CCPA performances throughout the semester. For example, there's a Piano Showcase Recital in Ganz Hall at 7:30 PM on February 27. Get a complete calendar of Spring 2009 events at ccpa.roosevelt.edu/ccpa-calendar.php.

Go to the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) in Room 121 HCC to learn about **on-campus activities and events around Chicago** or see the CSI listings at www.roosevelt.edu/calendars/osaCalendarChicago.asp.

Money Match

So who's on the money that you spend? Match the name of the U.S. President with the coin or paper currency that has his face on it. Look for answers at the bottom of the puzzle.

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| d. 1. George Washington | a. a penny and a \$5 bill |
| ___ 2. Thomas Jefferson | b. a nickel |
| ___ 3. Andrew Jackson | c. a dime |
| ___ 4. Abraham Lincoln | d. a quarter and a \$1 bill |
| ___ 5. Franklin Roosevelt | e. a 50-cent piece |
| ___ 6. John F. Kennedy | f. a \$20 bill |
| ___ 7. Ulysses S. Grant | g. a \$50 bill |

If you're wondering who is on a \$10 bill, that's Alexander Hamilton, who served as Secretary of the Treasury under George Washington. If you're lucky enough to have a \$100 bill, then you'll see the face of Benjamin Franklin.

To learn more about your dollars and cents, visit these sites: www.moneyfactory.gov and www.usmint.gov (on US. Mint site, click on "Collectors Club").



ANSWERS: d., b., f., a., c., e., g.



International Food Corner

Hai-Mook (Seafood) Pa-Jeon (Pancake)

Try this recipe for Korean pancake from Ji-Hyun (Stephanie) Hwang. It's easy to make and absolutely delicious. You can buy Korean pancake mix in Asian grocery stores in the Chicago area such as H Mart on Golf Road in Niles. Once you get the mix, simply follow the recipe.

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| 1 ¾ cups of pancake mix | 5 scallions |
| ¾ cups of water | 12 shrimp or other seafood |
| 2 eggs | 3 tablespoons of soy sauce |
| 1 tablespoon of oil | 1 teaspoon of apple vinegar |

- Mix the water and eggs with the Korean pancake powder.
- Remove the white end of the scallions. Add the scallions and the shrimp to the pancake mixture.
- Heat the oil in a skillet until very hot. Add all the pancake mixture to the skillet. Cook on one side until golden brown. Then flip the pancake, and cook the other side.
- Mix the soy sauce and vinegar to use as a dipping sauce.



Korean pancake and photo by Stephanie Hwang

Web Finds

There are 50 states in the U.S. Learn a little about each one at www.history.com/states.do. Play "State the Plate" in the Games section and learn to recognize the different states' car license plates. It's fun to watch for them on the road.

If you're puzzled by the crazy U.S. measurement system of inches, gallons, miles, Fahrenheit, etc., get an online converter at www.peters1.dk/webtools/conversion.php?sprog=en.

See cool photos on the Gigapan Gallery page of the Chicago Office of Tourism web site. Doubleclick for close-up views. The URL is www.chicagoofficeoftourism.org/gigapan.

ELP Around the World: Venezuela

ELP students come from 23 different countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America. Carmen Landa has provided some interesting information about her home country of Venezuela.

Venezuela is a beautiful country located in the northern part of South America. Even though it is known for oil and beauty pageant winners, Venezuela is more than that. For example, it has the Andes Mountains, Caribbean coastline, and the world's highest waterfall, Angel Falls. Venezuelan people are very friendly, and because they have a lot of European influences, the cuisine is quite flavorful. Pabellón Criollo, a simple dish of shredded beef and black beans served with rice and plantain slices, is the national dish of Venezuela. The official language is Spanish although in some major cities people do speak basic English. If you want to have fun, you get the chance to do it in Venezuela either at the beach or in the mountains, the jungle, the desert, or the city. Everyone should visit Venezuela and be prepared to have a great experience.