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# CIES Nole News

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## Happy New Year

New things & awesome activities at CIES

A very happy new year to all of you! We are very excited for 2017 here at CIES. We had an awesome 2016, and we know that 2017 will be even better.

There are a few changes this year. CIES will be working to improve our program and make it even better! We are working with an organization known as CEA, and they will help us make sure that we are one of the best English language programs in the United States! All of the teachers will be working very hard to make CIES even better.

We will continue to do the *Nole News* in 2017, but it will only be every month and not every week. Please keep the *Nole News* as it will have important announcements and birthdays for the entire month. You can find all newsletters on the CIES website. We encourage all of you to check the CIES Facebook page every day for exciting news and activities. Everyone here at CIES is excited about this year, and we hope that this will be one of the most positive learning experiences of your life.

### January Activities

January is a month for fun activities at CIES. Even though the weather might be cold outdoors, we have a variety of activities this session. You will find information about this session's activities on signs in all of the classrooms. Here are the activities coming up this month:

### Ice-Skating

Even though winter in Tallahassee is warmer than in many parts of the country, there are still some winter traditions that we celebrate here. One of these traditions is ice-skating. Ice-skating can be difficult for some, but it is a lot of fun. This **Friday (January 13) we will meet as soon as class is over at 12:30!** We will go over to the Centre of Tallahassee where there is an ice-skating rink. You will be able to skate for over an hour, and there is also food available there if you want to do lunch. Please sign up soon on the activities board, and check Facebook or ask Jen Dickinson for more information.



### FSU vs. Louisville Basketball Game

Basketball is one of the most popular sports at FSU! This year the men's basketball team at FSU is one of the best in the nation. We will be going to a basketball game on **Saturday January 21.** We will meet at the **Donald L. Tucker Civic Center at 1:45 pm and the game will start at 2pm.** See the student activities board for sign-up.



### Visit to Wakulla Springs

Wakulla Springs is one of the most beautiful places in Florida. It is a very clean and clear body of water, and many people visit it every year. This is a great chance to see animals and Florida's nature. We will be taking an awesome trip to Wakulla Springs on **January 27.** We will leave at **12:30 after class on Friday.** There will be transportation provided.



Please bring food or snacks so you don't get hungry. We will return to CIES before 5pm. If the weather is cold, make sure you bring warm clothes. If the weather is warm, you may want to bring a swimsuit so you can go swimming.

### And our winners are...

Last semester, we had many students submit quality writing samples into the CIES Voices competition. There were many excellent entries! The winner of the writing competition is **Mr. Abdulaziz Asswailem** from Saudi Arabia, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner is **Ms. Ana Claus** from Brazil. Congratulations to these two excellent writers! You can read their excellent work on the CIES website. You can also see Abdulaziz's name engraved on the **plaque** downstairs next to the student activities board.



## Just perfect!

It is very important that all of you attend class every day. Even though you may have to miss class occasionally, even one or two absences could cause you to miss a test or an important assignment. These students, however, were present every day during Fall II session.

**Abdulaziz Asswailem**  
**Jameel Awad**  
**Diana Corral**  
**Maria Alejandra Mejia**  
**Maria Stephany Mejia**

Dr. Kennell and Lacey would like to send special congratulations to all of these students!

## January Birthdays!

Faisel Elshami (January 1)  
Natifatou Sanne (January 1)  
Angel Rios (January 5)  
Turki Alharbi (January 6)  
Mubarak Ghafel (January 6)  
Mohammed Bohliqa (January 23)  
Yousef Buhliqa (January 29)



## Culture Question

*Question: What is Martin Luther King Day and why is it a holiday?*

Answer: Monday January 16 is a national holiday held in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King is generally regarded as one of the most famous Americans in history. He was born in 1929 and was **assassinated** in 1968. Dr. King was the most important figure in the United States civil rights movement. The civil rights movement occurred throughout the 1950s and 1960s, and it gave African Americans (and other minorities) more rights and opportunities. Before Dr. King, many black people did not vote, and they did not have the same educational opportunities as whites. Many black Americans even had to use separate restrooms, water fountains, and restaurant tables than white Americans.

Dr. King was a very talented speaker, and the speeches he gave about race and



**racism** are very important to America today. For many older Americans who remember what things were like before Dr. King, it has been particularly impressive that the United States has elected a black president. No matter what political beliefs you have, it is amazing how far the United States has come as a nation in such a short period of time.

## Language Question

*Question: What's the difference between using 'last year' and 'in the last year'?*

Answer: Even though these two expressions are similar, they are used very differently.

“Last year” literally means the year before the present year. Since it is now 2017, the term last year is a **synonym** for 2016. Since 2016 is finished, we always use the simple past with ‘last year’.

Examples: \* He **visited** Germany last year.  
\* Last year, my family **built** a new house.

“In the last year” is an expression that means anytime from today until one year ago. We can also say “within the last year.” We use present perfect with this expression.

Examples: \* I **have been** to the movies twice in the last year.  
\* In the last year, my sister **has** probably **read** over 100 books!

## Quote of the Month

*Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.*  
- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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This issue's vocabulary:

**tradition (noun)** – something special that is done often by a particular culture or group  
**plaque (noun)** – something that hangs on a wall and has important names and dates written on it  
**assassinate (verb)** – to kill or murder someone famous or important (often for political reasons)  
**racism (noun)** – a set of beliefs where one race or group of people is seen as better than another group  
**synonym (noun)** – two words or terms that mean the same thing