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# CIES Nole News

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## Life's a Beach

*Spending a day at Panama City Beach*

Florida is a popular destination for tourists from all over the country. One of the most popular beaches in Florida is Panama City Beach, and it is located only two hours away from Tallahassee. Panama City is **renowned** for its white sand and emerald-green water. Colleges, universities, and high schools always have breaks during the spring, and Panama City is a popular destination for people on Spring Break. Sometimes the beach will be completely full of high-school and college-aged people.

In summer the beach isn't quite as crowded, but Panama City is still popular. The CIES is going to Panama City this Friday! Please sign up on the list near the front desk so you can have space on the bus.

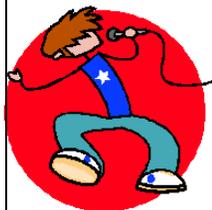
We will leave at 8am **this Friday**, so **plan to be here at 7:45am**. Bring a swimsuit, towel and money for lunch at a seafood restaurant. This is a great opportunity to enjoy one of the most beautiful places in Florida.

### CIES Voices Deadline!

This is the last week that you can submit something to CIES Voices. If you've got something cool that you've written, talk with your composition teacher and submit it for the writing competition. Remember, it doesn't have to be perfect at all. What's important is that it has your own ideas. You can submit your writing to your composition teacher, or you can email it directly to Andrew Wilson ([acwilson@fsu.edu](mailto:acwilson@fsu.edu)). This is a great way to share your work and win a prize!!

### Talent Show Next Week

There is going to be something very exciting next week at CIES. To celebrate the end of Summer I session, we will be having our first CIES talent show of the modern era. Many of us have **hidden** talents that other people may not know about. We will be performing these talents at the end-of-the-session game day next Friday June 12.



Acting, singing, performing karaoke, playing an instrument or anything else are all possible talents. Don't be shy! Let either Kyle Kaminski or Jasmine Carnell know before next Wednesday June 10.

### Getting to Know: Matt Cohen

Most everyone who comes to CIES gets **culture shock** when you first come to America. Matt Cohen is someone who knows what that's like. Before his teaching career, Matt grew up the youngest of six brothers (no sisters) in Jupiter, FL. While he was growing up he was always trying new things and knew that when he grew up, he wouldn't want a job that involved sitting at a desk all day. In college at FSU he studied philosophy, and after this he discovered his passion for teaching. His first teaching experience was working with adult immigrants in south Florida and teaching them about American history in order to prepare them for the US citizenship test. This was a "very

humanizing" experience for Matt – he got to meet people from all over the world and realize that he can make a difference by teaching them. Matt says that "teaching is a beautiful feeling." Having already taken a



TESOL preparation course in New York, Matt left for Korea in 2010. He spent his time in a city called Daejeon.

He worked with primary school students and he eventually taught at Chungnam National University. Matt had all kinds of jobs teaching, developing curriculum and even writing books. He also was very fortunate to travel to other parts of Asia – his favorite place being Llama Island in Hong Kong. Shortly after he first arrived in Korea, he met a woman named Jiye who quickly became his best friend. After a few years they started dating and were married in 2014. Matt came to CIES in 2014, and, like many of you, he **suffered** considerable culture shock when he got back. After spending so much time in South Korea, it was hard for him to be back in an American classroom. It took him a while to get adjusted. He was studying Foreign and Second Language Acquisition as a graduate student, and he graduated this past spring. Jiye is also an FSU student; she studies anthropology. Teaching at CIES has been an awesome experience for Matt. Matt sums it all up by saying "the fact that I can get paid to teach and travel is something really special."

## Happy Birthday

Othman Alsalili (June 3)  
Abeer Mobarki (June 5)  
Mohammed Almanic (June 6)  
Wallace Gowens (June 8)

## Culture Questions

*Question: What is Southern Hospitality? Where exactly is "the south" of the United States?*

A: This is an important cultural point. The South (capital 'S' because it specifies a specific region) is a region located in the Southeastern United States. It generally includes all of the states that broke away from the United States during the Civil War in 1861. Virginia and Kentucky are the northernmost borders of the South, and it extends westwards into Texas. Although Florida is the most southern of all of the states, some people do not consider it part of the South, culturally speaking. A majority of residents of the state of Florida have not been in the state for more than two **generations** – their family moved to Florida from other parts of America. As a result, Florida has a **fusion** culture that is unique amongst southern states. "Southern Hospitality" is a famous term that you'll often hear. Most of the southern states have a history that involves agriculture and growing crops. The pace of life was slower in the South, and people were very friendly and kind. Hospitality means being generous and offering things to others, and the South has a

reputation for being one of the most hospitable places in the country. (Although Lacey, who is from South Dakota, disagrees with that!)

## Language Question

*Question: What does it mean "squeaky wheel" gets the grease?*

A: This is a fantastic idiom and it describes something that everyone should try to do. Squeaky describes a sharp and loud noise that an old wheel might make. Grease is an oily substance that you put on wheels (or any motor part) to make them run smoother with less noise. This idiom basically means someone who has a problem should be vocal about the problem and keep bringing it up until the problem is solved. The key to solving a problem is to bring up the problem EARLY and to keep working on the problem until it is solved. Don't let the problem continue and then wait until it is too late to solve it. If you have a problem with your class go to your teacher and try to deal with the problem as quickly as you can. Don't procrastinate.

Here's an example of this idiom. Imagine that there is a leaky sink in your apartment. Your roommate does not want to report the sink, so it ends up not getting fixed. However, you go to the management and report the leaky sink and you follow up a few days later in case they do not fix it the first time.

## Language Puzzle

Subordinating conjunctions are words that start dependent clauses. Some examples of these words are although and while. These words will help you write detailed complex sentences in your writing. However, be careful! These words do not start simple sentences. Using these words incorrectly might lead you to write incomplete sentences, which are called fragments. Here are five subordinating conjunctions – see if you can unscramble the word. (Courtesy of Mignon Fogarty – The Grammar Devotional)

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## Quote of the Week

The more I expect, the more unhappy I am going to be. The more I accept, the more serene I am.

- Michael J. Fox



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This week's vocabulary:

**renowned (adjective)** – to be well-known or famous for something

**hidden (adjective)** – not visible; not known; cannot be seen (easily)

**culture shock (noun)** – distress or an uncomfortable feeling when you enter a new or different cultural environment

**suffer (verb)** – to feel pain or distress; to experience something negative; to endure something negative

**generation (noun)** – a group of people (or things) that are of a similar age

**fusion (adjective)** – the bringing together of different elements