

IEP NEWS



DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Elena Moore, IEP Director

Now that April is arriving, Intensive English Program students and instructors are very busy trying to wrap up Spring B, which ends in three weeks. As always, these will

be the busiest weeks as instructors balance coursework with other activities. We will be having our traditional IEP soccer game, the IEP debate, and Conversation Lunch with faculty and staff.

Recently, one of our favorite speakers came to the IEP. Read about TESOL instructor Amany Habib's animated talk on life in Egypt and her own experiences in Pensacola. In addition, we have an interview with Evelyn Bustamante, IEP student and tae kwon do

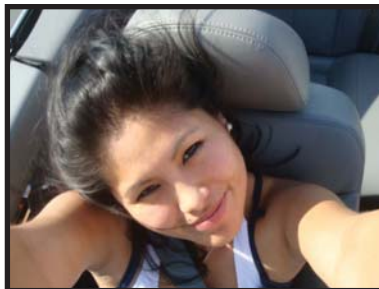
champion in Peru.

Beginning this summer, our lunch break will be shortened to thirty minutes in response to student requests. Our survey revealed that students preferred to have a shorter lunch and to finish class at 2:00. Could it be that they want a longer afternoon to enjoy our Emerald Coast beaches with their white sand and warm, clear water?

Elena Moore

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Evelyn Bustamante is an intensive English student from Peru. She is currently in her second term of the program, and she plans to study business at UWF in the fall. She decided to come to UWF after studying for a short time in South Carolina.



*Evelyn Bustamante
Peru*

Evelyn is a reigning Tae Kwon Do international champion. Her father, who was a Tae Kwon Do champion, started training her at 6-years-old. She has won numerous titles in South America and in the United States. She has competed in several countries and most recently competed at a championship in Las Vegas. This summer, Evelyn will travel to Spain where she will compete in the European Tae Kwon Do championship. Evelyn's dream is to one day compete in the Olympics.

When Evelyn isn't studying English or practicing Tae Kwon Do, she spends her time on Pensacola Beach or shopping in one of they many shopping centers on the Gulf Coast.

Congratulations to former intensive English student Janusz Chudzynski for being Computer Science's Outstanding Graduate Assistant for 2009!



IEP CONVERSATION PARTNERS



TAE KWON DO



What is Tae Kwon Do?

Tae Kwon Do, or Taekwondo, is a Korean martial art. It is the world's

most popular martial art in terms of the number of practitioners. It is now an Olympic event.

Tae Kwon Do is characterized by its fast, high and spinning kicks. It combines combat techniques, self-defense, sport, exercise, meditation, and philosophy. Tae Kwon Do is also used by the South Korean military as part of its training.

There have been two general branches of Tae Kwon Do development: traditional and

sport. Traditional tae kwon do refers to the martial art as established in the 1950s and 1960s and derived from traditional Korean martial arts. Sport tae kwon do is the form that has evolved in the decades since and emphasizes speed and competition. Distinctions between the two types may be blurred.

Tae Kwon Do students can improve themselves physically and mentally by training. The final goal is to achieve harmony with nature and oneself.

GUEST LECTURER

Amany Habib from UWF's College of Professional Studies, recently visited the IEP to discuss her life in Egypt. Following her visit, Elena Moore (EM) interviewed Amany (AH) to find out more about information about her life and her role at UWF.



EM: You recently spoke to the Intensive English Program students. What did you talk about?

AH: First of all, it is always a pleasure to spend time with the IEP students. I enjoy not only speaking to them but also the interaction we have at the end of my presentation. I talked about my childhood, growing up in Egypt, my family, food, education, etc.

EM: Did you experience culture shock? If so, what was the most surprising thing you found in the U.S.?

AH: I do not think I experienced culture shock very much because I grew up around a multicultural family and was exposed to other cultures, including western cultures, all my life. I did, however, find a few things a bit surprising like how big some things are in the USA. This is a very big country and most people like big things for example, the refrigerator we had here was much bigger. I also found the idea of getting

free refills in restaurants quite shocking.

EM: Tell us about your field of study and the work you do at UWF.

AH: I am a TESOL person. TESOL stands for Teaching (or Teachers of) English to Speakers of Other Languages. I am absolutely passionate about this area of studies and find it increasingly fascinating. I am the ESOL Coordinator and I am currently teaching and developing courses related to this field at the School of Education here at UWF. Teachers in the state of Florida are required to receive extensive training in issues associated with teaching English as an additional language and our students graduate with an ESOL endorsement which qualifies them to work with children who do not speak English well.

EM: What do you like best about Pensacola or this area?

AH: I like Pensacola and this part of Florida very much. The majority of the people with whom I have come in contact are kind, friendly, and laid back. I also enjoy the warm weather and beach although I do not go to the beach as often as I would like. We are also close to a number of shopping centers and malls as well as other sources of entertainment.

EM: What advice would you give a student who has come to study in Pensacola?

AH: I would like to tell students who come to study in Pensacola that they made a wonderful first step toward learning English or advancing their knowledge of the language and the culture. One of my teachers told me once that reading helps learners improve their understanding of the language and encouraged me to read something in English everyday. I believe that this is a good advice for any one who is trying to learn or improve his or her proficiency in any language. I also tell learners to try to interact with native speakers of English as much as possible because the experience allows them to acquire social English and learn more about the different cultures and traditions. Humor is a great tool and learners should laugh at their mistakes and consider them a sign of progress. If they were not making an effort, they would not make mistakes. So, I tell them do not get discouraged. Finally, I would like to tell students to be patient and not give up. Learning an additional language takes time but it is absolutely worth it.

If you want to know more, you will have to come to my next presentation !

GAME ZONE

How many of these do you know?

1. To throw someone a curve
 2. To land on one's feet
 3. To call it a day
 4. To talk back
 5. To pick up the tab
 6. To trade in
 7. To crack a book
 8. To give someone a big hand
 9. To take the bull by the horns
 10. To make waves
- A. To create a disturbance
 - B. To mislead or trick someone
 - C. To study
 - D. To get a new item in exchange for an old one plus a payment in cash
 - E. To attack a difficulty directly, to be bold or determined
 - F. To pay for something
 - G. To stop working or doing something for that day
 - H. To applaud enthusiastically for someone
 - I. To answer impertinently
 - J. To recover safely from an unpleasant or risky situation

Answers: 1.- B, 2.- J, 3.- G, 4.- I, 5.- F, 6.- D, 7.- C, 8.- H, 9.- E, 10.- A

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3



Festival on the Green

April 7



Conversation Lunch

April 15



IEP Soccer

April 21



IEP Debate

April 23



Certificate Ceremony

IEP SESSION DATES

Summer 2009

- May 11 - June 19 (6-week session)
- June 29 - August 7 (6-week session)

Fall 2009

- August 24 - October 9 (7-week session)
- October 19 - December 9 (7-week session)

Spring 2010

- January 8 - February 26 (7-week session)
- March 8 - April 22 (7-week session)

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