

Dear Student,

I hope you have all been enjoying your break and are all revved up to start the new cycle! And for our new students-Welcome! I am sure you are all eager to start and continue with your English learning and improvement, and we are also all ready to go!

Just a couple of recommendations for this cycle. The first one, though it may seem obvious, but in any case, here it goes – speak English. I know that there are many cultural aspects that inhibit us from wanting to practice and speak English; nevertheless, if we do not practice, we will never improve. Hence, don't worry about your level of English or your pronunciation, communicate in English as much as possible, especially while you are here in the English Teaching Program. In order to help you with this, the level VI students will continue to have Conversation Clubs, so please pay attention to the dates and times posted on the bulletin boards.

The other thing is that, as you may have noticed, there have been some changes to the Welcome to Fulbright, so make sure you understand the implications of such changes. One of these is in the grading percentages. Make sure you understand and know clearly what they mean. All instructors will be going over the Welcome to Fulbright the first day of class, so please pay close attention to its content.

Finally, and on behalf of all of us at the English Teaching Program, we would like to wish you the best for this upcoming cycle. Try to use the language as much as possible, become involved in activities carried out in the program, and always pay attention to your instructor and ask questions, this is the only way to progress and improve.

Have a Great Cycle!

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