

# Ciao Ragazzi!

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## ITSA on Campus

The Italian Student Association is an official UF campus organization! It exists for the purpose of improving Italian language fluency, developing cultural interaction and awareness, and fostering relationships between students of beginning and higher levels of Italian.

## Do YOU Want to Study Abroad in Italy?

University of Florida student, Isaiah Baez, went on the UF in Rome language and culture program this past summer. He said that it was the history and food of Italy that initially drew him to the country. When asked what his favorite memory of Rome was, he said that wandering around the city during class breaks, and seeing the Coliseum was the best part. But Italy is more than ancient monuments and great food, Isaiah said that he “became more culturally aware and more outgoing” because of the experience. While in Rome, Isaiah lived in an apartment with other Italian locals, “I loved it because I got an authentic cultural experience”. Are you considering study abroad in Rome? –“Do it as soon as possible. Once you are over there, go everywhere and try everything. You may never get the chance again to live in a foreign country”.



## ITSA at Camp Kulaqua

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, ITSA set up a booth for kids at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, FL along with other local clubs and after-school programs. At the booth, kids created their own Italian “masquerade” masks for Halloween.



## Italian Studies Minor Speaker: Why Study Italian?

At ITSA's first general body meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, Italian student and ITSA External Vice President Courtney Owens, gave a speech on the merits of studying Italian. She discussed the importance of foreign languages in undergraduate study; to increase global understanding, improve your employment potential, to increase your native language ability, to improve your chances of getting into graduate school, to study abroad, to increase understanding of oneself and one's own culture.

## Spring 2011 Italian Courses

In addition to intermediate Italian level one and two, there are additional intermediate and advanced courses offered for the spring 2011 semester. ITT 3431 is a course entitled, "All Roads Lead to Rome: Pilgrimage and Return in Italian Literature"; the course explores how Rome has engendered and entrenched the notion of pilgrimage and return in the literature, history and art of Italy.

Another course offered next spring is ITA3564: Contemporary Italian Culture entitled, "Mapping Italy: Inventing and Reinventing the Nation"; this course aims to understand the Italian nation in all its cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity. ITA 3500 is Italian Civilization and focuses on "Representing the 'Humble Italy'"; this course will guide us through a sampling of Italy's modern texts and films on the Southern Question. ITT 3930 is Special Topics in Italian Literature and Culture called "The Demolition of Man: Italian Perspectives on the Holocaust"; the course will guide students through a sampling of Italy's crucial texts on the experience of the Jewish Holocaust and its theorization. For a full description of all the Italian spring 2011 course offerings, please e-mail [acolarossi@ufl.edu](mailto:acolarossi@ufl.edu).

## ITA 3500 Students Perform For the Dante Alighieri Society

One November 15<sup>th</sup>, the students of ITA 3500 at the University of Florida gave a presentation of Italy's most famous playwright, Luigi Pirandello, for the Dante Alighieri Society of Gainesville.

The students gave an introduction of Pirandello, performed six monologues and three excerpts from Pirandello's most famous play, *Six Characters in Search of an Author* in Italian with English subtitles for over 50 people.



## Italian Student Recognized

ITSA congratulates Julie Dumbroff, one of our students of Italian, on being awarded the 2010 Outstanding Leadership Award for Undergraduate Female Graduating Senior. Julie has contributed to the campus and the community by being a role model for other students and aspiring leaders. She also serves as a study abroad peer advisor.

## Italian Speaker

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, speaker Filippo Simonato, who is a graduate student in the department of Food and Resource Economics at the University of Florida, discussed international business, the contemporary and political issues plaguing modern Italy and the Atlantis Program at UF. The program offers the opportunity to study the European and US vision on rural development in its diversity of approaches and applications. The objective is to train specialists in comparative analysis of EU and US agricultural and rural development policies.

## Mangiamo!

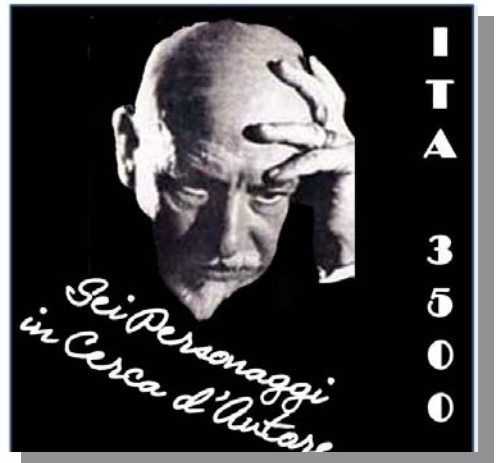
Please join ITSA for our last meeting at Pazza Bistro Tuesday night, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Pazza Bistro is located on Archer road. Come out and let's eat some pizza!

## Italian Students Perform: *Six Characters in Search of an Author* by Luigi Pirandello

For the first time ever at the University of Florida, the students of ITA 3500 will perform Luigi Pirandello's entire play, *Six Characters in Search of an Author*.

Admission is free, so please join the students of ITA 3500 and Professor Gianfranco Balestriere for the performance on December 8th, at 7pm, in Florida Gym 270.

*Six Characters in Search of an Author* is a play where a group of actors are preparing to rehearse for a Pirandello play. While starting the rehearsal, they are interrupted by the arrival of six characters. The leader of the characters, the father, informs the manager that they are looking for an author. He explains that the author who created them did not finish their story, and that they therefore are unrealized characters. The manager tries to throw them out of the theater, but becomes more intrigued when they start to describe their story. These six characters have a story to tell and they will not stop until it is represented on the stage; a story full of anguish, remorse, anger, vengeance, and ultimately...death.



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