

Florida Gulf Coast University's Academy Learning for Life at Pelican Bay - 2023

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The Pelican Bay Foundation and FGCU Academy Learning for Life are pleased to CONTINUE our partnership whereby lifelong lectures and programs will be offered exclusively to Pelican Bay residents at the **Pelican Bay Community Center** beginning **January 10, 2023**. The Renaissance Academy is FGCU's and southwest Florida's

premier lifelong learning program for adults, seniors and retirees. It is based on the premise that learning should never cease; that keeping the mind intellectually, creatively and culturally active fundamentally enriches and invigorates our lives. These programs deliver academic substance in an interactive format that encourages the exchange of ideas and provides both intellectual stimulation and personal enjoyment. There are no exams or grades, just learning for the joy of learning with friends, neighbors and peers.

We would like to extend an enthusiastic welcome to those with intellectual curiosity and vigor to be a part of this rich, vibrant and varied program offered exclusively to our residents. Due to seating capacities for these events, preferential registration will be allotted to Foundation members only; accompanying guests may be permitted based on availability 3 days before the event. The winter 2023 lectures include the following programs:

IPHONE/IPAD TIPS, TRICKS & SECRETS OF APPLE'S NEWEST OPERATING SYSTEM IOS 16

-- January 10 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm – \$40 per person

Join this lecture-style presentation to learn all of the new features, upgrades and enhancements of Apple's newest operating system for iPhone and iPad, iOS 16. We will explore tips, tricks and secrets that make using your device easier, more powerful and efficient. *Instructor: John Guerra*

CHANGING DYNAMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

-- January 24 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm – \$30 per person

Join a 40-year national security affairs analyst as he examines the rapidly changing dynamics of the Middle East. The Middle East is a melting pot of religions, tribes, political movements, and nation-states carved out of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. It is a region going through tectonic changes: The Abraham Accords linking Arab states with Israel, the challenge of a nuclear Iran, the rise of China and Russia as leading outside players challenging the once-dominant US regional role. This lecture dissects these new dynamics and what may emerge. *Instructor: Jeffrey Steinberg*

THE KING'S PAINTER: THE MAJESTIC PORTRAITS OF HANS HOLBEIN

-- February 7 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm – \$30 per person

One of the earliest dynasties to use art to establish their "brand," the Tudor monarchs were fortunate to have access to the precociously talented German artist Hans Holbein, the Younger, considered to be one of the greatest portraitists of the 16th century. Brought to court by Henry VIII's mistress, Ann Boleyn, Holbein soon became the King's Painter and most sought after by the nobility of England. His commanding depictions of Henry VIII and his progeny Edward VI, and Queen Elizabeth I charted a course for future monarchies in using art to convey political messages. His sensitive handling of Sir Thomas More and his family can be appreciated by anyone who has visited the Frick Collection in New York and observed portraits of the two great Reformation adversaries Sir Thomas More and Thomas Cromwell gazing at each other over the Frick mantelpiece. If you love paintings of great detail and precision and if you are interested in Tudor England and the northern Renaissance, this lecture will show how artists like Holbein influenced the history of art and advanced the political agendas of the great Kings and Queens of the age. *Instructor: James D. Pagliaro, Esq.*

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ON THE FRONT LINE: WHAT IS AT STAKE IN AFGHANISTAN

-- February 21 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm – \$30 per person

In the Obama and Trump administrations, Ambassador Llorens led the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, the largest in the world with a staff of 8,500 representing twenty-one U.S. government agencies. Recently retired after 36 years of diplomatic service, Ambassador Llorens is uniquely able to discuss the history of our involvement in Afghanistan, his personal experiences in the conflict-ridden nation, efforts by the Trump and Biden Administrations to achieve peace and what is still at stake after these many years.. *Instructor: Hugo Llorens, Ambassador Ret.*

IPHONE/IPAD PHOTOS APP IN IOS 16: PHOTO MANAGEMENT, EDITING, SHARING AND MORE

-- March 7 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm – \$40 per person

Apple's Photos App has an immersive, dynamic look that emphasizes your best pictures with larger previews and improved organization. Memories finds your best photos and videos and weaves them together into a movie complete with music, titles and transitions. Perfect your images with intuitive, built-in, powerful editing tools. Search photos based on who or what is in them. iCloud stores your photos and videos and syncs them across all your devices. *Instructor: John Guerra*

RELIGION IN THE WHITE HOUSE

-- March 21 at 1:00pm – 3pm – \$30 per person

While the U.S. Constitution prohibits religious tests for office holders, religion has played a key role in the lives of many Presidents both personally and in terms of various issues they have faced. This lecture will examine how each of the Presidents have or have not been influenced by religion and the various ways religion has played a role in key ethical concerns raised by events during their presidency. *Instructor: Dr. John Tanner*

REGISTRATION & PRE-PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND! For further information or to register for the programs above, please contact the Pelican Bay Community Center at 239-597-8877 ext. 101.