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# THE PENDULUM

## Investing in THE FUTURE



From left to right: Elon Elementary Principal Jack Davern, Alamance-Burlington School System Superintendent Bruce Benson, Elon University President Connie Book and Elon Alderman John Peterson cut a ribbon signifying the opening of the new Elon Elementary School building on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

LIAM O'CONNOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ribbon-cutting marks official opening of school built with Elon University funds through a land agreement

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ON A SWELTERING EARLY October afternoon, the new Elon Elementary School building officially opened. Though teachers have already filled their classrooms with supplies and have started filling their students' brains with knowledge, nothing is official without a ribbon cutting ceremony.

"This school represents an investment in our children's children," Elon University President Connie Book said. "It is the hope of a great economy that is driven by quality of life."

Jack Davern, principal of Elon Elementary, seemed just as excited about the new building as everyone else in attendance.

"The excitement is up-and-down the halls every day. It's in the classrooms, and I smile with joy each and every day," Davern said.

In early 2018, the Elon Board of Aldermen approved a permit for Elon University to fund and build a new elementary school on property it already owned. Once construction on the new school was completed, ownership of the property was exchanged to the Alamance-Burlington School System.

According to Dan Anderson, vice president of university communications, the project cost the university close to \$20 million. Elon University plans to tear down the old elementary school to expand its campus.

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## Understanding Kappa Sigma's dismissal from campus

A look into the removal and reinstatement process for greek organizations

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It has been two weeks since the Kappa Sigma fraternity was forced to leave campus after its international headquarters revoked the charter for the Kappa Sigma Lambda Lambda chapter at Elon University.

"None of us wanted this to happen. Every member is extremely disappointed in the route Kappa Sigma HQ decided to take in regards to the Lambda Lambda chapter," said senior Sam Olson, former president of Kappa Sigma.

In response to Kappa Sigma's removal, the Office of University Communications released a statement explaining why the decision was made.

"The decision comes after the Elon Kappa Sigma chapter was found responsible for multiple Honor Code violations last spring, including incidents of disorderly conduct, unauthorized use of alcohol, compromising the well-being and academics of new



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Kappa Sigma's former on-campus house in Loy Center. The letters and name of the fraternity were removed on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

members and destruction and defacing property."

Without recognition from Kappa Sigma nationals, Elon University could no longer recognize this chapter as a registered on-campus organization.

According to the international headquarters, students formerly associated with Kappa Sigma have until the end of October to appeal the decision. However, Olson said they have no plans to make the appeal after all of the organizations members either resigned or were expelled.

### Being removed

Even though the removal of

Kappa Sigma from campus came from the national headquarters and not Elon University, the process of getting removed or suspended from campus is usually lengthy.

"We recognize people make mistakes, and individuals make mistakes, and sometimes organizations may make mistakes as well," said Associate Director of Student Involvement Jordan King, who oversees Greek life. "It's supposed to be an educational process, supposed to be working with the students to try to make sure that those mistakes aren't duplicated."

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## Muslim students build a space for community



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY NOOR IRSHAI DAT

The leaders of Elon Muslim Society Noor Irshaidat, Heeba Chergul and Alaa Suleiman speak to other Elon University students during the Eid al-Adha celebration in the Truitt Center.

Three students pave the way for Muslims on campus by starting new organization

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Despite reaching out to more than 30 students on Facebook, Noor Irshaidat lived alone her first two years at Elon University. Her profile clearly shows that she is Muslim and from Jordan, and to her, that felt like the reason she couldn't make connections.

Irshaidat is now the senior class

president and serves on the President Student Leader Advisory Council. Additionally, Irshaidat is both a Leadership and Innovation Fellow, vice president of a business honor society, a group exercise instructor and the founder and president of the Elon Muslim Society. Her issues no longer entail finding connections with people but rather finding time to balance all of her relationships.

Irshaidat came to Elon in the midst of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

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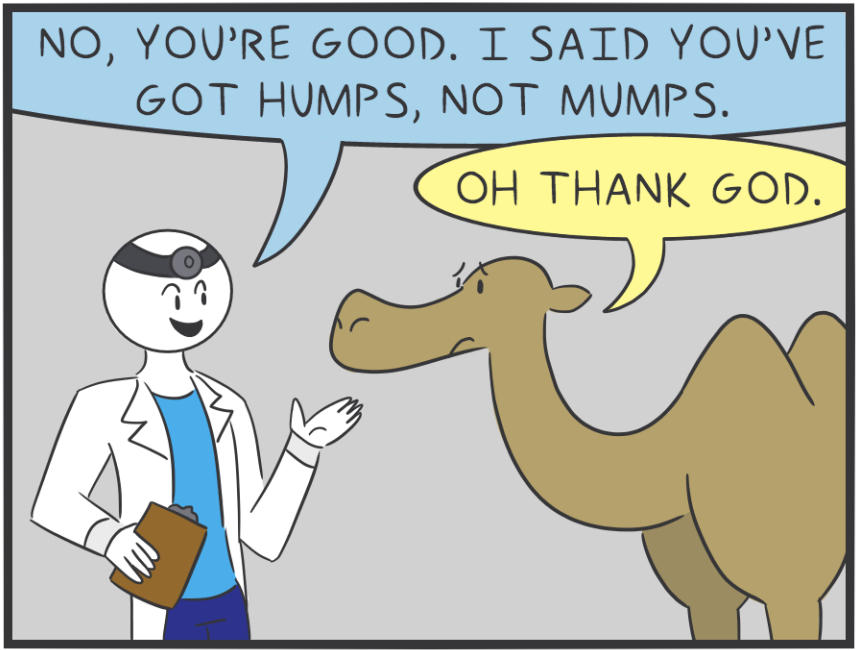
### NEWS

In the article “More but still a minority,” the cutline of the graphic was inaccurate. Puerto Rico is not a country. In the article “Report highlights shifting majors and university trends,” the infographic was inaccurate. Cinema & Television Arts, Media Analytics

and Communication Design are in the School of Communications. It is also Geoffrey Claussen, associate professor of religious studies’ ninth year at Elon.

## COMIC

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## GAMES

**How to Play:** Guess the missing word in the five clues, then find them in the word search below. Words can be found backward, diagonal, etc.

- Elon University plans to build academics buildings and \_\_\_\_\_ halls at the location of the former Elon Elementary school. *See Page 3 for answer.*
- Senior Noor \_\_\_\_\_ is the president of the Elon Muslim society. *See Page 7 for answer.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Homemade Ice Cream has flavors such as brown sugar oatmeal and pumpkin spice latte in addition to regular ice cream flavors . *See Page 12 for answer.*
- Former head coach Curt \_\_\_\_\_ returned to Rhodes stadium to beat the Phoenix 45-10. *See Page 13 for answer.*
- Former women’s soccer midfielder Erin \_\_\_\_\_ was one of four former Elon athletes to be inducted in to the 49th class of the Elon Sports Hall of Fame. *See Page 14 for answer.*

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# Ceremony offically opens Elon Elementary

## ELON ELEMENTARY | from cover

The university plans to build academic buildings and residence halls at the former elementary school location, 510 E Haggard Ave., just under a mile from the Inman Admissions and Welcome Center.

“It’s going to be an exciting time for them [the students] to have access to a brand-new school that’s modern in every sense of the word,” Anderson said. “That school had lived its useful life out, and I know they’re going to be very happy.”

The Elon Elementary project was a part of the university’s 2016 Campus Master Plan Update, a subsection of the 2010-2020 Strategic Plan.

The draft of the university’s 2020-2030 Strategic Plan, which is expected to be finalized by the end of this fall, focuses on fostering stronger relationships between the university and the town of Elon.

Two of the key objectives of the “connect” theme in the plan focus on deepening “the Alamance-Burlington School System partnership for literacy and degree attainment” and partnering “with the Town of Elon to develop a vibrant and energetic college-town environment.”

Jeff Stein, vice president for strategic initiatives and co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, said this initiative speaks to the university’s dedication to local communities.

“We heard all last year from students, faculty, staff, alumni and external partners about the importance of deepening those relationships,” Stein said. “We focused on education, health and economic development because those are the priorities that the communities, Guilford County and Alamance County, have identified as their most important needs.”

### An official opening

The ribbon-cutting on Tuesday, Oct. 1, represented the ceremonial opening of Elon Elementary. The construction of the new building and the official key exchange between the university and the elementary took place in early June. The building’s opening and the start of its operations began alongside other Alamance-Burlington School System institutions a little over a month ago.

Davern said enrollment increased by approximately 50 students this year, putting total enrollment at the school between 760 and 770 students.

“We fill the building,” Davern said, also noting that one of his favorite things to see at the new building is the reactions of his old students.

According to Davern, the first month of school for Elon Elementary in a new building was a time of constant questioning and anxiety. He said that faculty and staff spent the month working to sort out the logistics of the new space.

Despite difficulties regarding the move, the school has been able to make advancements in their academic programs.

Davern said the specialty classes, like art, music and innovation lab are most improved, already giving students renewed excitement and enthusiasm toward learning.

“It doesn’t mean that they’re not loving math and reading and the things that are going on in their regular classes,” Davern said.

Last spring, Davern said Elon Elementary had simply outgrown its old building on Haggard Avenue. One fifth grade classroom was located in a trailer located in the school’s parking lot. Art and music classes were also



Elon University President Connie Book speaks to two elementary students after cutting the ribbon, officially opening Elon Elementary School on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

taught out of a trailer.

“The art teacher didn’t have a sink at the other school, but she had a hose that came to the back if they needed water for painting,” Davern said. “Well, now they have a sink, and they have a kiln, and they have access to be able to do great projects.”

While the new building has not led the school to introduce any new clubs or after-school activities, Davern said it does provide more space for the school to improve on popular programs.

“Everything that we were doing, we’re bringing here to the new site,” Davern said. “What we have more



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JACK DAVERN  
PRINCIPAL OF ELON  
ELEMENTARY

now is a little more space to stretch and to do the same things.”

One of Davern’s favorite improvements to the school is the innovation lab. The space was funded by a grant from Impact Alamance and is used for robotics and learning about technology.

“It began with an underrepresented population in the field, so it was a girls coding club that began one semester,” Davern said. “Well, then the boys were like ‘Hey, what’s going on and why can’t we do that?’ So, teachers responded, and then they started a boys coding club.”

Elon Elementary’s coding clubs went on to compete in nationwide conferences in cities across the

### BY THE NUMBERS

# \$20M

is approximately what it cost Elon University to construct a new campus for Elon Elementary School.

United States including Chicago and Philadelphia.

### Constructing a bond

Davern said working with the university, which oversaw the construction of the new building by Samet Corporation, was a unique experience.

“The communications that we had, particularly with Samet and builders, ... was great,” Davern said. “They answered questions about ... what [the] layout is going to be and [what’s] getting mapped.”

Davern said he worked mostly with the university’s architect Brad Moore and Director of Interior Design Holly Hodge, both members of the Planning, Design, & Construction Management office. He said the university and Alamance-Burlington School System formed teams to easily make decisions both parties could agree upon.

“We got to pick some of the color schemes,” Davern said. “So, that was exciting. And, so, it helped us to be involved in part of this.”

Davern said these teams were not the only ones watching the construction. The school’s playground was not complete when school started in August. Davern said the fact that students were able to watch construction of the playground progress makes the space more exciting.

One month in, Davern said he’s still trying to make sure the building is just right for his students, but comes to work every day excited to see what ideas his teachers will bring to the table to enhance the educational environment.

“I have so much to be thankful for,” Davern said. “I’m proud to be the leader of Elon Elementary.”

# Process of reinstatement



Kappa Sigma's former on-campus house in Loy Center. The letters and name of the fraternity were removed on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

## KAPPA SIGMA | from cover

King declined to elaborate on the ongoing situation with Kappa Sigma, but he did provide details on the probation and removal process for a Greek organization from campus, as well as the process for becoming a recognized organization.

King said part of this educational process includes putting fraternities and sororities on probation when in violation of university policy. Unique sanctions are implemented and tailored toward the organization’s violation.

“The intent is never to suspend a chapter,” King said. “That is not ever first, sort of, priority or the first step.”

Sanctions can include everything from alcohol-free social functions to required educational workshops.

According to the Office of Student Conduct, currently there are two Greek organizations with disciplinary status: Kappa Alpha Order, which had members participating in hazing events last spring, and Sigma Chi, where “members of the organization participated and instigated a physical fight directed toward others” last winter.

The two organizations’ disciplinary periods end Dec. 31, 2020 and May 31, 2020 respectively.

However, probation periods don’t always end positively for fraternities and sororities. Since spring 2015, Lambda Chi Alpha and Pi Kappa Phi, now known as “Old Pi Kapp,” have become two other organizations unrecognized by the university after “significant violations” of the Elon Honor Code.

According to King, student involvement typically provides an organization with a timeline of three to four years before Elon and the national chapter of an organization can reopen lines of communication.

“Everybody is usually on board with saying we want to make sure that if we are going to reestablish a chapter, we want to set them up for success,” King said. “And typically, that means giving at least a few years before we’re able to bring them back so they can start fresh.”

### Becoming recognized on campus

For both new and returning Greek organizations within the Interfraternity Council, which represents nine of the 13 nationally recognized social fraternities on campus, recruiters from the national organization will typically come to campus to recruit individuals for the first new pledge class of the organization.

When these organizations are first established on campus, they are referred to as a colony rather than a chapter. During this period, the organization works toward meeting goals for membership, programming and finances.

The process of becoming chartered can take between two to three years before an organization is able to hold a ceremony and become an official chapter on campus. Becoming official means that the organization has voting rights on the Interfraternity Council.

Currently in the midst of this process is the colony known as “New Pi Kapp.” In spring 2018, recruiters from Pi Kappa Phi International met with interested students and offered bids for membership, beginning the process of officially returning to campus and becoming a chapter.

“Being a brand-new fraternity is hard, but it is also fun because we kind of get to make it what we want,” said senior Gray Bowline, president of Pi Kappa Phi. “Everyone in my grade is trying to get us in the right direction.”

Bowline said his fraternity is constantly working to seek approval from nationals in order to become recognized as a full chapter.

This year, Sigma Pi and Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Elon’s first Latino-based fraternity, joined Pi Kappa Phi as the only other colonies recognized on campus.

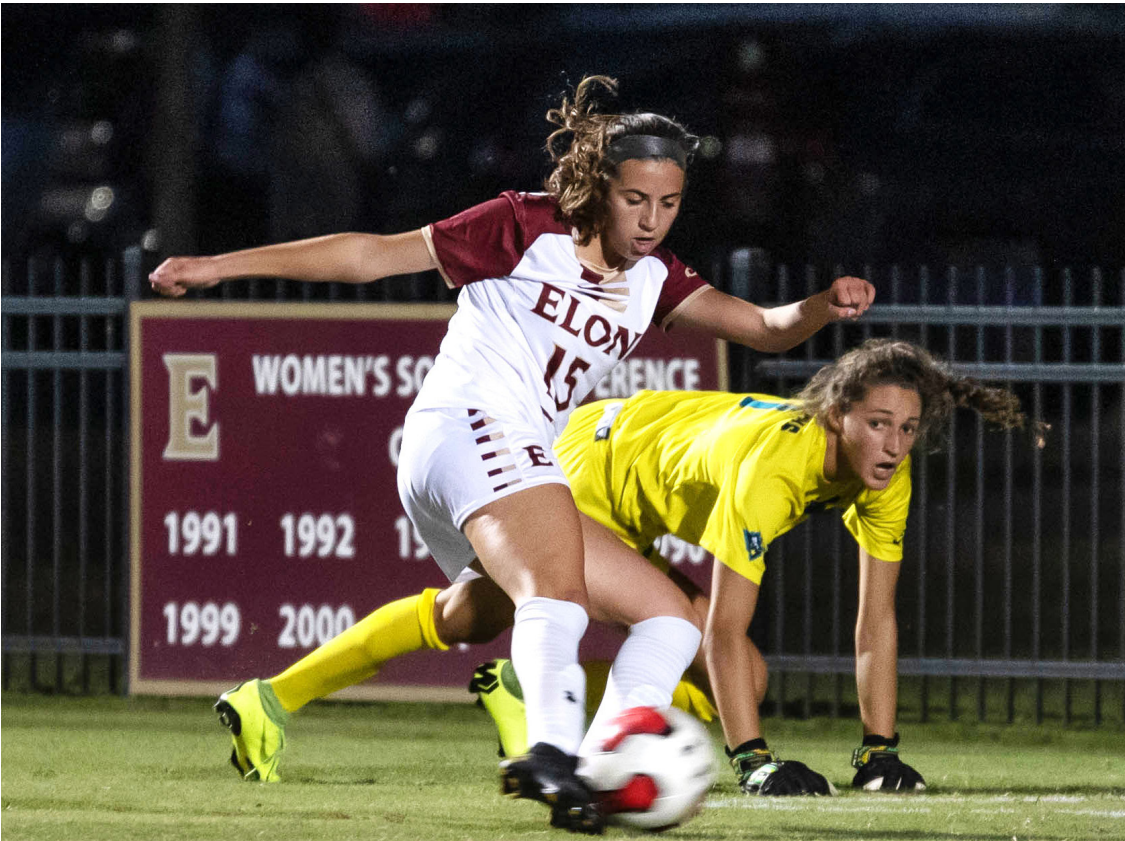




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Clay Stevenson, senior lecturer in music, performs during the faculty concert in Whitley Auditorium on Friday, Sept. 27.



JACK HALEY | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Assistant Professor of Biology Catherine Bush talks to parents during an Elon Faculty Union event on Saturday, Sept. 28.



THOMAS DENOME | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Elon women's soccer forward Jessica Carrieri takes a shot after a misplay by the UNCW goalie. Carrieri scored two goals in the game on Thursday, Sept. 26. The Phoenix beat the UNCW Seahawks 3-1.



BENJAMIN MUSE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Students perform at Rockapella in Alumni Gym over Family Weekend on Saturday, Sept. 28.



Elon University hosted former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley as the keynote speaker for Fall Convocation in Schar Center on Friday, Sept. 27.





Elon volleyball players celebrate midway through their game against Hofstra University in Schar Center on Friday, Sept. 27. The Phoenix beat the Hofstra Pride 3-1.

THOMAS DENOME | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Elon University men's soccer forward Tuki Tayali chests the ball during the game against UNCG on Rudd Field on Wednesday, Sept. 25. The Phoenix beat the UNCG Spartans 3-0.

THOMAS DENOME | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Chair of the Department of Music Hallie Hogan and Senior Lecturer in Music Polly Cornelius sing during the faculty concert in Whitley Auditorium on Friday, Sept. 27.

CLARE GRANT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Vital Signs, a student capella group at Elon University, sings its first song at Rockapella on Saturday, Sept. 28.

BENJAMIN MUSE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



# Creating excellence in inclusivity



Right to left: Matthew Antonio Bosch, dean of inclusive excellence, Randy Williams, associate vice president of inclusive excellence and civic engagement and Leigh-Anne Royster, the director for the Center for Equity and Inclusive Excellence, chat during College Coffee on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

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New center and positions focus on improving 'inclusive excellence' across campus

Kyra O'Connor

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A new center and three new positions on campus have been launched this year, in accordance with the upcoming 2020-2030 Strategic Plan draft, to improve inclusive excellence at Elon University.

The university's official definition of this term is still undecided.

According to Matthew Antonio Bosch, holding one of the new positions as dean of inclusive excellence, said the definition is still an "ongoing process" that is being researched as it applies to Elon.

## Centering around inclusive excellence

The newly established Center for Equity and Inclusive Excellence is directed by Leigh-Anne Royster. The CEIE was created based on objectives in the Strategic Plan. Royster became the director of the center on June 1 and said it will be "an institutional hub of support."

In her new role, Royster supports staff and faculty in relation to equity and inclusive excellence, as well as oversees efforts and policy development for preventing and responding to bias and campus-wide harassment. The center was a proposal that came out of "a number of leadership shifts at the institution," Royster said.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 1, the center does not have its own page on Elon's website, however, according to Royster, the new website will launch over winter term.

Royster said the work she is doing now at the center is very similar to the work that she did in her previous role as director of inclusive community development.

"A lot of what I was thinking about in inclusion with my previous role will be folded into the center," Royster said. "But we're working to develop a more centralized center model for the work that's happening on campus, and that was part of the creation of the center. It's less of a shift in the actual work and more of a shift in the conceptualization

of the work and how it is marketed and branded for more effective access."

## Dean of inclusive excellence

Bosch stepped into his position on June 1 as dean of student inclusive excellence. The new senior level position was created based on the draft of the Strategic Plan, Bosch said, and is "on par with the other sort of assistant vice presidents and other deans that report directly to Jon Dooley as vice president."

The position was created to support students and supervise the leadership staff at both the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education and the Gender and LGBTQIA Center. In his new role, Bosch's main focus is consistency.



WE ENVISION A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY OF LEARNING WHERE ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF FLOURISH.

## RANDY WILLIAMS

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AND CIVIL ENGAGEMENT

"There just tends to be similar types of support systems that are occurring across multiple diversity centers," Bosch said. "By having them along the same supervisory structure, it allows for a more consistent message."

Bosch reports to both Dooley, vice president of student life, and Randy Williams, associate vice president of inclusive excellence and civil engagement, and works closely with Royster.

"Now, in this role, my hope is that all students will see me as an advocate, just someone who can be supportive and can help students to truly feel valued, validated and victorious at Elon," Bosch said.

Both Bosch and Royster aim to provide support for inclusive excellence

across campus. The difference between their positions is their constituents. While Bosch supervises the leadership at the GLC and the CREDE, his primary role is to support all students with their intersectional identities. Royster supports staff and faculty in a similar way but also has the additional responsibility of bias reporting on campus.

## Vice president of inclusive excellence

Williams occupies the third position that is focused on inclusive excellence.

Williams' position was previously occupied by Brooke Barnett, former associate provost for academic and inclusive excellence.

The position is now separated into two roles shared by Williams and Jean Rattigan-Rohr, vice president for access and success. While Williams' title may have changed, he said his current work is work he has been doing his whole career.

"I've done this work continuously, and I've been in other roles such as a vice president for student affairs, and I carry this social justice, equity-minded sense of belonging into all my roles," Williams said.

Now, Williams said he supports both Royster and Bosch in their positions as well.

"We have the focus on a student-inclusive excellence and the focus on faculty/staff inclusive excellence, and I get to think about how all of this is coming together and support in these areas," Williams said.

Oversight at the senior staff level is important to Williams because it allows for greater and broader improvements in fostering relationships, communications and connecting programs all with the purpose of making education developmental.

The draft of the strategic plan for 2020-2030 outlines Elon's plans for "an inclusive and healthy community for success" under the subpoint thrive: a great home for inclusive excellence, Williams said.

"We envision a diverse, equitable and inclusive community of learning where all students, faculty and staff flourish. [We want them to] experience a deep sense of support and belonging and engage effectively in relationships across cultural differences," the plan states.

# Mumps spread on Elon's campus



ELON NEWS NETWORK FILE PHOTO

The Ellington Health Center will provide mumps, measles and rubella vaccinations free of charge until the end of October.

To be cautious, university offers vaccinations at health center for students and faculty through October

Jack Haley

Executive Director | @jackhaley17

A mumps scare hit Elon University on Tuesday, Sept. 24 when Vice President for Student Life Jon Dooley sent a campus wide email saying a case of the disease had been confirmed on campus. Even though four other members of the community have been exhibiting symptoms of the sickness, no one has tested positive for mumps since then.

In response to this, Elon contacted members of the university community who have been in contact with the student who tested positive as well as those who had been exhibiting symptoms. The university offered free booster shots of the mumps, measles and rubella (MMR) vaccine for those thought to have been exposed.

Starting Tuesday, Oct. 1, the university, in conjunction with the health department, will provide MMR vaccinations free of charge to students at the Ellington Health Center until the end of the month. Students can make an appointment by calling the Health Center at 336-278-7230 or by visiting the health services website.

Students enrolled at Elon are required to have at least two shots of the vaccine. While the protection against measles and rubella is covered by two doses, protection against the mumps begins to wear off over time. It is estimated by the time students reach college the vaccine is about 88% effective in preventing mumps.

The school said that 476 doses of the MMR vaccine were administered on Thursday, Sept. 26. More than 800 students and 50 faculty members were invited to receive the vaccination after receiving an email that they may have been in contact with the student with a confirmed case of mumps.

University spokesman Owen Covington said those that have been in contact with the student in any indirect or direct capacity were offered the booster for free on Thursday, Sept. 26.

Some symptoms of the mumps, according to Purdue University Student Health, are swelling of the ears and jaw, fever, tiredness, muscle aches and loss of appetite. Mumps are spread through indirect or direct contact with a contagious person's nose or throat droplets. It can also be transmitted via uncovered sneezes, coughs or the sharing of drinks.

Across the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control reported 2,363 cases of the mumps from Jan. 1 to Sept. 13, 2019.

## POTENTIALLY EXPOSED STUDENTS AND FACULTY

# 866

students and faculty were contacted on Wednesday, Sept. 25 by the university to inform them that they had possibly been exposed to the student with mumps.



# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## MUSLIM SOCIETY | from cover

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that year saw an all-time high in hate crimes committed against Muslims in the U.S. Irshaidat not only saw that trend happening around her during her first weeks in the U.S., but also said that the environment made her uncomfortable talking about her national and religious identity.

“People thought people from my region were terrorists,” Irshaidat said. “I was being asked by students all the time if I would be deported because of the travel ban. It was a scary time.”

At that time, Irshaidat said she didn’t know any other Muslims or Arabs at Elon. She spent her early days at Elon worrying that she, and students like her, might not be able to stay in the U.S., even if they had done nothing wrong.

“That’s what a lot of students here were facing,” she said. “And we didn’t have others to talk about it with.”

Sophomore Heeba Chergui, vice president of EMS, says she shared Irshaidat’s sentiments of feeling out of place when coming onto Elon’s campus.

On her first day of college, Chergui found herself sitting in a crowd of people who looked nothing like her. After attending Phoenix Fusion, a two-day event focused on diversity at Elon, Chergui realized, as she sat in her class of 30, that Elon’s diversity initiative was not as widespread as she had imagined.

“I knew that Elon was a predominantly white institution,” Chergui said. “But I never knew how alienating it would be to be the only person of color and Muslim in my classes.”

For junior Alaa Suleiman, treasurer of EMS, the fact that there was no Muslim student group “blew her mind.”

“I understand that we are the minority here,” Suleiman said. “So, when I eventually met people my second semester that were like me, it was awesome.”

Suleiman’s first year at Elon felt more like home after connecting with Irshaidat and bonding over their Jordanian roots. For Suleiman, religion is an important element of her everyday life. It is not only prominent in her personal journey but also in her relationships with others.

“It’s important for me to help eliminate some of the misconceptions people have about Islam,” Suleiman said. This motivation has led her to invest in EMS and other initiatives to connect Muslim students and non-Muslims.

Similarly, Irshaidat carried the weight of wanting to educate others on cultures and religions different from their own. That weight motivated her to host a dinner for her friends where she cooked traditional food from her country.

“The first year I did a Jordanian dinner, I invited everyone I knew, which was only my hall,” Irshaidat said. “With the more people I meet, the bigger it got.”

Last spring, Irshaidat hosted more than 80 people for this meal. For her, this means people now think about Jordan and her religion with positive emotions, thinking about good food, hospitality and generosity. These are all characteristics she sees within her country, and she loves to see others having positive experiences, despite stereotypes they may have had prior.

Over the last year and a half, these three women have come together to create a student-run space for those who identify as Muslim. According to Irshaidat, the aim of this club is to increase Islam’s presence on campus, raise awareness of traditions and answer any questions about the religion.

“Ultimately, I hope this club can highlight that we are all the same at the end of the day,” Irshaidat said.

Since the club officially started last spring, Irshaidat said there has been great support from those who are Muslim and those who do not identify with the religion. However, this trend may not be reflective



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY NOOR IRSHAI DAT

Noor Irshaidat, center, poses for a photo with her friends during her Jordanian-themed dinner last spring, hosted in the Moseley Student Center.



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PRESIDENT OF THE ELON MUSLIM SOCIETY

### BY THE NUMBERS

13

students identify as Muslim on the fall 2019 Registrar’s Report.



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Senior Noor Irshaidat, president of the Elon Muslim Society, speaks during an Eid al-Adha celebration in the Truitt Center.

of attitudes toward Muslims in the U.S. in general.

According to a 2017 Pew Research survey, Muslims are rated at the bottom of favored religious groups in the U.S. Because Muslims in America are frequently the targets of media biases, students often come into college not wanting to associate with their religion because of fear and uncertainty.

The fall 2019 Registrar’s Report states there are 13 Muslim students on campus. Shane Atkinson, the associate chaplain for Muslim life at Elon, thinks there could be many more.

Atkinson said he understands that fears and concerns play a part in the decisions students make to classify themselves as Muslim. As a result, Atkinson said he believes that students should never feel as if they have to be a part of a religious group on campus.

“I am aware that for some students, coming to college, from whatever their tradition may be, is an opportunity for them to step back and look at it more critically and to explore other traditions,” Atkinson said. “I let the students know that I am here to support them, but I don’t want anyone to think they are guilty into joining the Muslim student society.”

Atkinson sees the need for a strong

community where students can feel supported in their faith and able to have more opportunities to come together. But he recognizes that a lot of students are people of color and practice a religion that “gets a lot of bad press.” Atkinson said he wants to respect student choices not to make their religion known on campus.

Irshaidat said she agrees that fear can deter students from identifying as Muslim, but hopes to offer opportunities and events to Muslim and non-Muslim students throughout the year.

The group plans to host three events throughout the semester. The first event is a biweekly Jumu’ah prayer in the Truitt Center followed by a grab-and-go food counter. Students are invited to participate or observe. The second event is a monthly speaker series where different topics within Islam will be discussed. Lastly, the group will hold “coffee hours” where students are invited to ask questions about Islam in exchange for free coffee.

Jan Fuller, Elon’s chaplain, said she is delighted to see students taking interest and initiative in creating EMS and shaping it according to their needs.

“It means to me that they are able and willing to help create the programming, support and even atmosphere that they need to thrive on campus,” Fuller said.



# Explaining the Clean Water Act and the potential impacts of its repeal

The Trump Administration finalized the repeal of the 2015 Clean Water regulation under the Clean Water Act, known as the “Waters of the United States” rule. This change was completed on Sept. 12, 2019. Over the past two and a half years, the

administration has been working to undo a lengthy list of environmental regulations. Aaron Sparks, assistant professor of political science and policy studies, discusses this action.

### **Q: Can you summarize the Clean Water Act?**

**A:** The Trump administration, specifically the Environmental Protection Agency, is repealing the 2015 “Waters of the United States” rule. This rule was put in place by the Obama Administration following a Supreme Court decision that allowed for a



**President Donald Trump pauses as he answers questions from reporters in the Oval Office in Washington, D.C. on Monday, Sept. 30.**

broader understanding of what is meant by the “waters of the United States” in the 1972 Clean Water Act.

The 2015 rule required potential polluters to obtain a permit before engaging in activity near small streams or ponds. Previous regulation was limited to only large bodies of water, but small streams flow into larger rivers, so this 2015 rule was aimed at cleaning up important drinking water resources.

## Q: Why did President Trump repeal it?

**A:** The Trump Administration repealed this rule because it is in keeping with a longstanding Republican Party promise to repeal environmental regulations. The Obama Administration implemented the rule in the face of organized opposition from the business and agricultural

community. After the rule was implemented, these interest groups continued lobbying to get the rule repealed.

**Q:** How will this affect the country, state and students?

**A:** The impact of the repeal is that clean water is under greater threat of pollution. Without the rule in place, economic activity can continue apace. However, it is important to note that under

the rule, interested parties had to demonstrate their activity would not be harmful because it was not an outright ban.

I expect there will be legal challenges from environmental groups and maybe from municipal water providers who may now face a higher burden to filter water for drinking. Even so, until a judge orders an injunction on the repeal, agricultural and other development activity can move forward.



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# OPINIONS

## Student organizations need to keep talking about sex



**Annamarie Bonner**  
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At Elon University, there are many resources to promote sexual health and well-being, all of which can be found on Elon's website under Student Health and Wellness. These resources are extremely helpful to college students, but as freshmen, we're only made aware of some of these resources.

I came across one of Elon's best organizations on campus. While I have yet to use this myself, it seems as though I could use this organization in the future. This program is SPARKS, otherwise known as Students Promoting Awareness, Responsibility, Knowledge and Success. This is definitely something that sounds appealing to me as a fresh face on campus.

Elon's sexual health initiatives go beyond this program and range from free sex supplies to events about consent.

I have found each one of SPARK's initiatives to be helpful and useful to the whole student body. Being able to talk about sexual health with peers puts students at ease and allows them to feel more comfortable talking about these issues.

SPARKS offers a sexual health workshop that could come in handy for someone looking to learn about making right decisions. Through SPARKS, students are given a safe space to ask

questions, engage in conversation and learn from those around them about sexual health.

Coming from a private Catholic high school, resources on this topic were nonexistent. Knowing that many freshmen are coming from similar backgrounds, I am confident that it is reassuring to have access to these programs.

Having sexual health initiatives is a vital part of being on a college campus whether or not they are used by students. The existence of resources and learning opportunities, such as those about consent or peer education workshops, helps students be more comfortable discussing difficult topics.

Another great aspect of Elon's sexual health initiatives is the availability of resources for sexual assault victims on campus. Despite being a sensitive topic, sexual assault was discussed throughout orientation. It is vital for the administration to discuss this with incoming students as they are about to enter a new place with people.

Including a sexual health and assault prevention program before starting here is also a very positive initiative. There are schools that do not offer this program and it is almost saddening because it is beneficial no matter how



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long the program may take. Learning about these tough topics is important, especially before beginning college.

Even though it is just the beginning of the academic year, and I am still getting used to how to find out about events on campus, it would be beneficial for SPARKS to send out an email about who they are and the aid they provide for students. I know I would find that

beneficial to know about the ways they help, without having to find it on my own.

Though only a few initiatives were mentioned, Elon provides great resources to all students to facilitate discussions and healthy practices surrounding sexual health and wellbeing. The help is there, but you have to seek it out.

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# LIFESTYLE

## ELON BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP GOES **COED**

Elon community welcomes girls into scouting program

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For over 40 years, the town of Elon has been the home of Scout Troop 51. From the colorful classrooms of Elon Community Church to the campgrounds of Linville, North Carolina, they have “trained youth in responsible citizenship, character development and self-reliance,” according to the Boy Scouts of America website.

Joining the ranks this year, in line with a national shift, are dozens of girls in the Elon area.

While there have been opportunities for girls to get involved in specific aspects of Boy Scouts since 1971, the national organization announced in 2017 that they would start opening their curriculum to girls.

“I’ve seen nothing that develops leadership skills and discipline like this organization. It is time to make these outstanding leadership development programs available to girls,” Boy Scouts’ National Board Chairman Randall Stephenson said.

### Boy Scouts not just for boys

Elon’s Troop 51 contains Cub Scouts Pack 4051 and Scout Troop 6051, both sponsored by Elon Community Church. The Cub Scouts group contains scouts from kindergarten until halfway through fifth grade when they transition to programs where they can participate until they are 18 years old. Dens, which are sub-groups of the Cub Scouts dependent on age, are coed. But once they progress into scouts, the troops are separated by gender.

“It’s not coed; there is strictly a troop for boys and troop for girls. Girls are doing the exact same program as boys. There aren’t any modifications... girls are just having a new opportunity to do something that previously wasn’t available to them,” Scoutmaster Carol Plaster of Troop 6051 said.

For Plaster, Boy Scouts has been a part of her life since childhood.

“Both of my brothers were Boy Scouts, and I have three sons involved in the program, so scouting has always been something that I have been involved in,” Plaster said.

When Boy Scouts announced that they were going coed, Plaster transitioned to scoutmaster of an all-girls group.

“When they made the announcement [that Boy Scouts was going coed] it was a Thursday, and Troop 51 was setting out on a camping trip,” said Chris Gregory, Cubmaster of Pack 4051. “At this point, there were already 17 women on the trip with them whether they were moms or female supervisors... we have always had female leaders and different parts of the scouting program has been coed since the 70’s.”

Girls have always been allowed



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**Top:** Cub Scout Taylor Rasmussen completes a word search as one of her activities in her weekly Den meetings. These meetings always focus on integrating the scout laws into different tasks.

**Bottom:** Cub scouts of all ages pose on a rock in Linville, North Carolina while on their camping trip on Saturday, Sept. 28. The pack goes on at least one outdoor excursion a month.

for Pack 51 and certainly for our church, that is not a requirement.”

In the end, Gregory just hopes that involvement in Boy Scouts will help the scouts establish a good moral compass for how they want to guide their life.

Troop 51 holds its meetings in the Community Life Center of Elon Community Church and receives both monetary support and staffing from the church. “Elon Community Church is a very open and affirming church, so that support is really beneficial,” Gregory said.

“We have two things that we really try to instill. One is the oath and one is the law of scouting,” Gregory said.

Moral character, concern for others and good physical health are the three qualities Gregory hopes his cubs develop from involvement in the program. They implement ethics and respect in everything they do from the classroom to the campgrounds.

“When we take them camping, we leave everything exactly as we found them. You know, there is a saying that we, ‘take only pictures and leave only footprints,’ everything else stays where it is,” Gregory said.

This past summer, Pack 4051 hosted a movie camp where the cubs recorded and edited a recruitment video for its troop members to show friends as a way to fulfill rank advancements.

They also hold an annual Pinewood Derby, where the cubs get to design and race their own miniature wooden cars made from simple materials. It’s easy to see the volume of activities and opportunities for scouts to get involved, “there’s always a place to find a home [in Boy Scouts],” Gregory said.

At the end of the day, this new form of inclusion in BSA doesn’t change the purpose of scouts, it just makes the organization more diverse and inclusive.

“I want them to become confident leaders and good citizens,” Plaster said. “It’s great that now girls are going to have the opportunity to try a lot of things that they haven’t gotten to do before and just have another opportunity to grow and flourish in a different and new way.”

Even though the demographic has changed, there is one thing that hasn’t changed: what scouts are at their core. Just as the scout law says, a scout has been and always will be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent... regardless of gender.

### Innerworkings of the scouts

to participate in Venture Scouts, which are crews similar to the scouts, but you do not have to be affiliated with a troop to participate.

Once the BSA announced their switch to coed scouting, Gregory immediately approached the Elon Community Church council about integrating the curriculum, and they accepted without hesitation.

“These kids interact at school, they interact in sports, they interact in church, this is just a natural extension of that,” Gregory said. “They’re just really enthusiastic about everything they want to do. They want to [go] rock climbing, they want to go canoeing, they want to do all the things,” Plaster said.

Plaster works at a Boy Scouts sponsored camp and enjoyed seeing the increase in female participants after the switch.

“It was really cool to see their excitement for the program and the kind of merit badges that they chose to do,” Plaster said. “I had girls taking welding, rifle shooting and all different kinds of things. It was really neat to see them get out there and try new things.”

Troops have weekly meetings where they work toward rank advancements, but at least once a month, the scouts set out to put the skills they learn to the test. They not only go on hikes and camp, but they do other community events and activities. When on an outing, the troops always try to embody the scout law and oath — codes of ethics scouts follow throughout their time in the program.

“[The cubs learn how to use a] pocket knife, tie knots, build a shelter in the woods, how to make a campfire, how to fish, how to stay warm, how to stay dry, but a lot of it too is developing whatever framework it is for their own moral code or spirituality or religion and that’s going to look different for each scout,” Gregory said.

No religious affiliation is required to be a member of Pack 4051, however, that isn’t to say there isn’t a rule at the national level.

“Unfortunately, there is a requirement of some belief in a higher power [from BSA],” Gregory said. “That is a BSA policy that I hope is changed... but

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**CAROL PLASTER**  
SCOUTMASTER



# A NEW FACE IN THE STATION

Elon Fire Department  
welcomes new Fire Engineer  
Josh Warren

**Leila Willhelm**  
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The word “firefighter” usually evokes a sense of heroism for those who rush into burning buildings and emerge from the smoke covered in ashes and soot. These brave individuals are first to respond to scene in any emergency, no matter the size.

Firefighters put themselves at risk every day to protect the people in their community. What most fail to see is the behind the scenes work of talented professionals like Josh Warren, a recently hired engineer at the Elon Fire Department.

Fire engineers are responsible for maintaining firefighting vehicles that transport firefighters, holding equipment and pumping water at the scene of an emergency.

**FIRE ENGINEERS**

Are responsible for vehicles that transport firefighters, carry equipment and pump water at fire scenes

They ensure that vehicles are constantly checked and run efficiently, ready for a c t i o n w h e n e v e r needed.

When they are not running fire or medical calls, they perform daily duties at the station.

According to Warren, fire engineers may perform routine maintenance checks on the vehicles, such as replacing vital fluids, checking equipment and restocking supplies in the medical bags. Most importantly, they drive the fire engines to the scene of the emergency which puts them at the highest risk compared to other members on the team. Fire engines carry precious cargo and equipment, including up to 750 gallons of water, meaning the role of the fire engineer is one of great responsibility.

“We have a very serious and



Josh Warren's locker holds his gear and equipment inside the Elon Fire Department.

important job, but it also is a very fun and enjoyable one too,” Warren said. He considers driving the firetruck to be the best part of being a fire engineer, even if it can be more dangerous.

“At some point in almost every little kid’s life, they dream of driving a firetruck,” he said. “I dreamed of it when I was younger, and now I am living that dream out as an adult.”

Warren was inspired to become a firefighter by his father who was a volunteer firefighter while he was growing up. Following in his father’s footsteps, Warren began as a part-time engineer for the Elon Fire Department. After two years at the station, he began to express an interest in becoming a full-time employee because of the comradery and companionship the fire department offered.

“I realized that the guys at the department are not just co-workers but [are a] brotherhood. They truly are a family, and I

wanted to be a part of that,” Warren said.

After a lengthy application and hiring process in addition to an agility exam to ensure he was equipped with the coordination and intuition necessary for the job, Warren received the good news that he had secured the full-time position.

Joining the team full-time meant that Warren was accepted into this uplifting family of firefighters. This fire department family resides in the Elon Fire Station, which Warren refers to as their home away from home. He said all the firefighters take pride in keeping the fire station clean, and this includes a dedication to daily chores.

While the daily chores may seem mundane, it is essential to making sure the Elon Fire Department is run like a well-oiled machine. Daily chores around the fire station include spot cleaning walls, floors and

**BY THE NUMBERS**

750

gallons of water are in one fire engine, as well as other important precious cargo and equipment.

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IT IS REFRESHING TO KNOW THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE MIGHT HAVE TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE.

**JOSH WARREN**  
FIRE ENGINEER AT  
ELON FIRE DEPARTMENT

windows. Additionally, sleeping quarters must be straightened and kept in order.

Attention to detail is important in the life of a firefighter.

“We have daily training to stay on top of our skills that consist of basic fire-fighting skills, fire-ground tactics and the operations of the firetruck,” Warren said.

He mentioned that at the Elon Fire Department, they train for all types of emergency calls because they never know what the next call will be or when it will occur. Since firefighters are first responders, they cannot guarantee that the only emergencies they will attend to will be fires, but the main objective is always to help others.

This job is much more than fighting fires. It’s the little stuff that matters in life and the Elon firefighters get to witness that when they go into someone’s home just to do something as simple as changing the battery in a smoke detector.

Warren says being able to help the people of Elon is the best part about working with the community. Firefighters take pride in knowing that they are the first people you see when you call 911 for a medical emergency. They are the friendly faces that want to help calm those who are stressed and worried.

“We do all that we can to help the people. It is refreshing to know that at the end of the day we might have truly made a difference in someone’s life,” Warren said.

The Elon Fire Department issued a statement last week to personally congratulate and welcome Warren aboard. They announced Warren was strategically selected to fill this position and join the Elon Fire Department family. Warren will begin serving the citizens of Elon full-time beginning in October.

Warren brings with him an extensive amount of knowledge of the department’s operations. The Elon Fire Department and the community that stands behind it wish Warren a career of happiness and continued growth.



A parked firetruck is ready at the driveway of Elon’s Fire Department on Tuesday, Oct 1.

GRACE TERRY | DESIGN CHIEF



ELON EATS

Smitty’s seasonal flavors and community feel make for memorable ice cream

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Walking down North Williamson Avenue on a humid afternoon, the sight of dogs yapping is accompanied by a neon green, pink and orange ice cream sign that draws eyes and business. The illuminated display signifies love, comfort and most importantly, sugar. Naturally, this brings a smile to anyone longing for a cone from Smitty’s Homemade Ice Cream.

The moment the doors open, the smell of warm batter hits the thin cast-iron pan. This creates an almost paper-thin waffle with an effortlessly perfect mallard. The effect of carbohydrates converting to sugar, with heat as its catalyst, creates a browning sensation on each side. The pastry eventually rolls, while still hot, into an unflawed cone. This is the textbook vessel for any scoop of ice cream to balance on.

The storefront turned Alamance County hallmark has patrons lined out the door several nights of the week.

Elon University students marvel at Smitty’s seasonal flavors, one being pumpkin spice latte, a fall scented delight with a kick of spices such as cinnamon and nutmeg. Peppermint stick, a well-loved mint ice cream dream, packs a punch with a creamy yet refreshing flavor.

As extensive as Smitty’s ice cream list is, the establishment finds a way to keep all of the year-round fan favorites along with the addition of seasonal flavors.

“We love coming up with new inventive flavors, but we can’t just take our original strawberry off of the menu,” Smitty’s founder Amy Nakhle said. “So we have a rotating seasonal flavor that enables us to have freedom of creation while maintaining our original flavors such as chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, cookie dough and Oreo.”

Nakhle also pointed out that if a flavor does well enough as a seasonal option, they add it to the year-round lineup. One of the most popular seasonal flavors was brown sugar oatmeal, which became so popular that it is now on the full-time menu and remains an Elon favorite.

At most other ice cream shops, customers would most likely pick vanilla or chocolate as their favorite flavors. At Smitty’s, customers primarily come for the Oreo flavor. This flavor has a delicious blend of vanilla ice cream with, according to Nakhle, “probably way too much Oreo bits in it.”

Freshman Jane Fishleigh said she is a big fan of the flavor.

“I loved the Oreo ice cream because it didn’t taste artificial,” Fishleigh said. “Usually, when I buy ice cream from the store, it tastes processed and fake. But Smitty’s tastes so authentic.”

What’s the secret?

There’s a secret science to Smitty’s authentic taste — molecular gastronomy.

It all starts with the ice cream custard base, usually made from heavy cream, eggs, sugar, sea



GRACE TERRY | DESIGN CHIEF  
A scoop of pumpkin spice latte ice cream, a seasonal favorite at Smitty’s Homemade Ice Cream, is showered in sprinkles.

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salt and milk powder. The milk powder is used as a replacement for milk to create a more thick and creamy texture, which defies conventional recipes that use whole milk.

Milk powder gives the ice cream base a richness that doesn’t go unnoticed. Smitty’s ice cream texture also includes more ice particles dispersed into its base. Because of Smitty’s location, the humidity and dryness would make using whole milk in ice cream very heavy and almost too rich. The use of milk powder provides an icy texture that is refreshing and pleasing to the palate.

“I love Smitty’s because when I eat it, I don’t feel like I need to take a nap after because it is too heavy. I feel refreshed,” freshman Kevin Coelho said.

The refreshing taste is one of the things Nakhle is proud of.

“There is no better feeling than walking into an ice cream shop and getting that nostalgic feeling of excitement then leaving with a smile on your face,” Nakle said. “We have customers that use us as their pit stop while driving from Charlotte to Raleigh because our ice cream is that good. Especially in the North Carolina heat, when you eat it, you can’t help but feel refreshed.”

The community’s love for Smitty’s goes far beyond the sweet ice cream and its secret molecular gastronomy.

According to Smitty’s website, the ice cream shop is “proud to play an active role in building community in our corner of the world, and are grateful for our customers who are the reasons why we do what we do.”

Everyone remembers their local ice cream shop that their parents took them when they were little as a special treat. Smitty’s primary goal is to bring that same feeling back to their customers every time they walk in the door. With friendly customer service and a variety of flavors to bring back the happiest of nostalgic memories, Smitty’s continues to put smiles on students and local’s faces everyday.

“The proof is in the ice cream. You have to just go and try it,” Nekhle said.





# SPORTS

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## CIGNETTI RETURNS AND BEATS TRISCIANI

Former Elon head coach reunites with Phoenix, beating it by 35

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When the final whistle blew Saturday at Rhodes Stadium, James Madison University Head Coach Curt Cignetti took off his headset and made a beeline to the Elon sideline.

This was the first time Cignetti had seen many of the Phoenix players since his departure from Elon at the end of last season. Immediately after he resigned as the Phoenix football coach, many of the Elon faithful were up in arms about his transfer to an in-conference rival.

Yet when he crossed the field, he was met with respect. He shook hands with his former defensive coordinator, new Elon Head Coach, Tony Trisciani, and even embraced senior cornerback Gregg Liggs Jr.

“The game’s all about the players,” Cignetti said. “There’s a lot of guys on the Elon football team that are going to be great successes in life and relationships I’ll have the rest of my life.”

After the game, Cignetti said it was great to see his former players and coaches again. The former Phoenix play caller also expressed the difficulty of having to leave a program like Elon behind.

“My two years here were a great experience,” Cignetti said. “And I have nothing but great memories of my experience at Elon. But I had to do what was best for me and my family. And that’s what we did.”

In 2016, Cignetti took over an Elon program that was struggling to find its footing in its new conference, the Colonial Athletic Association. The Phoenix were 4-20 in the years leading up to the Cignetti era. Cignetti turned the program around completely, going 8-4 during his



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**Top:** Wide receiver Avery Jones scored the only touchdown against the Dukes off a 66-yard pass on Saturday, Sept. 28.

**Left:** Jones gets past the Dukes’ defense and receives a pass from junior quarterback Davis Cheek.

### BY THE NUMBERS

# 76 of 102

of the Phoenix’s active roster trained under Cignetti.

Phoenix averaged 1.4 yards per carry for 33 total yards. The line also gave up five sacks against the Dukes.

### Looking ahead

Losing to JMU was devastating for the Phoenix. Not only was it a big loss in an emotional game, but it also dropped the Phoenix to 1-1 in the CAA and out of the FCS top 25.

The Phoenix will have a week to gather its team together and prepare to travel to New Hampshire University to take on the Wildcats on Oct. 5. The team has already faced the top team in the CAA, but they still have a challenge ahead of them.

The Wildcats bring a strong rushing attack that averages 192 yards per game which ranks fourth in the conference. Their attack is led by senior running back Evan Gray, who has 321 yards and a touchdown this year.

Trisciani said that after the matchup against the Dukes, the team would not dwell on the loss but rather prepare for the challenge ahead.

“We went into the game and talked about [how] it wasn’t going to define our football team whether we [had] won or loss,” Trisciani said. “We will prepare for New Hampshire and be a better football team next Saturday.”

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Championship Subdivision playoff berth.

The following year, Cignetti led the Phoenix to the upset of the season when they defeated the No. 2 ranked Dukes in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The team went on to a 4-3 conference record and a playoff berth for the second straight year.

Not only did Cignetti help turn the Phoenix into a winning program, but he also helped build the bones of the Phoenix roster. Of the 102 players on the active roster, 76 were coached by Cignetti.

### Duke dominance

Cignetti not only bested his former team, but he destroyed them. The Dukes defeated the Phoenix 45-10 on the road during Elon’s Family Weekend. The Phoenix were dominated in the trenches throughout the game.

Cignetti’s signature rushing attack, which he established at Elon with the likes of Phoenix alumni

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JMU HEAD COACH



# PUCKS & PONYTAILS

Sophomore Grace Moroney is the only woman on Elon University's club hockey team

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Standing at 5 feet and 4 inches on the ice, sophomore Grace Moroney's blonde ponytail is seen as she skates down the rink, which comes as a surprise to some fans.

"I love proudly saying I'm the only girl on the team," Moroney said.

A Massachusetts native, Moroney has been playing hockey since she was three years old.

"I grew up playing with a rink in my backyard," Moroney said. "I've played my whole life and I love it and it's definitely a defining part of who I am."

Being the only woman on a team of men isn't new to Moroney. She played alongside boys up until junior high, which is when she joined an all-girls club hockey team.

Her biggest fan at every game and the person who taught her to play no matter who was on her team, male or female, was her dad, Jere.

Moroney keeps the note Jere wrote her in second grade framed by her bedside in her Daniele apartment.

"In it, he talks about really just having the heart and the speed," Moroney said. "Regardless of skill set, if you want to be there and you love the game, it really doesn't matter. I think having him and his support and you know, growing, with him as my coach, I do not hesitate in playing hockey."

Moroney considered running cross country at Elon University but ultimately found her heart drawing her back to hockey because of the camaraderie of the team.

On one of her first visits to campus, Moroney met members of the club hockey team and immediately picked up on the closeness between the players.

"I knew it was an inclusive environment where certainly you have to fight for your respect and for your spot on the team," Moroney said.

She knew she wanted to try out even though she would be the only girl.

"It was very intimidating at first, when you step out on the ice with 20 guys and being the only female," Moroney said. "But the respect and support you get from the teammates, whether it'd be a boy or a girl, is the same."

Sophomore Tom Lombardozzi, a teammate and friend of Moroney both on and off the ice, says she is the perfect addition to the team.

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**Above: Sophomore Grace Moroney takes a shot during a drill at her weekly practice on Wednesday, Sept. 18.**

**Right: After gearing up for practice, Moroney leaves her private locker room to join the rest of the club hockey team on the ice.**

**Bottom: Freshman Aidan Rogers poses with Moroney during a break on Wednesday, Sept. 18.**

"She works just as hard as any other player out there and off the ice she's cracking jokes with the rest of us," Lombardozzi said. "Our team would be very different without her."

Without fail, Moroney, Lombardozzi and the rest of the club hockey team can be found chatting away on the ground every Wednesday night at 10 p.m., waiting for the vans driven by their captains.

In the half-hour car ride to the rink in Hillsborough, Moroney usually sits on the floor of the packed van because of the amount of hockey sticks, helmets, pads and skates jammed into the van.

Despite having her own locker room, Moroney still gets in on the locker room banter the moment the vans leave the McMichael parking lot.

"It doesn't make a difference, boy or girl," Head Coach Paul Pechmann said. "Grace works just as hard as any player, and as long as she has the skills, she has a place on this team."

Moroney relishes any opportunity to get on the ice and practice.

"We only get to practice once a week — so it's something we all look forward to. The time doesn't bother us at all," Moroney said. "Honestly, I get pre-practice jitters each week and afterwards it's the best sleep of your life."

Despite the supportive atmosphere, Moroney says not all male players show her the same respect.

"I certainly have gotten that look, you know, being the blonde 5'4" girl out in the rink with all these guys who are primarily bigger than me," Moroney said. "In fact, it just gives you more of an opportunity to capitalize on the fact that they didn't expect that ponytail, to hit them and take the puck and go down the ice."

Moroney wants to use her position on the team to inspire other women to join her out on the ice.

"If I could leave an impact and leave something with being the only girl on the team, it would be to break that stigma and barriers," Moroney said. "If you're a hard-working player, who loves the game, you can play, it doesn't matter. That's something I'm proud to preach and to play with."





# CEMENTING Legacies

Four former athletes join Elon University's Sports Hall of Fame

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## ERIN MORSE | WOMEN'S SOCCER



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Above: Midfielder Erin Morse kicking the ball in a game in 2000. Morse was inducted into the Elon Sports Hall of Fame in September 2019.

ERIN MORSE PLAYED FOR the women's soccer team from 1997 to 2000. As a midfielder, she currently sits in the top 10 in games started, assists and total points in program history. Morse said one of the highlights of her career came in her junior year, when the team won the Big South Conference championship and made it to the NCAA tournament. Morse also said that her experience at Elon went beyond winning games.

"I feel like we had such a tight knit group," Morse said. "My experience went beyond the actual soccer part. It was about creating the friendship with all of these great girls and great coaches."

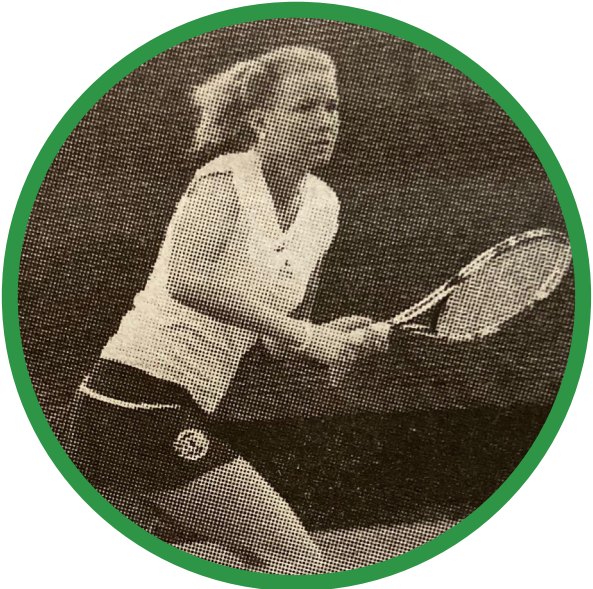
Morse made her return to Elon's

campus in the midst of a hot start for the current women's soccer team. The team currently sits at 7-3-1. Morse said she still keeps tabs on the program.

"I'm all for it getting bigger and better and it's only good for the program," Morse said. "I'm excited for them, and I hope they can keep on doing well this season."

Elon women's soccer has its next game on Oct. 3 at Rudd Field against The College of William & Mary.

## ANNA MILIAN | WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Above: Anna Milian pictured in a winning match during her senior season at Elon.

EVEN THOUGH ANNA MILIAN only spent three years at Elon, she still made an impact on the women's tennis team. Milian finished her Elon career with an impressive 51-16 record in singles play and a 47-20 doubles record. She also finished her Elon career on a high note, being named Southern Conference Player of the Year.

Milian said she received a call from Dave Blank in May to notify her of her Elon Sports Hall of Fame induction. Milian said she "couldn't believe" that she was joining such an elite group.

Milian is originally from Tortosa,

Spain. Like Chikos, she relied on her teammates to help alleviate the stress of adjusting to Elon.

"I know it's kind of a classic thing to say, but I couldn't have done [it] without them," Milian said. "They were a great support, mostly at the beginning when it was harder for me, [with a] new country, new language [and] new people."

## JAYME CHIKOS | WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



ARCHIVED PENDULUM PHOTO BY TIM ROSNER

Above: Chikos carries the ball in her last home game at Elon University against Liberty University.

JAYME CHIKOS WAS PRODUCTIVE during her four years with the women's basketball team. From 2000 to 2003, Chikos racked up 612 assists, which is the most in the history of Elon women's basketball. The Louisiana native said being a part of the team helped her with living so far from home.

"Being on the basketball team and having the coaches and teammates that I did, it just helped me feel like I had a second family," Chikos said.

Chikos spoke with current head coach Charlotte Smith and said she still intends to support the program.

"I think coach Smith has done a really awesome job," Chikos said. "Obviously,

winning two conference titles is a complement to all the work that they've been doing."

Chikos was able to meet and become familiar with the other inductees during hall of fame weekend.

"We had a lot of fun getting to know one another that morning and supporting one another during our induction speeches," Chikos said.

The women's basketball team's first regular season game will be on Nov. 9 against Western Carolina University in Schar Center.

## SCOTT RIDDLE | FOOTBALL



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Above: Scott Riddle finished his Elon football career with 13,264 passing yards and 105 passing touchdowns.

THE PHOENIX FOOTBALL TEAM went 30-16 from 2007 to 2010 during Scott Riddle's tenure as starting quarterback. Riddle is Elon's all-time passing yards and passing touchdown leader. Riddle also led the team to the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs in 2009. Riddle, who is now a pit crew member for NASCAR racer William Byron, said he is grateful for his time spent as a Phoenix.

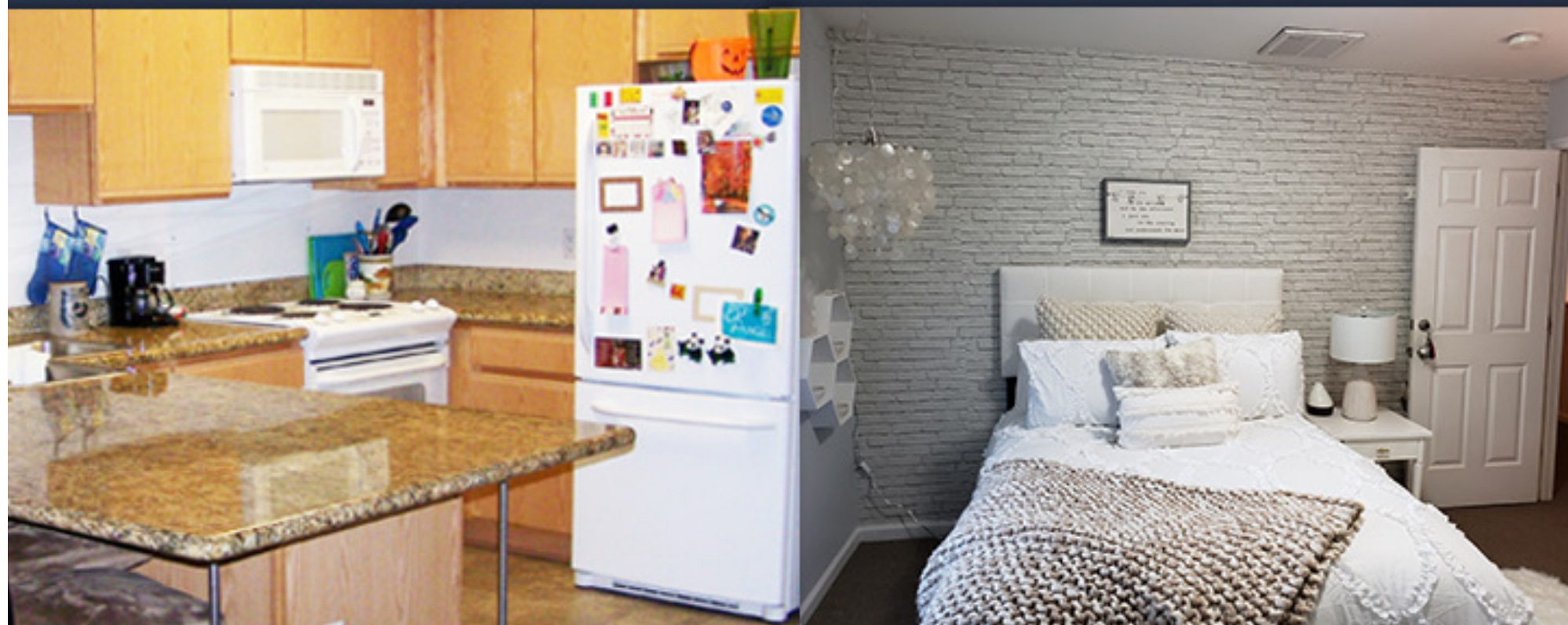
"Looking back on it, I wouldn't have traded it for anything," Riddle said. "[I] was so blessed and so fortunate to be

around such great people and talent." Riddle also commented on sharing this honor with Chikos, Milian and Morse.

"It's cool to share the same honor with you know, other great athletes," Riddle said.

The next home game for Elon football will be Oct. 12 against the University of Delaware.



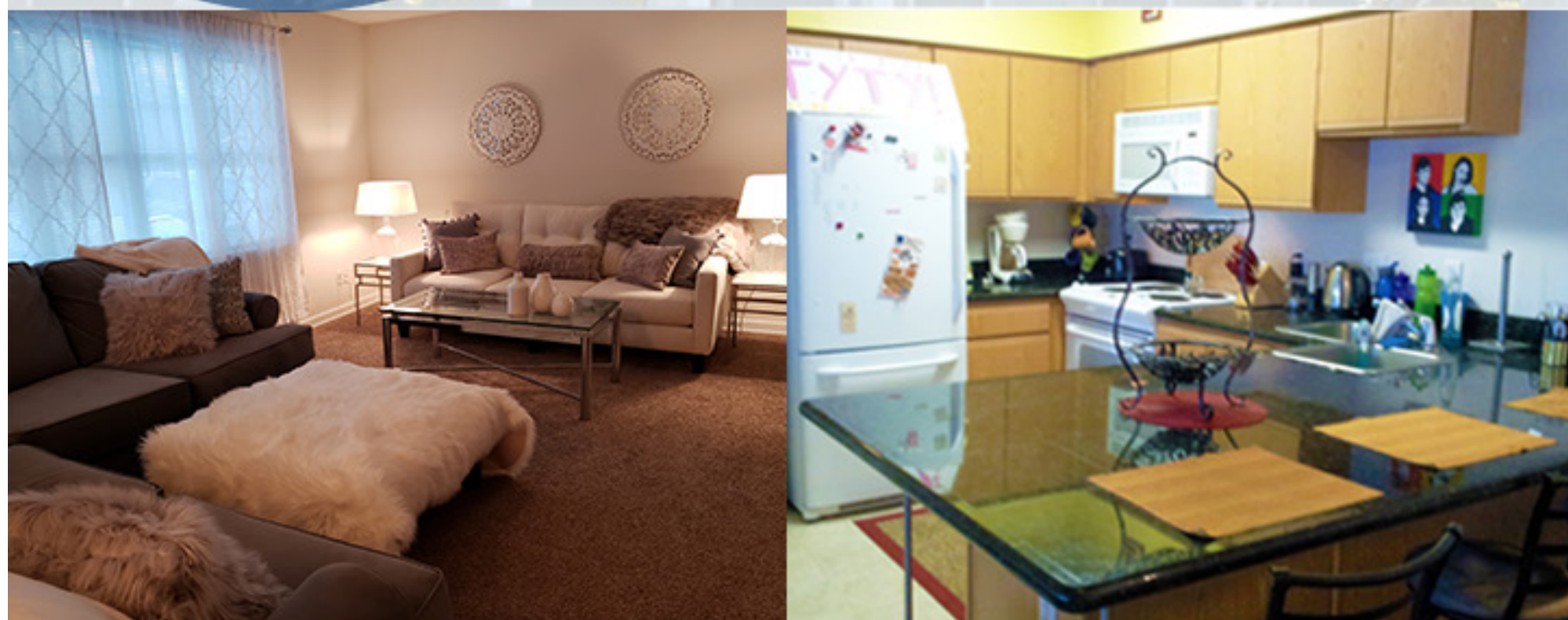


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